



Clifden Poor Law Union

INCOMING LETTER BOOK

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 26th May 1849

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
have had before them your Report of the
17th Instant requesting that the Commissioners
would sanction your retaining an Office, for
the transaction of the business of the Clifden
Union, in the town of Clifden; and in reference
thereto, I am directed to state that the Commissioners
understand that one Braid day is sufficient for
discharging the ordinary business of a Union, if
the duty of examining Applicants for Relief,
be transferred to another day, as in the Clifden

Guardians

Clifden Union

Union

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Union. It appears to the Commissioners that
the having an office apart from the Work House
must create irregularity and loss of time in the
discharge of business, and render necessary the
removal of all Papers, Books, and Records,
from the Work House, where they should be kept,
to ^{an} insecure lodging.

The Commissioners must therefore
request that you will be good enough to bring
back your Office to the Workhouse of the Clifden
Union. I am at the same time to observe that
in other Unions ~~it~~ it is found practicable
to compress general correspondence and
business requiring the presence of the Clerk
into one or at most two days in the week,
and that it is considered more advisable that
this course should be adopted than that

such

such business should be transacted at a late
hour of night in an Office apart from the
Work House.

By Order of the Commissioners.

V. K. M. C.

Secretary

73 Mullis Street
Dublin 26 May 1849

Clifden Union

Gents
Referring to your last letter
wherein you state that the Rev^d
Mr Duncan is in communication with the
Comd^r on the subject of the lease
from him - We beg to state that
the Comd^r have sent us (executed by
them) the counterpart lease from
which we infer that all matters
are adjusted - If so please let
us have lease & Memorial
executed by Mr Duncan for
registration

Your Obedt^s
Gentl^s Servants

Wm Saunders
Warehouse

Clifden
Co Galway

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No. 33,145
1849.

Clefen Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

18th May

1849.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit to you herewith a copy of a communication which they have received from the Revd Mr Duncan, relative to the Kylesmore Auxiliary Workhouse in the Clefen Union; and I am to state that under the circumstances the Commissioners will not object to the Surrender of the Premises and the removal of the Furniture and Innates, but that they cannot consent to the payment of any compensation beyond the years' rent already received by the Revd Mr Duncan.

By order of the Commissioners.

W. Stoney

Secretary

Vice Guardians
Clefen Union

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No. 34,846/49. }
MISCELLANEOUS. }

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
28th May, 1849

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, to request that you will transmit to them, by return of Post, a statement in the accompanying form, showing the total net annual value of each Electoral Division in the Union of which you are Clerk, according to the valuation now in force.

You are requested to furnish this return by next Post.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk according
in showing the total
value of the land

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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Use
of each Electoral
Valuation now in

For the purpose of the
Valuation now in

D. 34,301—1849.—MISCELLANEOUS.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

28th May, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have received a communication from the Chief Secretary's Office, from which it appears that fines have been imposed on Relieving Officers for non-attendance when summoned as Jurors. Under these circumstances, the Commissioners request that the names of the several Relieving Officers now or hereafter appointed in the Union may be sent to the Sheriff of the County or respective Counties in which the Union is situate, in order that the Relieving Officers may not, whilst so employed, be summoned to attend Quarter Sessions or Assizes as Jurors.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union.

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No- 34.652
1849

Poor Law Commission Office,
(Dublin, 31st May 1849—

Clifden Union

Sir

With reference to the
estimate of expenses for the
week ended the 2nd June in
the Clifden Union, the Com-
missioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor
in Ireland, direct me to state,
that a requisition has been
sent this day to the Commissariat
Office for the issue of a sum
£510 — of five hundred and ten pounds,
in the

to the order of the
Clifden Union.

Dep. Secy, 31st May 49

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in the name of H. H. Biscoe Esq^{re}
Temporary Poor Law Inspector,
to be applied exclusively in
aid of the current expenses
in the union, for the direct
support of the destitute poor:
and the Commissioners request
that the receipt of the money
may be acknowledged by a
separate Letter, and be also
recorded on the Minutes,
as well as brought into the
Union Accounts.

with respect to the
supplies

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5th June 1849

Circular—Monthly Return of
Collection of Poor Rate.

No. 382M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1st June, 1849.

SIR,

THE Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief
of the Poor in Ireland, transmit to you herewith, in duplicate, a Form for a
Return of the progress of the Collection of Poor Rate in the Union, for the
month of May, and they request that, if possible, you will transmit this Return
on or before Friday, the 8th Instant, having first submitted the Return to
the Guardians for their inspection.

You are particularly requested to fill up Column 2, of the Return,
after strict examination, showing the date on which the time allowed in the Bond
for the completion of the Collection expired or will expire.

The Amount of the Lodgments entered in Column 15 should cor-
respond with the Amount of the Lodgments entered in the Summary of the
Return of Liabilities and Expenses for the month of May.

If, however, the detailed Return cannot be furnished by the 8th
Instant, you will have the goodness to send up, in advance thereof, on or
before that day *without fail*, the particulars required by the annexed Form, which
can be taken from the Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To the Clerks of
Each Union.

Union.

I.—Total amount of Poor Rate lodged with the Treasurer during May, 1849, - - - - £

II.—Total amount lodged during the month from other sources than the Poor Rate, - - - - £

III.—Total amount disbursed by the Treasurer during May, - - - - - £

IV.—Balance at foot of the Treasurer's Account at the close of May, in favor of, or against the Union,* £

* The Clerk will distinguish whether in favor of or against the Union.

Clerk of Union.

Date June, 1849.

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Circular—Monthly Return of
Expenses and Liabilities.

No. 382 M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

1st June, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland forward herewith, Duplicate Forms for a Return of the Liabilities and Expenses of the Union, for the month of May, which you will be good enough to furnish by the 14th June, at latest, having first submitted the Return to the Guardians for their inspection.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

No. 35592

1849.
Clifden Union

Dear Sir, Commission Office,
Dublin,

4th June 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Sums for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo, in which you state that the Building at Bunawen taken for the purpose of an Auxiliary Workhouse will be ready for the reception of poor persons on the 4th Instant, and in reference thereto, I am to state that the occupation of this Building will afford you an opportunity of offering Relief on the condition of entering the

Wardens
Clifden Union.

Workhouse

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Work House to cases on the
Outdoor Relief lists, which may
be considered to be doubtful.

By order of the Commissioners,

V. Stoney
Secretary.

Galway County Council

No. 389 M.
1849.

12 May 49
Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

4th June 1849.

Sir,
The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for relief
of the Poor in Ireland, request
you will furnish them with
Returns, in the accompanying Form
relating to the deaths in the Work House
of Blifden Union, for the weeks ended
5th 12th 19th and 26th May 1849, and
the Commissioners request that in
future, this Return will be transmitted
by Wednesday's Post in each week at
latest.

By Order of the Commissioners
V. Stoney

Secretary
Returns
Presented
7 June 49
V. Stoney

The Clerk
of the Blifden Union.

I R E L A N D.

Clifden UNION.

Public Works Loan Office,
South Sea House, London.

5th June 1849

INSTALMENT DUE ON LOAN FOR WORKHOUSE, &c.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed to inform you that the 1st 2^d & 3^d Instalments amounting to £ 52. 10. — in repayment of the Loan of £ 7,000 advanced to the above Union, for providing a Workhouse, &c., will be due on the 6th next month and to request that the amount of the said Instalment be paid on or before that day into the Bank of Ireland, to the Credit of the Bank of England, for account of the "Commissioners for the Issue of Loan for Public Works and Fisheries, &c., under the "Act 5 Vict. cap. 9."

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

J G Brinkwoods

To the Guardians of the

Clifden Union.

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I R E L A N D.

UNION.

Public Works Loan Office,
South Sea House, London.

INSTALLMENT DUE ON LOAN FOR WORKHOUSE, &c.

I R E L A N D.



Clifton

UNION.

Public Works Loan Office,
South Sea House, London.

5th June 1849.

INSTALLMENT DUE ON LOAN FOR WORKHOUSE, &c.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed to inform you that the *1st 2^d & 3^d* Instalment
amounting to £ *52. 10.* in repayment of the Loan of £ *350*
advanced to the above Union, for providing a Workhouse, &c., will be due
on the *6th next month* and to request that the
amount of the said Instalment be paid on or before that day into the Bank of
Ireland, to the Credit of the Bank of England, for account of the "Commissioners
"for the Issue of Loan for Public Works and Fisheries, &c., under the
"Act 5 Vict. cap. 9."

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

J G Brickwood

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To the Guardians of the

Clifton Union.

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I R E L A N D.

Public Works Loan Office,
South Sea House, London.
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STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN OFFICE

and to request that the
the said instalment be paid on or before that day into the Bank of
the Credit of the Bank of England, for account of the "Commissioners
of Loans for Public Works and Fisheries &c." under the
the above Union, for providing a Workhouse &c. will be due
in repayment of the Loan of £
in default to inform you that the

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Do
Clifton Union

Public Law Commission Office

Dublin 6th June 1849

Sir
The Commissioners for administering
the laws for relief of the poor in Ireland not
having yet received the account of the
Expenditure of the Advances made to the
Clifton Union during the present year called
for by their circular of the 20th April last,
I am to request that you will state the
cause of the delay in its transmission,
more than a month having elapsed
since you were requested to furnish the

Applied to
7th June 1849
W. G.

The Clerk of the
Clifton Union

Statement

Statement — The Commissioners desire
also to call attention to the last
Paragraph of the Circular above referred
to.

By order of the Commissioners

W. St. Paul

Secretary

No. 36270/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

6th June 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Commissariat Office for
the issue of a sum of 530 Five Hundred and thirty Pounds

Sterling

in the name of St. St. Priscoe Esq. Temporary
Poor Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden

Union, for the direct support of the Destitute Poor; and the Commissioners request that
the receipt of the Money may be acknowledged by a separate Letter, and be also recorded
on the Minutes, as well as brought into the Union Accounts.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. St. Paul

Secretary

Acknowledged
9 June 1849
M. M. M. M.

To

The Clerk of the Clifden Union

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 392—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
7th June, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to the several sums advanced during the month of May last, in the *Clifden* Union, towards the current expenses of providing for the Relief of the destitute Poor, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request that you will have the goodness to furnish, as soon as practicable, a detailed account of the manner in which such advances have been expended, made up from the usual vouchers, in the Forms enclosed for the purpose, in continuation of the account furnished down to the close of April last, in pursuance of the Commissioners' Circular of the 28th of that month, No. 330—M/49.

As the advances have been made to be applied exclusively towards the current expenses for the support of the Poor, the Commissioners request that the date of the receipt of each advance may be given—the amount of each advance—and the manner in which the same was expended; specifying the several items of payment—the date of each payment—the account on which each item was paid—the week or other period for the supplies of which each payment was made—and whether the proper voucher for each payment has been duly lodged in the Clerk's Office.

The Commissioners request that the account may be certified by the Temporary Poor Law Inspector of the Union, previously to being transmitted to this Office.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Stanley
Secretary

To the Vice-Guardians,
Clifden Union.

Re 34,470/44

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 7th June 1844

Sir/
With reference to Minutes of Proceedings
of the Vice Guardians of the Clifden Union
on the 22nd Ultimo - I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering the laws
for relief of the Poor in Ireland to express
their approval of the appointment of
Mr Mally to be Relieving Officer for the
Roundstone Electoral Division until the
appointment of a permanent officer is made.

By
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

By order of the Commissioners
V. J. Carley
Secretary

No. 36,838—49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

8th June, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit to you, herewith, a Copy of an Order of the House of Commons, of 25th ultimo, requiring a Return as to Deaf and Dumb and Blind Children, respectively, under fourteen years of age, in Workhouses in Ireland.

The Commissioners request that you will furnish them with the particulars required by the above Order, as regards the Union for which you act as Clerk, without delay.

A form for the Return is enclosed.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stansley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

COPY OF ORDER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS, OF 25th MAY, 1849.

ORDERED,

That there be laid before this House, Returns of the number of Deaf and Dumb Children under fourteen years of age, in the several Union Workhouses in Ireland:

Of the number of Blind Children under fourteen years of age, in said Workhouses:

And statement of the means of Instruction in said Workhouses: 1, for the Deaf and Dumb; 2, for the Blind.

(Signed,)

J. H. LEY,
Cl. Dom. Com.

No. 37,564
1849

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 9th June 1849—

Gentlemen

I am directed by
the Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to forward to you herewith
a copy of a Letter, which they have
received from the Rev. Mr. Roche,
and I am to request that you will
have the goodness to furnish the
Commissioners with your
observations thereon.

By order of the Commissioners

V. Stamp

Secretary

To the Vice Guardians
of the
Clifden Union

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 9th June, 1849

Sir,
I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland, to request that you will
be so good as to inform them
whether the Abstracts of the Accounts
of the Clifden Union, for the half
year ended the 25th March last
are ready for audit, and if not
when the Commissioners may
expect that they will be prepared
for audit.

Your answer is requested
by return of post.

By Order of the Commissioners,
W. H. Keane

Secretary.

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

W. H.

Replied
10 June 49
W. H.

Clifden Union

No. 37302/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

1849.

9 June

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the 26th
ultimo the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-
£ 500 -missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred pounds
sterling

in the name of M. H. Busacca Esq. Temporary Poor
Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden
Union, for the direct support of the Destitute Poor; and the Commissioners request that
the receipt of the Money may be acknowledged by a separate Letter, and be also recorded
on the Minutes, as well as brought into the Union Accounts.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanger
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

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11 June 49
W. H.

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No. 403—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
11th June, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had their attention recently directed to the circumstance, that in some cases the Meal given to persons receiving Out-door Relief is not of the same quality as the sample on which the supplies were contracted for, and they desire me to request the particular attention of the Guardians to the matter, in order that such measures may be adopted as will tend to secure the issue of wholesome Meal equal to the quality which the Contractors agreed to supply.

With a view to this object, the Commissioners recommend that each Overseer or Relieving Officer in the Union, be directed to enter daily in his Distribution Book, the nature and quality of the Meal issued in his district; he should also be directed to note any irregularity in the issue, or any variation in the Meal issued from the quality or meal for which the Guardians have contracted; these observations should then come before the Guardians regularly each week.

These and such other precautions as may suggest themselves to the Guardians, will probably ensure the issue of good Meal, according to the contracts made by the Guardians.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk

of the

Clifden Union.

(Copy)

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin.

12th June 1849.

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Clifden Union.

Sir,

With reference to your Letter
of the 29th Ultimo, I am directed by
the Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland, ^{to state that they} have had under
consideration a report which they
have received from the K^{ee}
Guardians of Clifden Union in
which it is stated that on a
recent investigation held by Mr
Briscoe Temporary Poor Law Inspector
it was clearly proved that on
several

To

M^r. John Joyce
Clifden.

JP

Secretary

several occasions the quantities of meal entered in your Distribution book, as having been supplied to persons on Out door relief, on being weighed, wanted several pounds of the amount charged. It was also proved that your Distributor removed meal at night from the Depot to his own House, and that on one occasion of such removal your wife was present.

Mr. Briscoe reports that he was occupied two days investigating the charges against you, and that you had notice of the

the investigation and obtained summonses for several parties, Mr. Briscoe further states that the Vest Guardians concur with him in opinion that it would not be for the interest of the Union, that you should be continued in the office of Relieving Officer.

The Commissioners approve of your suspension from Office, under the circumstances reported, and they have given directions for the issue of an order for your dismissal.

By Order &c.

M. S.

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M. S.

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Secretary

No. 26,099/49

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 13th June 1849

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering
the laws for relief of the poor in Ireland,
observe from Minutes of your proceedings
on the 29th ultimo that a cheque for
£ 50 was handed to the Assistant
Clerk of the Clifden Union for Petty
Cash Expenses, at your meeting on that
date; and I am directed to request,
that you will have the goodness
to inform the Commissioners of the
Particulars of the Petty Expenses,

"Sue fundraim

Clifden Union

which

Secretary

which this sum was required to cover

The Commission considers that
£50 is too large a sum to be drawn
for Petty Expenses

By order of the Commission.

V. S. Keogh
Secretary.

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Central Board of Health,
13, Ely-place, Dublin,
13th Decr, 1849.

No. 9383.
1849.

Clifden Union. Sir,

I am directed by the Central Board of Health to call the attention of the Vice Guardians of the Union to the neglect of the Medical Officers appointed in Clifden Union to forward for the information of the Board of Health the daily report of the cases of Cholera occurring in the Union. I am at the same time to state that much inconvenience results from the neglect of the requirements of the Board of Health in this matter, the information is now required for public purposes and I am to request the Vice Guardians will procure its prompt transmission.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

The Clerk of the Union
Clifden

M. M. M.
Secretary

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Phy

Secretary

No. 36099

1849.

Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin,

15th April 1849.

Clifden Union

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Vice Guardians of the Clifden Union on the 29th Ultimo I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to forward to you herewith questions for answers to be signed by yourself and the person who may be appointed Master of the Workhouse in room of Mr. Joyce resigned.

When the questions have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

Clock of the
Clifden Union

By Order of the Commissioners
V. Stanger
Secretary

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Cliden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin.

14th June 1849

Gentlemen,

With reference to your recent report with respect to an investigation held by Mr. Briscoe, Temporary Poor Law Inspector, into charges against Mr. Joyce, Relieving Officer in the Cliden Union, I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to forward herewith, for your information a copy of a letter which they have addressed to Mr. Joyce on the subject.

By Order of the Commissioners.

The Vice Guardians
of the Cliden Union.
P.S.

V. Sharps
Secretary.

No. 411—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
15th June, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have directed me to forward to you the accompanying sealed copy of an Order which they have issued, fixing the amount to be raised during the present year, under the Act 12 Vic., c. 24, entitled "An Act to make Provision until the 31st day of December, 1850, for a General Rate in Aid of certain distressed Unions and Electoral Divisions in Ireland."

The amount assessed on the Clifden Union, and the amount leviable on each of the Electoral Divisions of the Union is shown in the Schedule to the Order; and the Commissioners wish especially to call the attention of the Guardians to the terms of the 2nd Sec. of the Act, which enacts "That the Guardians of each Union shall, in the Rate to be made on each Electoral Division of the Union next after the receipt of such Order, provide for the sum leviable on such Division according to the Order."

You will have the goodness to acknowledge the receipt of the Order, and lay it before the Guardians at their next meeting.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of

the Clifden Union.

Clifden

No. 37725/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

1849.

15 June

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the 16th Instant the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred and

forty pence Sterling

in the name of A. H. Miscoe Esq Temporary
Poor Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden Union, for the direct support of the Destitute Poor; and the Commissioners request that the receipt of the Money may be acknowledged by a separate Letter, and be also recorded on the Minutes, as well as brought into the Union Accounts.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skaneley
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

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Clifden UNION.

INSTALMENTS DUE ON LOAN FOR WORKHOUSE, &c.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

16th June 1849.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit herewith to the ~~Board~~ ^{*the*} of Guardians of the *Clifden* Union a Letter from the Secretary of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, requiring payment of the ^{*1st 2nd and 3rd*} Instalments amounting to £ *52 : 10/-*, on the Loan of £ *350*, for providing the Union Workhouse, &c.

The Instalments will be due on the *6th prox^o* in pursuance of the provisions of the Poor Relief Act, (Section 90,) and should be paid on or before that day, into the Bank of Ireland, to the Credit of the Bank of England, for Account of the "Commissioners for the Issue of Loans for Public Works and Fisheries, &c., under the Act 5 Vict., Cap. 9."

When the payment shall have been made, you are requested to forward a communication to that effect to this Office.

By Order of the Commissioners,

R. Marap

Secretary.

To the Clerk of the *Clifden* Union.

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39,656/44

Ed. Minin

Door Linn Commission Office

Dublin 20th June 1844

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland, to inform you, that they have received a Report from their Inspector Mr. R. Bourke on the subject of the proposed erection of fever wards at the workhouse of Clifden Union.—

Mr. Bourke recommends that the house which has for some time been occupied as the workhouse Fever Hospital, should be retained as a Fever Hospital, and as an extension of room is required in the workhouse Infirmary for cases

Vice Guardians
of Clifden Union

of

of Fever of a light form arising in the House, he considers it will be desirable to erect fever Wards with their accompanying Washhouses in the present Infirmary yards, as proposed by the Commissioners Architect, and to devote as much of the fever Hospital grant as may be necessary to this object.

Any surplus which may be left Mr Bourke suggests should be applied to the enlargement of the other portions of the Building according to the Plan prepared by the Architect.

Mr Bourke advises that a clerk of works should be sent to Alder to lay out the fever wards and obtain

proposals

proposals from different Tradesmen for the execution of the various necessary works, and that the laborers to be supplied from the able bodied Paupers be at once set to work in preparing the ground and marking the foundations, the requisite funds being advanced, from time to time, to the main Inspector to defray the expenses of the work.

The Commissioners approve of the arrangement proposed by Mr Bourke and have instructed their Architect, to take the necessary steps to carry it into effect, with as little delay as possible.

By order of the Commissioners,

W. S. Kirby

Secretary

Ph

39,660—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

20th June, 1849.

Gentlemen,

The attention of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland having been drawn to alterations or additions which have in some cases been made in the Workhouse Buildings, the Commissioners request that every change proposed to be made in the Workhouse Buildings, either for temporary or permanent Accommodation, may be immediately reported to the Commissioners, and be not commenced until expressly authorized.

By Order of the Commissioners,

J. H. Keane
Secretary

To

*The Vice Guardians
Clifton Union*

Galway County

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin

21st June 1849

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to request you will be good enough to state what arrangements have been made for the employment of the Women who are inmates of the Disposed Auxiliary Work House in the Clifden Union.

By Order of the Commissioners,

V. Stanley

Secretary

The Vic' Guardians,
of Clifden Union.

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No. 420—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

22nd June, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland desire to receive an Estimate and Report from you in one of the enclosed Forms, relative to the probable expenditure of the Clijden Union, during the month of July next, the probable collection of the Poor Rates during the month, and the financial condition of the Union; as such Estimate is intended for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and is required to be sent to the Home Office *before the close of this month*, the Commissioners particularly request that the Estimate and Report may be sent up to this Office by the Post of Monday next, the 25th instant, *at latest*.

It is particularly requested, that all the items in the statement may be set down with the utmost accuracy, for which the Commissioners must consider you responsible.

As it is important that the Temporary Poor Law Inspector of the Union should co-operate with you in every way in providing for the most effective management of the Union Finances, the Commissioners request that you will communicate with him on the subject of the Estimate required; and they are desirous that you should transmit your Report to the Commissioners through the Temporary Inspector, which will enable him conveniently to report his own views on the subject, at the same time.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The *Vice* Guardians,

Clijden Union.

Clifden Union
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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN
1849.

Sir,
With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending the 23rd
Instant the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five hundred and

Twenty seven pounds Sterling

in the name of M. H. Bruce Esq. Temporary Poor
Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden
Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ 108 — is sent to provide for
In-maintenance, £ 369 for Out-relief, £ — for Fever Hospitals.

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by
a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought
into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

Galway County

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1849

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 23rd June 1849.

Widder Union

Gentlemen

I am directed by
the Commissioners for admin-
-istering the Laws for relief
of the Poor in Ireland, to
acknowledge the receipt of your
report of the 13th instant, relating
to the Clifden Union; and I am
to state in reference thereto,
that the revision of the valua-
-tion should be proceeded with,
with the least possible delay, and
that the rate books should be prepared

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

as

as each Electoral Division
shall be completed.

By order of the Commissioners

V. Stamps

Secretary

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 25th June 1849

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the laws for relief
of the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the
receipt of your observations of the 11th
Instant relating to a complaint of
the Revd Mr Roche, that children attending
Schools in the Clifden Union, where they
receive a daily amount of rations, are

also

Vice Guardians
the Clifden Union

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also supplied with Rations by the Relieving
Officers in the Union.

In reference thereto I am to inform
you that if it should appear that
Scholars attending Schools in the Union
are fed there, they should not be continued
on the Relief Lists, as they could not
in that case be deemed to be destitute
and it is only as being destitute that
you would be warranted in returning
them.

By order of the Commissioners,
V. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

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No. 36,554
1849

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 25 June 1849.

Clifden Union
Gentlemen

I am directed by the
Commissioners for adminis-
tering the Laws for relief of the
Poor in Ireland to transmit to
you herewith a copy of a letter
which they have addressed
to the Rev. Joseph Duncan,
on the subject of the surrender
of the Premises at Kylesmore,
hired from him for Auxiliary
wards of the Work House of the
Clifden Union; and I am to
request your attention to the

Condition

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

condition in the Agreement
for the hire of the Premises,
which precludes the use of
them for the residence of
sick paupers, and which
should be observed by speedily
removing inmates when
attacked with sickness,
so long as the use of the
Premises shall be continued.

By order of the Commissioners
V. Stang
Secretary

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Kylemore

Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin 25 June 1849.

Dear Sir

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to state that since the
receipt of your letter, of the 1st
instant, the proposal for the
surrender of the Premises at
Kylemore, hired from you for
auxiliary wards of the workhouse
of the Clifden Union, has been
reconsidered, and that no sufficient
grounds appear to exist for
making any compensation to
you for the temporary use of the

Premises

To
Shew Joseph Duncanson
Kylemore
Clifden

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Premises, beyond the rent of £30
already paid for one year,
in addition to which solicitor
costs and other expenses have
been incurred by the hire
of the Buildings which have
been only a few months in
use -

I have the honor to be,
Resd. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. Stanley

Secretary

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

27th June, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to require you to give notice to the Treasurer of the Union, from time to time, of the dates of all Rates made in the Union after receipt of the Commissioners' Order, transmitted pursuant to the 2nd section of the Act, 12 Vic., cap. 24, providing for the levying of a General Rate in Aid, until a sum shall have been reserved by him out of all lodgments made with him of such Rates, sufficient to cover the sum stated in the Commissioners' Order to be leviable on the several Electoral Divisions of the Union.

By Order of the Commissioners.

W. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union.

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 27th June 1849

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commission
 for administering the laws for
 relief of the Poor in Ireland to
 forward herewith for your
 information a copy of a letter
 which they have received from
 Mr Matthew Conroy, in which it is
 stated that the Relieving Officer
 appointed for the District originally
 held by Mr Conroy does not reside
 in the District; and I am to

The Vice Guardian
Clifden Union

Request

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request that you will be good enough
to take into consideration the expediency
of requiring the Relieving Officer therein
referred to to reside in his districts—

By order of the Commissioners
D. Stanger
Secretary

AD

No 36,333/49

Clefen Union

Hermitage, Ballintoon

Clefen 20th May 1849

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge
a letter from your office No 29,846/49
dated the 10th instant in which reference
has been made to the cause of my
suspension from the situation of
Relieving Officer in the Clefen Union
last October alleged to be for using
disrespectful language to the
temporary Poor Law Inspector, I do
not consider I did so, I merely
requested leave to state that my
books were kept in strict accordance
with

with the mandate of the Vice Guardians
which I was most unceremoniously
most uncourtously and most
tyrannically denied, and forthwith
suspended for attempting to justify
myself before a public Board
I do not wish to be considered
an egotist but I beg respectfully
to say that I am quite incapable
of offering disrespect to the
humblest of Gods creatures much
less to a superior in office.

I felt grateful for having
been reinstated but I am still
under the impression that if
the

the matter were impartially investigated
my conduct on the occasion did not
merit even suspension —

The medium thro, which I felt
pangished was at having been sent
upwards of 20 miles from my family
on whom their dependence wholly existed
in the beginning of winter without
getting even a subsistence out of the
Salary due to me for my services
the previous half year, sent to a
strange place Penmullis except
one pound, one of the Vice Guardians
who had some remnant of humanity
still in his bosom, lent me which
I

I could not since afford to refund him.

I the principal support of
ten human beings sent 20 miles
without as much as being allowed
or paid what was partly due for
my previous time while young
irresponsible persons were left at their
homes one in my former place at
an advanced salary much more
non resident in his district and
to this day so than I was altho,
discontinued under that pretext, time
only shall unravel which has been
the best adoption, under such
our circumstances, which I consider in
the light of a grievance, Gentlemen,

I

I am sure no impartial person can
afford the transaction a milder term
than that of punishment.

If paid up when put away, I
should have said no more on the
subject, but as self preservation is
the first law of nature - "It is written
"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that
treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is
worthy of his reward." I thought it my
duty and do still think so, as the
Swordbearer and parent of a large
family to seek where I thought I
should find - not for the payment of
my entire salary, as stated in the letter
from your office but for a very
small

Small instalment thereof, to assist me
on towards the support of my
helpless family, during a summer
of unparalleled wretchedness in
this afflicted country fraught with
famine pestilence and but alas,
Job's comforters, were more consoling
than personages whom the Ruler of
Rulers has been in his mercy, pleased
to place over his creatures to manage
for and succour them in their trials,
in fact I fear they forget the purpose
for which they have been so elevated
but the greater the dignity, the greater
the responsibility.

I thought it no crime,

Gentlemen

Gentlemen, to apply to you for an instalment
of five Pounds, of salary desperately earned,
as the Vice Guardians have had no power
it seems to grant it, indeed less, say
three or even two Pounds would in these
perilous times here be of great service
to a poor family, perhaps so much
could even now be allowed, there are
three months of time to elapse ere we
can expect any material relief from
the soil, in the cultivation of which I
have exhausted my last shilling, I have
been the more emboldened to apply, as I
have paid all my rates in this Union,
and saw young men who were paying

No

No part of the expenses of this Union get
more satisfactory payments, I should
not if this trifle were granted again
trouble you with my humble solicitation,
until a more appropriate season shall
arrive, in the way of collecting Rates or
otherwise and as my friends and
connexions form a majority of the
heaviest ratepayers in this Union (I should
excepted) I thought I might have a
trifling claim on your consideration in
an emergency —

Having also witnessed to
much money laying out for other
purposes such as embellishing

Auxiliary

Auxiliary workhouses &c. &c. while
thousands of our fellow creatures are
perishing through the country, I was
impressed with the hope my humble
application might be listened to, but
I believe the mighty of the day, would
as soon their humble fellow beings were
all annihilated, it is not to be wondered
at that discontent from such treatment
should be deeply misplanted in their
throbbing bosoms —

Hoping you may pardon me
for addressing you at such length —

I have the honor to subscribe
Myself gentlemen

Your most obed^t. humble servant

Matthew L. Conroy

ministrations for
ministering the laws
of the Poor in
and.

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Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 29th June 1849.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commission for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your Report of the 21st Instant, relating to the Clifden Union; and I am to request, that you will be good enough to include the amount of the debts for which you are personally liable in the next weekly Estimate, and to accompany it with a Report briefly stating

The Vice Guardians,
Clifden Union.

stating the extreme urgency of the
circumstances under which the liability
referred to in your Report was incurred.

By order of the Commissioners
V. K. Carr
Secretary

Galway County

No. 41,321 149.

Clifden

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1849.

29th June

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ~~ending~~ ending
the 30th June the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-

missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred and
Seventy pounds Sterling

in the name of H. H. Priscoe Esq^r Temporary
Poor Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden
Union, for the direct support of the Destitute Poor; and the Commissioners request that
the receipt of the Money may be acknowledged by a separate Letter, and be also recorded
on the Minutes, as well as brought into the Union Accounts.

By Order of the Commissioners,

H. H. Priscoe
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

Circular—Monthly Return of
Collection of Poor Rate.

No. 435 —M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
2nd July, 1849.

SIR,

THE Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, transmit to you herewith, in duplicate, a Form for a *Return of the progress of the Collection of Poor Rate in the Union*, for the month of June, and they request that, if possible, you will transmit this Return on or before Monday, the 9th Instant, having first submitted the Return to the Guardians for their inspection.

You are particularly requested to fill up Column 2, of the Return, *after strict examination*, showing the date on which the time allowed in the Bond for the completion of the Collection expired or will expire.

The Amount of the Lodgments entered in Column 15 should correspond with the Amount of the Lodgments entered in the Summary of the Return of Liabilities and Expenses for the month of June.

If, however, the detailed Return cannot be furnished by the 9th Instant, you will have the goodness to send up, in advance thereof, on or before that day *without fail*, the particulars required by the annexed Form, which can be taken from the Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Scanlon
Secretary

To the Clerk of
Each Union.

Collection of Poor Rates

Union.

I.—Total amount of Poor Rate lodged with the Treasurer during June, 1849, - - - - £

II.—Total amount lodged during the month from other sources than the Poor Rate, - - - - £

III.—Total amount disbursed by the Treasurer during June, - - - - - £

IV.—Balance at foot of the Treasurer's Account at the close of June, in favor of, or against the Union,* £

*The Clerk will distinguish whether in favor of or against the Union.

Clerk of Union.

Date July, 1849.

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Circular—Monthly Return of
Expenses and Liabilities.

No. 43/1 M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

2nd July, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland forward herewith, Duplicate Forms for a Return of the Liabilities and Expenses of the Union, for the month of June, which you will be good enough to furnish by the 14th instant, at latest, having first submitted the Return to the Guardians for their inspection.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Hanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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Keen Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 2nd July 1849

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them, the resolution contained in Minutes of your proceedings on the 12th ultimo in which you proposed to increase the salary of Doctor Sheffield Medical Officer of the Work House of the Clifden Union to £150.0.0 per Annum; and in reference thereto, I am directed to request

To

The Vice Guardians

of the Clifden Union

Your

Law Commission Office
Dublin

3rd July 1879

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Clifden Union

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your attention to the Commission's letter
of the 21st April last on the subject of the
proposed increase of the Salary of the
Medical Officer. -

I am at the same time to
enclose questions for answers to be signed
by the person who may be appointed to revise
the valuation of the Union, - also questions
to be answered and signed by Miss Moriarty who has
been appointed schoolmistress of the Workhouse. -

When the questions have been answered
and signed, you will be good enough to
have them returned to this office. -

By order of the Commission
D. St. Arap
Secretary

The Commission for administering the
Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had
before them Minutes of your proceedings on the
19th ultimo from which they derive that the
general average cost of the maintenance of an inmate
in Clifden Union Work House for one week
has increased to 1-9²/₂; and I am directed
to request that you will be so good as to
furnish the Commission with an explanation as
to this increase in the cost of an inmate of

The Vice Guardians

Clifden Union

the

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the Work House.

I am at the same time to request that you will have the goodness to instruct the Medical Officer of the Work House to furnish you with a return of the number of persons that can be accommodated in the Removable Auxiliary Work House; and that when received, you will transmit the return to this Office.

Questions for answers to be signed by the person who may be appointed Receiving Officer for the Removable Electorals Division are herewith enclosed.

When the questions have been

Answered

Answered and signed you will be good enough to have them returned to this Office.

Yours at the Commission.
W. Stanley
Secretary.

Post Law Commission Office

Dublin

2nd July 1849.

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I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of minutes of proceedings of the Vicarages of the Kesh Union on the 12th ultimo; and I am to express the Commissioners' sanction of the payment of one pound a day to Dr. Payne, for each day of his attendance at the Work House, during the illness of S^r Suffice. -

To

The Clerk
Kesh Union.

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I am at the same time to state, that
the resolution with respect to the appointment of
a Roman Catholic Chaplain to the
Bunowen Asylum Work House, will
receive the Commission's attention.

By order of the Commissioners.
W. Stacey
Secretary.

No. 34411
1848.

Blifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

3rd July 1848.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering the
Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
to draw your attention to their letter
of the 25th March last relating to
the travelling expenses incurred by
you in the discharge of your duties
as Vice Guardians of Blifden Union;
and I am to request that you will
have the goodness to furnish the
Commissioners with an account of
your

The Vice Guardians
of Blifden Union.

Your expenses to the present time for
Conveyances used by you when
travelling through the Union, in the
discharge of your duties as Vice Guardians
showing the actual outlay for such
Conveyances, made by you, Weekly
and if possible the number of Miles
in each Journey.

By Order of the Commissioners

W. Stanley
Secretary

o. 437—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

3rd July, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland, to request that you will answer the several inquiries in the annexed
Form, and transmit the same to this Office by return of Post.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union

Galway County

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 3^d July 1849-

Eden Union

Sir

With reference to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 15th ultimo, whether the sums expended on account of cholera, during the Month of May, are to be taken into the account of the receipt and expenditure of the advances made to the Union, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland desire to state, that the account requires the details of the disbursement of all sums sent, including those sent for Cholera.

The Acting Clerk
of the
Eden Union -

By order of the Commissioners,
V. Stank
Secretary -

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10th July 49

No. 438—M/49

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN.
3rd July, 1849.

SIR,

With reference to their Circular Letter of the 15th Ultimo, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have directed me to forward to you the accompanying sealed Copy of an Order which they have issued, prescribing the Form in which "The Union Rate-in-Aid Account" is to be kept.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk

of the

Claydon Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office.

Dublin, 3rd July, 1849.

Sir,

With reference to the detailed statement of the receipt and expenditure of advances made to the Clifden Union called for by the Commission, the Commission for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland observe that the account is still outstanding, and they request that it may be duly

furnished

Block of the Clifden Union.

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furnished immediately, together
with a statement of the existing
arrangements for the disbursement of
the several moneys received from time
to time.

By order of the Commissioners,

V. Stamps
Secretary.

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Chifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin, 3rd July 1849

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, to transmit to you herewith
a copy of a communication which they
have received from their Architect, relating
to Chifden Union; together with a copy of
the Commissioners reply.

By Order of the Commissioners

V. Stamps

Secretary.

Ward Guardians

Chifden Union.

Copy

42363/49

Wenham

Dublin 25th June 1849

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your instructions of the 16th June.
I will obtain and send a Clerk of Works to
Clifden at an early period. I fear that it
will be difficult to engage with a Clerk of
Works as partly contractor - a good Clerk
of Works looks to future employment, and
will not be prompted much, if at all by any
arrangement that may be practicable, I
fear, and I would rather that a Clerk of
Works should be appointed to act only so long
as he was considered to be getting good value

From

Galway County Council Archives

from the workmen acting under his directions -

There are doubtless some instances where the Clerk of Works may desire to prolong his employment but this is a course that seldom serves a person in the end and where the Clerk of Works is in the employ of a Department having extensive operations he seldom finds it his interest to prolong his employment and lose the good opinion of his employers.

The employment of a Clerk of Works as here proposed instead of a Contractor is a course pursued as being on the whole the most desirable and I still think that it will be difficult to effect any satisfactory arrangement of the kind adverted

to

to by Mr. Bourke in a recent Report -

(19th June 1849. 39077) and should

therefore propose the employment of a Clerk of Works in the usual way.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your obt. Servt.

George Wilkinson

GP

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 3rd July 1849.

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the
receipt of your Communication of the 25th
Ultimo, relative to the appointment of a Clerk of
Works to superintend the execution of Works in
the Clifden Union; and I am to state, that the
Commissioners acquiesce in the view which you
take of the matter and to request that you will
be so good as to proceed accordingly.

By Order &c

W. McKinnon, Esq

W. Stanley

Secy.

cc. 4

No. 21465/49

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin - 4th July 1849.

Sir -

Referring to the Circular of
the Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the poor
in Ireland, of 10th April last
requiring a return of the
number of Idiots, Epileptics
and Lunatics in each Electoral
division, exclusive of those in
Workhouses, Gaols or Asylums.
The Commissioners desire to state

that

Clark of the
Walden Union

That the return is delayed
by your not having furnished
this information, and they now
request that you will do
so, without further delay

By order of the Commissioners
W. K. [unclear]
Secretary

Office of the Mail & Post
Dublin 5 July 1849

Recd to Porhallow

On the 16 April last we
addressed you a letter on this
subject of which we annex a copy
Not having been favored with any
reply we beg to direct your
attention to the matter, and
you will oblige by letting us
hear from you thereon

We are Sir
Yours truly
Gale & Dwyer

Clerk of the Union
Clifton
Co Galway

(copy)

Dublin 16 April 1849
73 Wallis St

Sir

We have to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of the 14 instant
in which we perceive the V Guard
are taking some premises from Mr
Reville - We must trouble you
to communicate the matter to the
Board of Ordnance (from whom we have
had as yet no communication on
the subject) in order that they
may instruct us to purchase the
lease - We will require a map
of the premises and also to know
if you have yet got possession

John Smith

J. Gale & Drayton

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No. 42822/49.

Clifden Union

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1849.

Sir,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the ~~week ended the~~ *Current*
week the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of *£ 508* *five Hundred and eight*

pounds Sterling

in the name of *A. H. Briscoe Esq. Temporary Poor*
Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in *Clifden*
Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ *158* — — is sent to provide for
In-maintenance of £ *350* — — for Out-relief, £ — — for Fever Hospitals

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by
a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought
into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

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No. 450—M/49.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN

7th July, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

WITH a view to procuring the Advances which may be required for the support of the Destitute Poor of the *Clifden* Union, early in each week, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, request that the Estimate for the week ending 21st instant, may be sent up on Tuesday next, the 10th instant, *at latest*, through the Inspector of the Union, as usual, and that each future Estimate may be likewise sent up on the Tuesday of the week preceding that for which the Estimate is made up.

As it is necessary to make application to the Lords of the Treasury for the money for each week's Advance, it is most important that the Estimate should be sent up with unvarying punctuality and accuracy.

At the same time the Commissioners request that when you send your Estimate on Tuesday next, you will state on what day the payments are required to be made on account of the supplies of each week, for In-Maintenance, for Out-Relief, and for Fever Hospitals; as it is the wish of the Commissioners that the remittances should be sent in time to meet the engagements of the Vice-Guardians as far as practicable.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Vice-Guardians of
Clifden Union.

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 7 July 1849

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland to acknowledge
the receipt of the Returns
of the employment of the
Inmates of the Workhouse
of Clifden Union during
the week ended the 23rd
ultimo; and in reference

Yours Obedient

Shewto

Clifden Union

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Sheweth I am to state, that
the Commissioners consider
that the system of the
employment of inmates
of the Workhouses in the
Clifden Union is capable
of much improvement,
and they are desirous
that your particular
attention should be given
to the subject.

By Order of the Commissioners,
W. Stanley
Secretary

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 461—M/49.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE OF ADVANCES.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
13th July, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to the several sums advanced during the month of June last, in the Clifden Union, towards the current expenses of providing for the Relief of the destitute Poor, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request that you will have the goodness to furnish, as soon as practicable, a detailed account of the manner in which such advances have been expended, made up from the usual vouchers, in the Forms enclosed for the purpose, in continuation of the account required down to the close of May last, in pursuance of the Commissioners' Circular of the 7th June, No. 392—M/49.

As the advances have been made to be applied exclusively towards the current expenses for the support of the Poor, the Commissioners request that the date of the receipt of each advance may be given—the amount of each advance—and the manner in which the same was expended; specifying the several items of payment—the date of each payment—the account on which each item was paid—the week or other period for the supplies of which each payment was made—and whether the proper voucher for each payment has been duly lodged in the Clerk's Office.

The Commissioners request that the account may be certified by the Temporary Poor Law Inspector of the Union, previously to being transmitted to this Office.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

To the Vice-Guardians,

Clifden Union.

ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dublin Commission Office

Dublin 9th July 1849

Gentlemen

With reference to that portion of your Report of the 21st Ultimo, in which you state, that you had contracted some debts, during a great emergency, in order to provide food for the indispensable wants of the destitute poor, and that at the period when you incurred this responsibility, the forms of Estimate now required had not been adopted.

Yours faithfully

And

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Galway County Council

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Estimate Poor...

And that your expectations of discharging
such debts from the Rates, were not
realised - The Commissioners for
administering the laws for relief of the
Poor in Ireland request that you will
specially report the Particulars of these
liabilities, shewing the week for which the
Supplies in question were obtained, the
Amount obtained, also the Amount of
Rate collected during the same week.

By order of the Commissioners

J. Moore
for Secretary

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Clifden Union,
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Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 10 July, 1849.

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings
of the Vice Guardians of Clifden Union on the
25th Ultimo, I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland to request that they may be
furnished with answers to the accompanying
queries signed by yourself and Mr. Mathias
Malley, who has been appointed Relieving Officer.

By Order of the Commissioners,

J. Moore
Chief Clerk.

The Clerk
Clifden Union.

A. G.

No. 458,—M/ 49.

MISCELLANEOUS.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
10th July, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to state that the Return of Expenses and Liabilities for the month of June last, requested by Circular Letter, dated 2nd instant, at latest, will be required for particular purposes at the commencement of next week.

The Commissioners request therefore that you will not fail to send up the Return so as to reach this Office on Monday, the 16th instant, if possible, or if unable to comply with the request, that you will by the above date report the circumstances which cause the delay.

By Order of the Commissioners,

McKusker

For Secretary.

To the Clerk of

Clifden Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 11 July 1849

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland, to acknowledge the
receipt of your Report of the 5th Instant
relating to Clifden Union, and with reference
to the proposed appointment of Messrs
G. Shea and A. Brighton to revise the
valuation of the union, I am to request
your attention to the order issued by
the Commissioners on the 27th February last
which authorizes the appointment of but

The Vice Guardians

of Clifden Union

one

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one Revisor of Valuations.

I am at the same time to state that it is considered objectionable to employ two revising valuers for the same Union.

The Commissioners therefore request that you will be good enough to reconsider the proposed appointment of Messrs Shea and Brighton with a view to the selection of one person to revise the valuations of the Union.

By order of the Commissioners

J. MOORE
Chief Clerk

JP

No. 42,009—/49.

Miscellaneous.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

11th July, 1849.

The Commissioners have received a Report from their Architect, from which it appears that, in several Unions it has been found necessary to employ Clerks of Works to effect the execution of certain Works or Buildings, by the purchase of materials and the employment of tradesmen and labourers, under their own direction and without the intervention of Contractors or Builders.

It appears that, in some instances, it has been the practice in such cases to entrust the payment of the accounts to the Clerk of the Works.

It is more especially the duty of the Clerk of Works to employ and superintend the workmen, and present the accounts in proper form, from time to time, for payment, and he should be present to see that the proper parties are duly paid, and the payments properly attested.

It is, however, deemed undesirable that the Clerk of Works should have anything whatever to do with the money for paying the accounts; and the Commissioners request that some other mode of payment may be adopted, where the practice of handing the money over to the Clerk of Works at present prevails: and it has been suggested, either that the Clerk of the Union should make the payments to the respective parties, or that this duty should be entrusted to some other person, to be employed, if necessary, at some reasonable remuneration, for the purpose, independently of the Clerk of Works.

The Commissioners request your attention to the subject, with a view to some arrangement being made so as to avoid paying money, in the manner above referred to, through the Clerk of Works.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To

The Vic Guardians

Clifton Union

Clifden Union

19th July 1849

No. 4253/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1849.

19th July

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the Current
week the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
 the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Com-
 missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five hundred and
Eighteen pounds Sterling
 in the name of A. H. Buswee Esq. Temporary Secy
Gen. Inspector
 to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden
 Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ 158 - is sent to provide for
 In-maintenance, £ 350 for Out-relief, £ for Fever Hospitals.

and £10 for Salaries of Returning Officers

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by
 a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought
 into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
 Secretary

Acknowledged
19th July 1849

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

[Signature]

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 25th July 1849-

Sir

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland to request that you will
be so good as to inform them,
what date has been fixed for the
audit of the accounts of the
Clifden Union, for the half
year ended 25th March last.

By order of the Commissioners
R. W. W. W. W.
for Secretary, Chief Clerk

The Clerk of
Clifden Union

J. W.

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No. 464—M/49

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

13th July, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request that you will furnish them by return of Post, with statements on the accompanying Forms, relative to the Grants received from the British Association, and from Government, during the half years ended 25th March, 1848, 29th September, 1848, and 25th March, 1849, stating whether such Grants have been credited to the Electoral Divisions or not, and if they have, the principle upon which the apportionments were made.

By Order of the Commissioners,

Richard Stone
Shifflet

To

The Clerks of
Clifden Union.

Clifden Union.

RETURN showing the Amount of Grants received in each of the half-years ended 25th March, 1848, 29th September, 1848, and 25th March, 1849; the amount thereof expended and charged to Electoral Divisions in each half-year; the Amount of such Grants, if any, already credited to Electoral Divisions; and the Amount still remaining unapportioned to the credit of Electoral Divisions.

Half-year ended	Amount of Grants received in each half-year.	Amount thereof expended and charged to Electoral Divisions in each half-year.	Amount of Grants, if any, already credited to Electoral Divisions.	Amount still remaining unapportioned to credit of Electoral Divisions.	OBSERVATIONS.
25th March, 1848,	505-17-9	505-17-9			
29th Sept., "	16069-2-6	16068-7-7		1-4-10	No Apportionment
25th March, 1849,	5015-0-0	5015-8-4		615-16-6	to the credit of Electoral Divisions
TOTAL,	222 05 10 3	21589 13 8			

NOTE.—If any part has been credited to Electoral Divisions, state on what principle the apportionment was made.

Signature, _____

Clerk of the Union.

day of July, 1849.

Union.

RETURN showing the Expenditure charged to each Electoral Division, and the Balances against each in half-years ended 25th March, 1848, 29th September, 1848, and 25th March, 1849.

Names of Electoral Divisions.	Expenditure charged to Electoral Divisions for Half-year ended			Balances against Electoral Divisions at the close of Half-year ended			OBSERVATIONS.
	25 Mar. 1848.	29 Sep. 1848.	25 Mar. 1849.	25 Mar. 1848.	29 Sep. 1848.	25 Mar. 1849.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<i>Clifden</i>	194-6-3	461-7-5	1267-15	194-6-3	4345-18-8	5613-10-8	
<i>Clifden</i>		4851-9-5			5790-6-8		
<i>Clifden</i>	123-2-9	1077-11-1	877-4	123-2-9	3701-0-7	4578-4-8	
<i>Clifden</i>		3571-17-1			6921-5-2		
<i>Clifden</i>	138-2-0	2208-17-5	1637-13-4	138-2-0	4724-19-5	6379-12-9	
<i>Clifden</i>		4886-17-5			3769-2-11		
<i>Clifden</i>	50-6-9	1252-2-10	1215-16	50-6-9	3802-9-7	5018-5-7	
<i>Clifden</i>		3782-2-11					
<i>Clifden</i>	5-0-5	17-9					
<i>Clifden</i>							
Total,	505-17-9	16068-7-7	5015-8-4	505-17-9	16068-7-7	21589-13-8	

Signature, _____

Clerk of the Union.

day of July, 1849.

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 13th July 1849

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for relief
of the poor in Ireland to draw
your attention to the subject of their
Letter of the 8th of May last
requiring payment of Costs due to
Messrs Geale and Buyer Solicitors
and I am to request that you will
apprise the Commissioners by return

The Clerk of the
Olyden Union

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of Part of the steps which have
been taken by the Guardians for
the discharge of the costs referred to
and at what period their amount
will be admitted for payment to
Messrs. Geale and Mungers.

By order of the Commissioners
J. Moss
for Secretary

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 14 July 1849

Clifden Union

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland to acknowledge
the receipt of Minutes of
of Proceedings of the Vice
Guardians of the Clifden
Union on the 3rd instant,
and am to express the
Commissioners sanction
of the allowance of a

the Clerk

sum

Clifden Union

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Sum of Five pounds £5.
to Mr Peter Joyce, for
his services during
the illness of the Master
of the Workhouse.

Sum at the same
time to enclose questions
for answers to be signed
by yourself and Mr.
Woolman who has
been appointed Master
of the Workhouse, and
for the person who
may be appointed
Assistant Master.

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When the questions
have been answered
and signed you will
be good enough to
return them to this
office.

By Order of the Commissionrs

J. Moore
Secy Secretary

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin—
18th July 1849.

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland
have had before them form
A and B. of the abstracts of
the accounts of the Clifden Union
for the half year ended the
25th March last, from which
they observe that the Bond
of the Clerk of the Union has
not been witnessed, and that
no rate is affixed to the
Bond of the Union Treasurer,

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union



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They also observe that the Bond of the Station is not perfected and that Mr. Walter Conroy has not entered into Bond for the due performance of his duties of Relieving Officer: and I am to request that you will be good enough to see that these officers have their Bonds perfected without delay.

By Order of the Commissioners
S. Moore
for Secretary

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Clifden Union
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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1849.

18 July

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the current week the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition ^{was sent on the 17. Inst} ~~has been sent this day~~ to the Commissariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred and fifteen

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Francis Steadley

in the name of A. M. Buisson Esq. Temporary Poor Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ 165 is sent to provide for In-maintenance, £ 350 for Out-relief, £ for Fever Hospitals.

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

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W. Skanley

The Clerk of the Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 18th July 1849

471. M. 4/849.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to request that you will furnish them with Returns in the accompanying Form of the Number of Inmates in the Clifden Union, for weeks ended the 23rd and 30th Ultimo, and 7th and 14th Instant, and that in future you will be more particular in forwarding these Returns every week.

By Order of the Commissioners

J. Moore

The Clerk

of the Clifden Union

Robert [unclear] for Secretary

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Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin

19th July 1849.

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
have had before them a Report which
they have received from their Inspector
Mr R. Bourke relative to his recent
inspection of the Workhouse and Auxiliary
Buildings of Clifden Union.

It appears that at the period
of Mr Bourke's visit to the Workhouse
no progress had been made with regard

The Vice Guardians

Clifden Union.

to
Saml^r J. W.

to the industrial employment, of
the Inmates; - the able-bodied men
being employed storing turf, and a
few women, besides those at household
duties, making clothes.

Mr. Burke states that there
was scarcely any spinning yarn, and
no netting or making of stockings,
and that in fact but little effort
had been made towards introducing
a system of industrial employment
amongst the Inmates.

The Commissioners are satisfied
that

that exclusive of the saving it would
be to the Union, there is not anything
which tends more to improve the
morals and habits of the Poor who are
compelled to become Inmates of Work
Houses than a regular system of industrial
employment; and they have therefore
directed me again to request your
attention to this subject, with a view to
such steps at once being taken as may
be in your power to provide the proper
implements and materials for the
employment of the Workhouse Inmates.

By order of the Commissioners
J. Moore
for Secretary

No. 472—M/49.

MISCELLANEOUS.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

20 July, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request that you will have the goodness to furnish them, *by return of Post*, with a statement in the annexed Form, relative to the deaths of Workhouse Officers of the Union.

By Order,

McKenshore
Shifflet

To the Clerk

Clifden Union.

Smith
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465—M/49.

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCES,
Under 10 Vic., Cap. 7.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

20 ~~1844~~ July, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to request that you will fill up the enclosed Form, showing the Amount paid down to the 30th June last, and the Amount remaining due from each Electoral Division of the Union, on account of the Advances under the Temporary Relief Act, 10 Vic., Cap. 7.

The Commissioners particularly request that you will furnish the Return before the close of the ensuing Week, stating the cause of the Amount demanded after Harvest last not being paid, and the Amount which can be paid out of the present Rates by each Electoral Division.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of the

Union.

[Handwritten initials]

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Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, July 20th 1849.

Sir
With reference to the Estimate forwarded
for the Week ending the 21st Instant, the
Commissioners for administering the Laws
for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, direct me
to state that a Requisition has been
sent this day to the Comptrol Office
for the ^{issue of a} sum of Thirty five pounds in the name of
H. H. Briscoe Esquire, Temporary Poor Law
Inspector to be applied in the purchase
of Clothing materials for the Inmates of
the Workhouse of the Clifden Union and
Five pounds for the weeks sustenance of
Relieving Officers.

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The Commissioners request that you
will acknowledge the receipt of the Money
by

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

Asksd. in
25 July 49

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by a separate Letter, stating the date of the Receipt, and that the amount has been brought into the Union Accounts,

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of Proceedings

By order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Keogh

Secretary.

No. 476 M/19.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
20th July, 1849.

ESTIMATE OF RATE TO 25TH MARCH, 1850.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to request that you will prepare, in one of the enclosed Forms, with the least possible delay, an estimate of the Expenses which will be incurred during the current half-year, ending 29th September, 1849, and during the half-year ending 25th March, 1850. For the first of the two half-years, in determining the probable cost of In-Maintenance and Out-Relief, and the amount of other expenses, you will have regard to the expenses *actually incurred* down to the latest date, as shown by the Union accounts; and for the remaining period of the half-year, the estimate should be framed upon due consideration of the circumstances and prospects of each Electoral Division.

You will be particular in ascertaining the views of the Vice-Guardians as to the probable extent and cost of Emigration on account of each Electoral Division, during each of the half-years embraced by the Return, and generally as to the data on which the estimate should be formed. In estimating the probable expenses of the half-year ending 25th March, 1850, reference should be made to the actual expenses for In-Maintenance and Out-Relief, incurred during the corresponding half-year ended 25th March, 1849; and a calculation should be made of an increase or decrease of expenditure according to the best conclusion which can be arrived at, as to the prospects of the Union and the several Electoral Divisions, in reference to employment and means of subsistence after Harvest next, compared with the circumstances of the Union in these respects after Harvest, 1848.

The ordinary establishment charges should be calculated on a careful estimate of the additional furniture, utensils, clothing, and bedding, necessary for the period to the 25th March, 1850; the amounts to be entered in Col. 24, as the amounts due for the advances in 1847, under the Act 10 Vic., c. 7, will correspond with the amounts shown in Col. 11 of the Return called for by the Commissioners' letter of the 20 instant; and the Commissioners request that these amounts, as also the balances for or against the Electoral Divisions, and particulars respecting the Rates, may be entered with strict accuracy, to obviate the delay and inconvenience resulting from the Return having to be altered when the totals have been made up. It will not, however, be necessary to include fractional parts of a pound in the sums to be inserted. The Commissioners desire to have a copy of the Return transmitted to this Office, by Monday, the 30th instant, *at latest*, but as much earlier as possible, and you will submit another copy to the Vice-Guardians at their next meeting, after completion thereof.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Keogh

W. M. Keogh

For Secretary.

To the Clerk of
Clifden Union.

W. M. Keogh

No. 479—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
20th July, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland desire to receive an Estimate and Report from you in one of the enclosed Forms, relative to the probable expenditure of the Blifden Union, during the month of August next, the probable collection of the Poor Rates during the month, and the financial condition of the Union; as such Estimate is intended for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and is required to be sent to the Home Office *before the close of this month*, the Commissioners particularly request that the Estimate and Report may be sent up to this Office by the Post of ^{Tuesday} ~~Wednesday~~ next, the 24th instant, at latest.

It is particularly requested, that all the items in the statement may be set down with the utmost accuracy, for which the Commissioners must consider you responsible.

Your attention is particularly requested to the state of the Bedding and Clothing in the Workhouse, and you will report as to the probable amount which will be absolutely required to be purchased during next month, in order to preserve the health of the inmates.

As it is important that the Temporary Poor Law Inspector of the Union should co-operate with you in every way in providing for the most effective management of the Union Finances, the Commissioners request that you will communicate with him on the subject of the Estimate required; and they are desirous that you should transmit your Report to the Commissioners through the Temporary Inspector, which will enable him conveniently to report his own views on the subject, at the same time.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

Johnstone
Stiffell

For Secretary.

To

The Vice-Guardians,
Blifden Union.

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE POOR LAW OFFICE,
DUBLIN.

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21st July 1849

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

21st July, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, request that you will, as soon as possible, transmit to them a Return of each payment that may have been disallowed by the Auditor in your Union, since the 8th June, 1847, stating the half-year for which the disallowance was made, with the date of Audit, and showing in each case whether the amount has been paid by the party legally bound to pay it, or if not paid, what steps, if any, have been taken to compel the payment thereof.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Keane
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

Applied to 25 July 49

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No. 483.-M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

21st July, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to call your particular attention to an estimate which the Clerk of the Union has been required to prepare, of the probable expenditure to the 25th March, 1850; and to request that you will be good enough to afford the Clerk the benefit of your advice, as to the date upon which he should estimate the prospective expenditure for the several Electoral Divisions, and that you will also use your influence to secure the completion of the estimate as early as practicable, and with the utmost possible accuracy in all its details; in order that the exact requirements of each Electoral Division may be ascertained in time for the levying of proper rates after Harvest next.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,



For Secretary.

to the Vice-Guardians,

Chapman Union.



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Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin,

25th July 1879.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners for Administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of answers to the questions transmitted to you, respecting Miss Margaret Moriarty who has been appointed Schoolmistress of the Clifden Union Work House, - and I am to express the Commissioners sanction of her appointment at the salary proposed.

I am at the same time to state

Yr Clerk

Clifden Union.

I am at the same time to state
that under the circumstances of the case,
the Commissioners will dispense with the
requirements as to age, of the 33rd
Article of the General regulations.

By Order of the Commissioners,

L. Stamps
Secretary.

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Book Law Commission Office

Dublin 25 July 1849.

I am directed by the
Commissioners for
administering the Laws
for Relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to acknowledge the
receipt of your Memorial
dated the 20th instant, in
which you request them
to make an advance to
you on account of the
sum due to you for

To
Mr Henry Alderhand
Clifden

Supplies

Supplies made to the
Clifden Union; and I am
to state in reply, that the
Commissioners have not
funds at their disposal
out of which they could
discharge your claims
against the Union.

When the Vic Guardians
are able to collect another
rate in the Union, they
will be able to meet
your claim as well as
other demands on them.

By Order of the Commissioners
(Signed) H. Stanley
Secretary

will order him, and will
if directed, keep the
strictest silence about
it.

Your Memorialist
begs it, entreats it,
supplicates for it in the
name of all that is dear
to you as Parents and
Children, and will as in
duty bound for ever pray.

To
Clifden 20 July 1849

My

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To the Commissioners of Board of
Public Works

of the Union

The Memorial of Henry Alderman of
Clifden
Sheweth.

That Memorialist has
struggled on with great
difficulty since he had the
honor of addressing your
Hon^{ble} Board relative to the
debt due him by the
Vice Guardians of the Union,
and he is sorry to say
he cannot keep up
appearances

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appearances any longer,
and sustain his credit,
unless your Honourable Board
will give him Fifty pounds
on account of such
debt. If your Board
was aware of the privations
he and his Family has
suffered, the Memorialist
has no doubt
but your Board would
grant him this small
request. Your Memorialist
will accept with great
thanks the smallest sum
your Honourable Board
will

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 25 July 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, to forward
to you herewith a Copy
of a letter which they
have received from Mr.
Kildehaus, together with
a Copy of the Commission's

reply.

Arthur Guinness

Clifden Union

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Reply: and I am to request
that you will be so good
as to take the subject of
the making of another
Rate in the Clifden Union
into your early consideration.

By Order of the Commissioners
W. Stanley
Secretary

Clifden Union

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
20th July 1849.

SIR,
With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the 28th Instant the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition has been sent this day to the Commissariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred and twenty five pounds Sterling in the name of A. A. Buscece Esq Inspector for Law to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ 165 — is sent to provide for In-maintenance, £ 350 for Out-relief, £ — for Fever Hospitals, and £ 10 — for subsistence of Relieving Officers

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

30 July 1849
W. Stanley

Galway County

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Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office's

Dublin.

27th July 1849.

Sir,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for Administering the Laws
for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to
acknowledge the receipt of Minutes of
Proceedings of the Vicé Guardians of the
Clifden Union on the 17th Instant, containing
a proposal that Sheds be erected in the
Male and Female Yards, - and I am to
request that the Commissioners may be
informed what description of Sheds it is

proposed

The Clerk

Clifden Union.

proposed to construct in the Bards, and
for what purpose they are intended.

By Order of the Commissioners.

V. Stanley

Secretary.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

27th July, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request that you will be good enough to furnish them *by return of Post*, with a further statement of disallowances made on each Audit of the Union accounts, with the amount disallowed, and the repayments, from the period at which Relief under the Act 1 & 2 Vic., cap. 56, was commenced, to the passing of the Extension Act, 10 Vic., cap. 7; at the date of which the Return already requested begins.

By Order of the Commissioners,

V. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union.

which you advert to the
small quantity of food allowed
to Children in the Schools and
state that you will not
draw the relief which
you afford them until
you receive instructions from
Commissioners on the subject

In reference thereto
I am to state, that in the
exercise of your discretion,
you will have to consider
whether the Children attending
the Schools referred to are,
or are not, destitute: -

And

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission of
Dublin; 27th July 18

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
Laws for relief of the Poor
in Ireland, to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
the 11th instant, with respect
to a Complaint as to your
affording relief to the children
attending certain Schools where
they are given allowance
for food, in the Clifden Union

To
The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

And if all, or any of
them are deemed to be
destitute, it will be your
duty, to relieve them; and
if they are not destitute,
they should not be retained
in the Relief Lists.

By order of the Commissioners
D. St. Paul
Secretary.

MS

Week ending July 30th 1849.

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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 28 July 1849

Sir

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit to you the Returning Officer's Account of the expenses attending the proceedings for the Election of Guardians for the above Union in March last. -

The Account has been furnished in pursuance of the 34th and 35th Articles of the Commissioners' order for the Election, and has been examined and passed as enclosed; and the Commissioners request that the Amount namely £ 8. 16. 4 - may be paid to the

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The Clerk
of the Ben Union,

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Returning Officer, in order that he may make the necessary Payments the Vouchers for which should be laid before the Vice Guardians.

Advancing to the letter from the Acting Clerk of the Union of the 24th May last, in reply to the Commissioners letter of 16th May relative to an item of £79 due to Mr Thom, the request in the Commissioners letter has not been complied with, the "Account furnished" for £79 not having been sent to them. The Commissioners however have procured a statement of the particulars from Mr Thom and entered it with the other vouchers, the balance of £79 should be paid to Mr Thom when the remainder of his Account is paid.

With respect to the Returning Officer

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fee I am to state that as the proceedings in the Election were commenced but were suspended before it became necessary to issue voting papers, the Commissioners have allowed a fee of five pounds for the services of the Returning Officer and a further allowance to him will be made when another Election takes place.

In reference to the note on the voucher for the charges for voting papers, that they could not be procured in time from Dublin, I am to state that as the Commissioners letter directing the proceedings in the Election to be suspended was dated and sent on 9th March last, while voting papers are not required

required to be sent to the Constabulary in
an Annual Election until the 17th March, the
Commissioners think it was hardly necessary to
print voting papers, but presume they were
printed in order to be ready in due time if
required; they have therefore allowed a charge
for voting papers at the rate allowed in
ordinary cases - namely - 2^d per hundred - but
the Commissioners cannot in any case
sanction a higher rate of charge than
2^d per hundred for which voting papers are
procured in due time.

By order of the Commissioners

W. Stanley

Secretary

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin
28th July 1849

Sir,
The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
request that you will without delay furnish
them with Returns in the accompanying
Form of the number of inmates in the
the
Clefen Union during weeks ended 30th
Ultimo, and 7th, 14th and 21st Instant; much
inconvenience having been caused in this
Office by the non-transmission of these
Returns.

By order of the Commissioners
W. Stanley

Secretary

The Clerk of
Clefen Union

MS

W. Kebley Esq
Clifden Union

Law Commission Office
Dublin 28th July 1849

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief
of the poor in Ireland to acknowledge
the receipt of answers to the
queries transmitted to you respecting
Mr. Mathias Mally who has
been appointed Relieving Officer
in the Clifden Union and I am
to express the Commissioners
approval of his appointment

Yours faithfully
The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

on the terms proposed.

I am at the same time to
transmit a copy of a Circular
Letter prescribing the duties of
Relieving Officers and a copy of
a form of Receipt to be kept by
Relieving Officers.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Staley
Secretary

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 29th April 1840.

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland have had
under consideration your Reports
of the 10th and 21st Instant
relating to Clifden Union and
with regard to the proposed
appointment of a Vicar of the
parish, I am desired to state
that in selecting a person to serve
the Union, you should require
strong testimonials of efficiency

and
To,
The Vice Guardians
of the Clifden Union

and experience in the duties to be performed. As regards the proposal of Mr. Gallagher, the Commissioners do not consider that he can have finished the revision of the Galway Union in time to undertake the revision of the Clifden Union, the Commissioners are of opinion that a sum of about £50. would be sufficient remuneration for the duty to be performed, and they recommend that you should advertise again if the tenders which you have now received are not satisfactory. The tenders of ^{Mr.} Farrell & others, and Mr. Gallagher are returned herewith.

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The Commissioners concur with you in deploring the want of clothing amongst the poor, but the Commissioners do not see how it can be fully remedied by the administrators of the Poor Law. You are empowered however to give allowances for clothing, where necessary, to persons coming under the 1st Section of the Irish Poor Relief Extension Act.

The Commissioners have forwarded an extract from your report relating to this point to the British Relief Association.

As regards the provision of clothing for the Workhouse inmates you should advertise for Contracts fixing a term for payment, when

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the first payments from the next date may be looked for.

With reference to your inquiry whether a person who is owner of a horse, or other beast, is entitled to relief, the Commissioners are unwilling to give an answer to a general question of this kind, without knowing the details of the particular case which suggested the question. However the Commissioners have to state that they cannot consider as destitute the owner of a saleable horse; but if you shall on investigating the case, see reason for incurring the responsibility of refusing relief, the better course would be to offer admission to the

the Workhouse and satisfy at the same time that the relief will be given by way of loan, pursuant to Section 55. of the Act 1 and 2. Vict. Chap 56 and article 23. of the General Regulations

An Extract from your Report of the 18th Instant with regard to the arrangements for affording Medical Relief to the Union has been forwarded to the Board of Health.

I By order of the Commissioners
W. Stanley
Secretary

No. 495—M/49.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
30th July, 1849.

SIR,

Adverting to the Circulars of 21st and 27th instant, requesting Returns of Payments disallowed by the Auditor, the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland desire to state that the Returns should include similar particulars as to any cases in which deficiencies or defalcations have been charged by the Auditor against any Officer of the Union. If your Returns do not already include these particulars, you are requested to furnish an additional Return including them, *by return of post*, for the whole period during which relief has been given in the Union.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

Faint, illegible text from the reverse side of the paper, appearing as bleed-through.

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in Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin,
31st July 1849.

Sir,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for Administering the Laws
for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to
acknowledge the receipt of answers to the
questions transmitted to you respecting Mr.
George Workman, who has been appointed
Master of the Work Houses of the Clifden
Union, - and I am to express the
Commissioners' sanction of his appointment
at the salary proposed.

By Order of the Commissioners.

V. Starks

Secretary.

The Clerk
Clifden Union.

P.S.

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin

21st July 1849

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New Union

Sir,

With reference to Minutes
of Proceedings of the New Union
of the Clifden Union on the
24th instant, I am directed by
the Commissioners for administering the
Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, to forward herewith
questions for answers to be signed
by yourself and the person who
may be appointed Relieving Officer
in Room of Mr. Joyce, resigned.

I am at the same
time to request that the
Commissioners may be informed what
means are adopted for giving
publicity

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

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publicity to proposed appointments in
accordance with the 29th Article
of the General Regulations. —

When the questions have
been answered and signed you will
be good enough to return them
to this Office. —

By order of the Commissioners,

L. Stanger
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 31st July 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland have
had before them a Resolution
contained in Minutes of your
proceedings on the 24th Instant,
directing that advertisements be
inserted in the Castlebar and
Galway papers for certain
implements and a supply of flax
required for the employment of
the female inmates of the Blifden
Union Workhouse; and in reference
thereto, I am directed to state that
the Commissioners regard the delay
which

Miss Guardians,
the Blifden Union.

which has taken place in
setting the Inmates to work
with dissatisfaction. —

The Commissioners request
you to renew your endeavours
to effect this object, and to
overcome the difficulties which
you find in effecting it —

By order of the Commissioners,
L. H. H. H.
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin

21st July 1849

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland, observe from Minutes
of your proceedings on the 21stth
instant that you have accepted
a tender from Mr. Managan, for
the erection of the proposed Fever
Halls at Clifden Union Workhouse,
and in reference thereto I am
directed to inform you that
the Commissioners do not concur in
the prudence of the course which
you have adopted, which is
not in accordance with that

The Vice Guardians of the
Clifden Union

(Recommended)

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Recommended by the Commissioners and
I am to request that you
will explain why you have
deviated from the recommendation
of the Commissioners on the
subject -

By Order of the Commissioners
V. Stange
Secretary.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 1st August 1849.

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Clifden Union.

Sir,
I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt
of answers to queries transmitted
to you respecting Mrs. A. M.
Workman who has been appointed
assistant Matron of the Workhouse
of the Clifden Union, and I am
to express the Commissioners sanction
of her appointment on the terms
proposed.

By Order of the Commissioners
V. Stange
Secretary

To The Clerk
Clifden Union

M. G.

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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 20 August 1849

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland, request that you will furnish them, by return of Post, with a Statement, in the accompanying Form of the inmates in the Clifden Union Work House, for the weeks ended the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July 1849, and for the corresponding periods in the years, 1848, and 1847 respectively.

By Order of the Commissioners

V. Stamps

Secretary.

The Clerk
of the Clifden Union

M. G.

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Law Commission Office
Dublin
2 August 1849.

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Clifden Union

Sr.

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the poor in Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of answers to the questions transmitted to you respecting Mr. Abraham Creighton who has been appointed to revise the valuation of the Clifden Union; and I am to express the Commissioners sanction of his appointment, at the rate of remuneration proposed.

By order of the Commissioners.
W. Stanger
Secretary

Clifden Union.

J.P.

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Circular—Monthly Return of
Expenses and Liabilities.

No. 575 M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

2nd August, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland forward herewith, Duplicate Forms for a Return of the Liabilities and Expenses of the Union, for the month of July, which you will be good enough to furnish by the 14th instant, at latest, having first submitted the Return to the Guardians for their inspection.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Hanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

3 August 1849.

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending the 4th
Instant the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland direct me to state, that a requisition ^{was sent on the 28th Instant} ~~has been sent this day~~ to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Four Hundred and

Eighty Pounds sterling

in the name of

W. St. Briscoe Esq. Temporary
Poor Law Inspector

to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden
Union, for the relief of the Destitute Poor.

Of the above amount a sum of £ 155 is sent to provide for
In-maintenance, £ 225 for Out-relief, £ for Fever Hospitals.

The Commissioners request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the Money by
a separate Letter, stating the date of the receipt, and that the amount has been brought
into the Union Accounts.

The receipt of the Money should also be entered on the Minutes of proceedings.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

Galway County

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

4th August, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, request that you will furnish them with information in the accompanying form, as to the state of cultivation and crops in your Union, as well as the nature and extent of any employment that may be given in the Union, by Public Works or Land Improvements.

The Commissioners think that you can get this information pretty accurately, from the Collectors and Relieving Officers of the several Districts in the Union, and they request that you will question those Officers on these particular points, the first time they visit the Workhouse after the receipt of this Circular, and that you will then condense their answers into one of the annexed forms, and transmit it to this Office at your earliest possible convenience.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stansfeld
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union.

UNION.

RETURN showing the state of Cultivation and Crops, in the above Union, and the nature and extent of any employment that may be given in the Union, by Public Works or Land Improvement.

ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.	What proportion of the arable Land in the Division is lying out of use, as compared with 1847 and 1848?	What proportion of the arable Land is occupied with Potatoes this year, as compared with 1847 and 1848?	Has any disease appeared amongst the Potato Crop; and if so, to what extent?	Does the Crop look healthy or otherwise?	Has it been affected by frost?	Was it sown early or late?	What proportion of land is sown with Green Crops (as under) this year, as compared with 1847 and 1848; and do they look healthy or otherwise?			What proportion does the Corn Crop of this year bear to last?	Was it sown early or late?	Is it healthy, or does it seem injured; and if so, from what cause?					Is there any general employment by Public Works or Land Improvements? If so, describe it, and state the number of Persons so employed.		
							Turnips.	Mangel Wurzel.	Parsnips.			Carrots.	Peas.	Beans.	Wheat.	Oats.		Bere.	Barley.

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Signature _____

Clerk of the Union.

Dated _____ day of _____ 1849.