



Clifden Poor Law Union

INCOMING LETTER BOOK

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Circular—Monthly Return of
Collection of Poor Rate.

No. 576-M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
2nd August, 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 July, and they request that, if possible, you will transmit this Return on or before Thursday, 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 July.

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,


Secretary

To the Clerk of
Each Union.

Union.

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

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

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

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

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

Clerk of Union.

Date August, 1849.

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Copy.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 4 August 1849.

No 48599 - 49
Clifden Union

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor,
in Ireland, have had under
consideration your Report of the
22nd ultimo, transmitting a Return
of the number and dimensions
of the day rooms and Dormitories
of Bunowen Auxiliary Workhouse
in the Clifden Union; and I am
to state in reference thereto that
the Commissioners do not Concur
in your opinion, that the

To
W. H. Suffield, Esq. M.P.
Workhouse
Ballina

Principal

Galway County Council Archives

principal Day Room stated to be 125 feet in length by $16\frac{1}{2}$ in breadth can accommodate 340 inmates at dinner, nor do they think that 54 Tables can be placed in this apartment without much overcrowding.

The Commissioners are informed that the Cubic Contents of the 3 Dormitories for Children which are also their day rooms, are only 19,210 Cubic feet, which if three hundred Children were placed in the rooms, would only give an average of 64 feet for each - The Commissioners would

would therefore suggest that one of these dormitories namely No 4, should be used as a day room, and the other two, viz Nos 2 and 3 as sleeping apartments, in which one hundred children at most, may be accommodated.

The total space of the remaining fifteen sleeping rooms is sixty thousand one hundred and fifty six feet, which the Commissioners are of opinion would accommodate three hundred and fifty adult females, assuming that adequate Day room be provided

provided for them. As however
you do not make any
reference to day rooms with
the exception of N^o 1, which
is also proposed to be the
dining hall, the Commissioners
are led to assume that you
propose that all the Rooms
should be used as Dormitories.

I am to state that the
Commissioners cannot concur in
this view, and they would suggest
that one third of the fifteen
rooms should be used as
Day rooms and the remainder

would

would afford sleeping
accommodation for two hundred
and forty inmates.

By order of

M. Stanley

Secretary.

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No 48.399
1849

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin, 4th August 1849-

Gentlemen

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland to transmit to you here-
with a copy of a report, which
the Commissioners have received
from the Medical Officer of the
Workhouse of the Clifden Union,
on the subject of Bunowen Auxiliary
Workhouse, together with a copy of a
Letter addressed by the Commissioners
to the Medical Officer in reply; and I
am to request that you will be good
enough to act according to

the

Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

the views expressed in the
Commissioners Letter - I am
also to request that you will
report to the Commissioners
the arrangements which you
make in accordance with the
Commissioners' instructions as
to the adults, who are to be
admitted into this Building
at Bunowen -

By order of the Commissioners,

W. M. Keogh
Secretary

No. 18. 599/49
Clifden Union

(Copy)
To - The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for
the Relief of the Poor in Ireland.

Clifden.

22nd July, 1849.

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter
of the 19th instant, herewith
enclose ~~to~~ you, a return of
the number of Day Rooms,
and Sleeping Apartments in
the Bunowen Castle
Auxiliary Workhouse, with their

Dimensions

Dimensions &c

I still am of opinion, that 900 persons, may be safely accommodated in the House, Viz. 600 Adults and 300 children, - the majority of the latter being of the age from 2 to 9 years. - The number I have laid down, may to a party not thoroughly acquainted with the situation of the House appear excessive, but taking into consideration the very salubrious position,

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The elevation, and other capabilities of the building, together with the excellent system of drainage, and sewerage which has been adopted; and likewise the most perfect and thorough ventilation which it enjoys, and which surpasses any similar building which I have as yet witnessed, I do consider it capable of accommodating more paupers, with safety to their health, than any other Workhouse of its size in Ireland. The Day Room is 125 feet long

long, by 16½ wide, and 11 feet high - it can readily accommodate 540 paupers at dinner, there being 54 tables, and 10 persons at each table, though the number never can be at one time in the Day Room, as a great number of the Paupers (over 100) are scattered about the Building at various employments, in the Kitchen, Washhouse, Bakehouse and elsewhere.

It might be desirable in the summer time, to have some
Wooden

wooden sheds erected round the yard, where the paupers could sit out work during the day time, and so diminish the number in the regular day room. - The three rooms used by the children as Day Rooms, and sleeping Rooms, and from which the beds are entirely removed during the day, are dry, well ventilated, and well lit, and the strictest attention is paid to cleanliness. It certainly would be an advantage, if a school

Room

Room was constructed for the
use of the children, to be used
likewise as a Day Room, and
Dining Hall - this is all I
think that is required, to make
the House perfect. - I would here
remark that nothing can
exceed the good health of
the paupers, both adults and
children since their removal
to Bunnowen - they have been
there since the 29th of May, and
no case of illness of any
consequence has as yet occurred,
while the general appearance
of

of every patient has much
improved.

Have the honor

Yr. S^{vt}

William H. Safford M.D.

Medical Officer.

Clifden Union

W.H.S.

Clifden Union

Return of the Number of Day rooms, Sleeping rooms, in the
Benmore Auxiliary workhouse with the size, height & use
of each apartment.

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Description of Apartment	Length		Height	Observations
	Feet	Feet		
Day room	125	16 1/2	11	Nos 2, 3 & 4 occupied by children used as day rooms and sleeping rooms, the beds & being removed during the daytime -
Day room & sleeping room	30	25	9-3	
Sleeping room & Day room	30	20	9-3	
Day room & sleeping room	40	18	9-3	
Sleeping room	30	25	8	
Sleeping room	30	20	8	
Sleeping room	40	18	8	
Sleeping room	30	25	8	
Sleeping room	30	20	8	
Sleeping room	40	18	8	
Sleeping room	30	25	8	
Sleeping room	30	20	8	
Sleeping room	40	18	8	
Sleeping room	19 1/2	18	9	
Sleeping room	19 1/2	18	9	
Sleeping room	19 1/2	18	9	
Sleeping room	20	8	9	
Sleeping room	20	16	9	
Sleeping room	18 1/2	14	9	

Officers' Apartments not included in this return -

W^m W^m Suffield M.D.

Medical Officer, Clifden Union

Galway County

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Poor Law Commission Office.

Dublin

8th August 1849.

Gentlemen,

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 report
to them your opinion as to whether it
will be necessary for you to afford out
door relief in the Clifden Union, after
the 13th Instant the date of the expiration
of the Commissioners Order of the 12th.

Yours

The Vic' Guardians,

Clifden Union. —

ultimo, to classes of poor persons not
coming under the 1st Sec: of the 10th Vic:
Cap: 31, - and if so, to what classes it
will be necessary to afford such relief. -

By Order of the Commissioners,

D. Stamps

Secretary. -

No. 616 M
1848.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

11th August 1848.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland, to request that
you will by Monday evenings post,
make a Joint Report to the Commissioners,
on the state of the Potato Crops in your
Union as far as you are able to give
the Commissioners information, on the
subject either from personal observation or
on the authority of individuals in whose
accuracy you place reliance. -

The Commissioners wish you at
the same time to report to them on the condition
of the Potatoe Crop, in the Workhouse grounds,
and to state what proportion of it, is likely to
be available for human food.

By Order of the Commissioners

Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

D. Stamps

Secretary.

No. 43758
1848.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,
11 August 1848.

Clifden Union.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Law for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to inform you that they have made application to the Comptroller General for a further advance of £760 to assist you in providing for the maintenance of the destitute Poor in Clifden Union, during the ensuing week.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Haney
Secretary.

The Vice Guardians,
of Clifden Union.

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Glifden Union.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

11th August 1849.

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending 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 10 Inst} has been sent this day to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Four Hundred and Eighty

482.

Pounds Sterling.

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

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

Of the above amount a sum of £ 157 is sent to provide for
In-maintenance £ 325 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
Glifden Union.

Galway County

Lifden Union

No. 18024/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

16th August 1849.

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the 4th 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~~ ^{was sent on the 11th Instant} to the Commissariat Office for the issue of a sum of £50.0.0 Fifty Pounds Sterling

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

to be applied in the purchase of clothing materials for the inmates of the Celjdon Work House; 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

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE OF ADVANCES

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

15th August, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to the several sums advanced during the month of July 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 June last, in pursuance of the Commissioners' Circular of the 13th July, No. 451—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,

W. Stanley
Secretary

the Vice-Guardians,

Clifden Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 15th August 1849

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering the
Law for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
have had before them the returns relating to
the Relief afforded in the Clifden Union, during
the weeks ended the 28th July and 4th Instant
respectively, attached to Minutes of your
proceedings on the 7th Instant, from which
they observe that 126 persons quitted the
Workhouse during the previous week, and
that only 684 persons remain on the
out-door relief lists, under the Direction
of

The Vice Guardian,

of the Clifden Union

of the Act 10 Vic Cap 21.-

The Commissioners have advised me to request that you will at once take the subject into your consideration, with a view to relief being afforded only in the Work House, to persons not coming under the 1st Section of the Irish Poor Relief Extension Act, - who may still be destitute.-

The Commissioners think that accommodation might be provided in the Work House for testing the destitution of the persons now on the out-door relief lists, in all doubtful cases, by discharging from the Work House some of the present inmates who are not now in a destitute condition, only affording some of the inmates relief out of the Work House.-

The Commissioners are further
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of opinion that a considerable reduction of the numbers receiving relief under the 1st Section of that Act, should also be now made.

The Commissioners have given instructions for the renewal of the order authorizing you to afford out-door relief to classes of poor persons not coming under the 1st Section of the Act 10 Vic Cap 21. for one fortnight, but they request that you will be good enough to consider whether the order may not be modified considerably at the end of that time.-

By order of the Commissioners
V. Stansfeld

Secretary

P.H.G.

RATE IN AID.

No. 520, M/49.

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

SIR,

Adverting to the 2nd section of the Act 12 Vic., cap. 24, providing for the levying of a general Rate in Aid, which requires the Treasurer of the Union to reserve one moiety of all lodgments made with him of any Rate or Rates made in the Union next after receipt by the Guardians of the Order transmitted by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, pursuant to the 2nd Section of the above named Act, until a Sum shall have been reserved by him sufficient to cover the Sum stated in the Commissioners' Order, to be leviable on the several Electoral Divisions of the Union, I am directed by the Commissioners to request that you will furnish, in one of the accompanying Forms, an Abstract showing the total Lodgments made with the Treasurer in respect of any Rates made since the Receipt by the Guardians of the Order of the 13th June, 1849, down to the close of the week ended 4th August, 1849, the total amount of moieties reserved out of such Lodgments in pursuance of the Act above referred to, and the total amount paid over of such reserved moieties into the Bank of Ireland to the "General Rate-in-Aid Account."

The Commissioners request that you will furnish, from the Treasurer's Rate-in-Aid Cash Book, the required Abstract, with the least possible delay; and you will include in the Abstract the names of those Electoral Divisions only in which new Rates were made since the receipt by the Guardians of the Commissioners' Order of the 13th June, 1849, down to the 4th August, 1849, inclusive.

If no new Rates were made in any of the Electoral Divisions down to the 4th August, 1849, inclusive, you will be good enough to send up one of the Forms, stating the fact thereon.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Clerk of each Union.

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Clifden Union.

For Loco Commission Office,
Dublin, 16th August 1849.

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering
the Loco for relief of the Poor in Ireland
have had under their consideration the
proposed erection of wooden sheds against
the walls of the Male and female
yards of the Clifden Union Work House,
for working apartments for inmates of
the Establishment, - and I am directed
to recommend you to defer the erection
of these sheds, until you have funds
available

The Vice Guardians,
the Clifden Union.

available for their construction.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Stanger
Secretary

FORM OF RATES, AND INSPECTION BY RATE-PAYERS BEFORE
BEING SIGNED.

No. 527—M/49. }
MISCELLANEOUS. }

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
17th August, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland forward herewith a Copy of the Act 12th and 13th Vic., cap. 104, passed on the 1st instant, to amend the Acts for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland.

They propose to forward additional Copies for the use of the Board of Guardians, when provided with them; and they will then direct the notice of the Guardians to the various clauses altering the Enactments hitherto in force, or containing additional provisions relating to the administration of Relief.

The Commissioners now desire more immediately to direct attention to the 21st Section of this Act, which requires,—

1. That before the making of every Rate, (that is, before the signatures requisite for its legal completion are affixed,) the Guardians shall leave the Rate Books open for the inspection of Rate-payers, during fourteen days, and shall give public notice thereof in the same manner as they are now required to give notice that a Rate is made.
2. That in all cases the names of Occupiers for whom their Immediate Lessor is primarily liable for payment of the Rate, shall be inserted in the Rate Books.

The Guardians will see that it is necessary to make all future Rates in conformity with these provisions; and in reference to the first, the Commissioners are about to prescribe a Form of Rate which may be more conveniently applicable than the present Form. With regard to Rates, however, already in preparation, the Commissioners recommend that the names of Occupiers, for whom their immediate Lessors are primarily liable, pursuant to Act 6 & 7 Vic., Cap. 92, be inserted in the *third* column of the present Form, headed, "Description of Property Rated," which will be a sufficient compliance with the Act, in each case placing the name of the Occupier under the description of the property held by him.

The *sixth* column, headed "Occupier," is only applicable to Occupiers on whom the Rate is made, and should not be used in any other case.

The Notice to be given when a Rate is prepared, may be in the Form annexed, and must be published by posting it on the principal door of every Church, Chapel, or other place of Public Worship, in each Electoral Division of the Union, and at the other usual places therein, for posting Public Notices. The Notice must also be published in one Newspaper circulating in the County, if any portion of the Rate shall be for repayment of the Temporary Relief Advances, under Act 10 Vic., Cap. 7, *but not otherwise*.

It is important to observe, that this Notice will not supersede the Notice to be given when the Rate is actually signed, which must still be given pursuant to the Act 1 & 2 Vic., Cap. 56, Section 70.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanger
Secretary

To the Clerk of each Union

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE GIVEN WHEN A RATE IS PREPARED, AND
BEFORE IT IS SIGNED.

UNION.

Notice that Rate Books are open for inspection of Rate-payers.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Rates as hereinunder mentioned are about to be made on the property situated in the undermentioned Electoral Divisions in the above Union, rateable under the provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, namely:—

Electoral Division of	, a Rate of	in the pound.
Electoral Division of	, a Rate of	in the pound.

and that the Rate Books are deposited for the inspection of any Rate-payer at _____ and will be there open for such inspection, between the hours of *Ten* in the forenoon and *Four* in the afternoon, during the fourteen days next ensuing the date hereof, exclusive of Sundays.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 18 ____ .

Clerk of the Union.

No 53,320
1849

Clifden Union

Gentlemen

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 1st August 1849.

With reference to a report
received from Mr. Briscoe, Temp^l
Poor Law Inspector, setting forth
the embarrassments of the
Union Officers in consequence
of their salaries not being
paid, and requesting an
advance for the purpose by a
loan on credit of the rates,
the Commissioners for admin-
-istering the Laws for relief
of the Poor in Ireland direct
me to inform you, that they

have

To the Vicar Guardians
Clifden Union

Galway County

have transmitted a copy of this
report to the Lords of the Treasury,
and have strongly recommended
it to the favorable consideration
of their Lordships.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Starbuck
Secretary

No. 57. 256/49.
Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin,
14th August, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The Commissioners for
administering the Law for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland,
have had before them Minutes
of your Proceedings, on the 31st
Ultimo, containing a Resolution
requiring the sanction of the
Commissioners to a scale of
Dietary being adopted for

The Vicarage the
Clifden Union.

the inmates of the Workhouse
differing from that directed
by the Commissioners Regulations;
and in reference thereto I am
directed to state, that the
Commissioners cannot consent
to an exception being made
with regard to the Dietary
of the Workhouse of the Clifden
Union; and I am to request
that you will be good
enough to cause the 13th and
15th Articles of the Workhouse
Regulations to be observed
without

without any delay.

I am to express the
Commissioners sanction of the
appointment of Mrs. Maria
Dunn, as Nurse for the
Roundstone Hospital, on the
terms proposed; but I am at
the same time to draw your
attention to the 29th Article
of the General Regulations
requiring notice to be given of
the appointment of Workhouse
Officers, which must not be
departed from in future.

By Order of the Commissioners
W. Keogh
Secretary-

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

18th August 1849.

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending 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 17th Inst} has been sent this day to the Com-
missariat Office for the issue of a sum of Five Hundred and

Eight Pounds Sterling.

in the name of D. V. O. Leary Esq. Vice-guardian.

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, £250 for Out-relief, £ for Fever Hospitals.

£100.- for Clothing

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.

M.S.

Galway County Council Archives

No 46608/49
Eden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 18th August 1849.

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 28th February last, on the subject of the salary to be allowed to Doctor Suffield, Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Clifden Union; and I am to request that you will be good enough to state whether the allowance of fifteen Pounds a year to Doctor Suffield for visiting applicants for Relief has not been discontinued.

Such an allowance is not usual elsewhere and the Commissioners see

The Misc' Guardians,
Clifden Union.

no

no reason for its continuance in the Clifden Union.

The Commissioners would suggest for your consideration the propriety of making application to the Board of Health for the withdrawal of their certificate for the maintenance of a Temporary Fever Hospital at Clifden.

I am to request, that you will be good enough to report explicitly, the salary which you have proposed to allow Doctor Suffield from the 30th January last, and the precise nature of the duties for which such salary was intended to remunerate him.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Staslop
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 18 August 1849

Clifden Union

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 ¹¹ instant relating to the Clifden Union in which you advert

to
The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

Galway County

Council Archives

AS.

advent to the letter
recently addressed
to you by the Municipality
with respect to the
number of persons
who can be accommodated
in the Runowen
Work House Building
and in reference thereto
I am to inform you
that Mr Boule the
Poor Law Inspector
of the District states
that in his opinion
the

the Auxiliary that have
referred to can accom-
modate with safety
about 600 persons.
The matter has however
been referred to Mr Philaw
Poor Law Inspector in
accordance with your
request.

By Order of the Municipality
W. H. A. C.
Secretary

MINUTE.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
21st August, 1849.

The Board took into consideration the following matters:—

1. The abundant employment likely soon to be afforded generally to the labouring class by the Harvest operations;
2. The Sealed Orders still outstanding under the 2nd Section of the Poor Relief Extension Act;
3. The debts of the Unions which are at present under the management of Vice-Guardians;
4. The Rates which are, or ought to be, in preparation in those Unions, for prompt collection after Harvest;
5. The Workhouses and buildings now used as additional Workhouses in those Unions;
6. The discontinuance of the services of Vice-Guardians, which will take place on the 1st November next:

and the Board directed the following statement of their views to be recorded on the Minutes:—

That, in the few Unions in which relief is now given to any class of able-bodied persons out of the Workhouse, such relief ought, if possible, to be discontinued from and after the 31st instant.

That, during the interval which may elapse before the discontinuance of the services of Vice-Guardians, they ought to avail themselves of the diminished pressure of distress, and take every practicable step for restoring the management of the Unions to their respective Boards of Guardians, in a condition favorable to the success of the future administration of relief, especially with the view of improving the state of the finances; and, secondly, of obviating, as far as may lie in their power, all necessity for resuming hereafter the practice of relieving able-bodied persons out of the Workhouse.

Keeping these points in view, it is the duty of the Vice-Guardians to make and collect, with all convenient despatch, such Rates as they may find necessary to meet the requirements of the several Electoral Divisions in the Union, and as they may consider there is a reasonable prospect of collecting promptly after Harvest.

They should likewise apply themselves to the consideration of the existing Workhouse arrangements, both as regards the main Workhouse and the Auxiliary buildings used as additional Workhouses. The disadvantages felt in reference to the latter have been their inappropriateness, generally, to the purposes of discipline and classification, and the expense of maintaining such establishments separately from the main Workhouse. It appears to the Commissioners, that the Vice-Guardians should apply themselves, at this season, to remedy these disadvantages as far as practicable. It is of essential importance on the one hand, that the Boards of Guardians should have at their disposal as much Workhouse accommodation as can be obtained without too great a sacrifice in Establishment charges; while at the same time it is clear, that the value of such accommodation will altogether depend on the character of the arrangements, and that if the latter are not such as to insure the preservation of order and discipline, the occupation of the buildings used as additional Workhouses will tend only to an increase of expenditure, and not to an efficient administration of relief.

It is further essential to the future success of the administration of the law, that the Workhouses should be restored to the management of the respective Boards of Guardians in such a state as will enable them to use the test of admission to the Workhouse without danger to the health of any class of recipients of relief; and with this view, the Vice-Guardians should take advantage of the present season to have every building in succession thoroughly cleansed and purified, the necessary whitewashing done, the cesspools emptied, and all the pumps, sewers, and drains placed in good working order.

Any defects still existing in the means of ventilation should likewise be remedied. Another important arrangement as a sanatory precaution, is the provision beforehand of sufficient stocks of bedding and clothing to meet any sudden pressure of applications for relief, and to obviate the practice sometimes caused by the want of such preparation, of permitting newly admitted inmates to remain for a time in their own clothing.

It is extremely desirable that any steps which may still be wanting to perfect the arrangements for the industrial employment of the several classes of inmates, should be taken before the Vice-Guardians leave office.

Ordered,—That a copy of the above Minute be sent to the Inspectors and Vice-Guardians of the Unions at present under the management of Vice-Guardians.

No. 534—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
22nd August, 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 Clifden Union, during the month of Sept. 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 at the close of this week, so as to reach the Office by Monday morning, the 27th instant, *at latest. if possible - otherwise by Tuesday morning. 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,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Vice-Guardians,

Clifden Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 22nd August 1849

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commission
for administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland
to inform you that they have
given instructions for the
preparation of an Order
appointing the Reverend Mr Brashe
to the office of Protestant Chaplain
of the Clifden Union Workhouse
with a salary at the rate of
£20 a year.

The salary will be payable
to the Reverend Mr Brashe,
from the 29th July, the
date

The Vice Guardians,
the Clifden Union.

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date of his commencing to
perform the duties of the Office.

By order of the Commissioners,

W. Starks

Secretary.

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Claydon Union

Poor Law Commissioners Office
Dublin 22nd August 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the poor in Ireland,
have had before them, your Report of
the 16th Instant, on the state of the affairs
of Claydon Union and with reference
to your Request of instructions, as regards
the amount of New Rate to be struck,
and the period of its adoption, the
Commissioners direct me to state that it
is for you to determine the Poundage
of the Rates to be made on the several

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Claydon Union

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Electoral Divisions and that you ought
to make from time to time such Rates
to meet the requirements of the several
Electoral Divisions including on the
present occasion 6 in the £ for the
Rate-in-aid as you consider there
is a reasonable prospect of having
collected.

The Commissioners desire to remark
that they have not in any of the distressed
Unions consented to the making of a
less Rate than 5/- in the £ in any
Division where Rates of that amount
were required to meet the liabilities

The

The Commissioners request that
you will furnish a statement of the
Poor Law Rates proposed to be struck
on the several Electoral Divisions,
in the Union as early a period as
possible.

With respect to the time of
making the Rates the Commissioners
desire to state, that they should be
made as soon as possible.

By order of the Commissioners
W. H. O'Connell
Secretary

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Blifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 23rd August 1849.

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them the Resolutions contained in Minutes of Proceedings of the Vice Guardians of Blifden Union on the 31st ultimo, proposing to fit up an Office for the Workhouse Master in one of the Sheds adjoining the School-room, and to make a loft in the shed in the mens' yard for the purpose of a clothes store.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the fitting up a store in

the clerk of
Blifden Union.

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in the Men's yard for the clothes would be objectionable, and they would prefer the erection of sheds for this purpose at the end of each of the Probationary Yards.

The particulars of the fire-place, and other works to form an office for the Master should be supplied by the Clerk of Works, and forwarded to the Commissioners for the inspection of their Architect. - In the event of their being afterwards acted upon, notice should be given to the Company, in which the Workhouses is insured.

By order of the Commissioners,

D. S. E. only
Secretary.

No 544/11
1849

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 Workhouse, for the weeks ended the 11th and 18th August 1849, and for the corresponding periods in the years 1848 and 1847 respectively.

As much inconvenience is felt in this Office by these returns not having been regularly furnished,

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The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

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the Commissioners request that they ^{will} not again have to remind you of them; and you should be aware that such neglect of duty must impress the Commissioners unfavorably.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. M. Kelly
Secretary

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Poor Law Commission Office.
Dublin.

23rd August 1879.

Sir,

The Commissioners for Adminis-
tering 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 number
of destitute Poor Persons relieved out of
the Clifden Work House, for the weeks
^{ended}
the 4th, 11th, and 18th August 1879.

As much inconvenience is felt
in this Office by these Returns not
having

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Clifden Union.—

having been regularly furnished, the
Commissioners request that they may not
again have to remind you of them; and
you should be aware that such neglect
of duty must impress the Commissioners
unfavorably.

By Order of the Commissioners.

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Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin; 23rd August 1849.

Gentlemen,

With reference to a
Resolution contained in your
Minutes of proceedings of
the 31st ultimo, respecting
the amount of the debts
due under the Act 10th Victoria
Chap 7 - I am directed by
the Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the
poor in Ireland, to forward

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

herewith

Copy.

Clifden Union.

Advances under 10th Victoria Chap 7.

Electoral divisions	Amount advanced on loan to be repaid
Clifden	642 . 0 . 0
Ballindoon	467 . 0 . 0
Renvyle	632 . 0 . 0
Roundstone	1462 . 0 . 0
Union	25 . 0 . 0
	<u>£3,228 . 0 . 0</u>

herewith a Copy of the final Notice served on this Union, by the Relief Commissioners - a Copy of which ought to appear in the Union accounts

By order of the Commissioners
V. Starks
Secretary.

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Clifden Union,

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin,
23rd August 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland having received a Report from Mr Briscoe, Temporary Poor Law Inspector in which he represented the necessity for additional pecuniary assistance being afforded, to enable you to pay the Salaries of the Officers employed in the Clifden Union, they addressed a letter to the Lord Commissioners

To

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

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of Her Majesty's Treasury, recommending that permission be given for the payment of the salaries of the Officers, out of the weekly advances made to the Union, and they have now received a reply from Sir Charles Trevelyan, in which it is stated that their Lordships regret that they cannot sanction any departure from the rule which has been laid down by them, that the advances authorized for the relief of destitution in distressed Unions, are not employed in paying any salaries except those of Relieving Officers.

By Order of the Commissioners

W. H. Keble

Secretary

No. 542—M/49.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

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23rd August, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland to transmit herewith for your information and guidance, a Copy of a Minute of the Commissioners of 21st instant, to which your attention is requested.

By order of the Commissioners,

W. H. Keble
Secretary

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE
DUBLIN 24th August 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 queries transmitted to you respecting Mr. Pat. Joyce who has been appointed Relieving Officer in the Clyden Union and I am to express the Commissioners approval of his appointment on the terms proposed

To the Clerk of the
Clyden Union

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of the several classes which may be included in the time in the

at their disposal. It is of essential should apply therefrom the main sees of discipline and ses left in return

possible, to be given to a statement of their

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I am at the same time to
transmit to you a form of Receipt to
be kept by Relieving Officers.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. M. O'Connell
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commissioners

Dublin 24th August 1849

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Blifden Union

I am directed by
the Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to Request that you will
be good enough to inform them,
whether Mr. Colles has yet
furnished to the Vice-guardians
of the Blifden Union, his bill
of Costs, as Solicitor, to the
Vice-guardians.

By Order of the Commissioners
W. M. O'Connell
Secretary.

To
The Clerk
Blifden Union.

M. J.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 24th August 1849

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering the
Laws for Relief of the Poor in
Ireland to forward to you herewith
halves of Bank Notes for the
sum of Fifty Pounds for payment
of the weekly accounts of expenses
incurred in the erection of the
New Hospital of the Clifden
Union, and on your acknowledging
the receipt of the half notes,
the other halves shall be
forwarded to you.

I am also to inform you

Miss Guardians,
Clifden Union.

That

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that no payment should be made out of this sum except for such works as have been sanctioned by the Commissioners and that the accounts may be paid weekly which I am to request you will be good enough to forward after they have been paid for examination by the Commissioner's Architect.

By order of the Commissioners,

W. St. John
Secretary.

I have received this
fifty pounds from
James O'Connell Esq
September 11th
1849
James O'Connell Esq
Dublin

No. 54,758/49.
Clifden Union.



Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 24th August 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 communication of the 18th Instant, transmitting a copy of a letter, which you have received from the Receiver of the property of Mr. Hyacinth Darcy, proposing to pay the Rates which may be made on the property out of the rent received for grazing on the Land, provided you give an undertaking not to seize any Cattle that may be sent there to graze; and in reference

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union.

reference thereto I am to state that the Collector of Poor Rate will be bound to collect the Rate which may be assessed upon this property in the usual manner by the means which the Law has provided and the Commissioners are not aware of any power on the part of the Guardians or any other persons to give the guarantee proposed.

By order of the Commissioners

W. Stanger

Secretary.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

24th August, 1849.

Sir,

1. The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland transmit herewith for the use of the Guardians of *Cliffden* Union, copies of the Act 12 and 13 Vic., c. 104, which received the Royal assent on the 1st August, 1849, to amend the Acts for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland; and the Commissioners desire to call attention to some of the provisions of this Act, which materially alter the present state of the law.

2. The first section of the Act lays down a new rule for determining the chargeability of persons making application for relief after the passing of the Act, and declares, that "for the purpose of charging the expense of relief to any Electoral Division, every person making application for Relief shall, after the passing of this Act, be deemed to have been resident in such Electoral Division in which, during the period of three years next immediately before his application for relief, he shall have been longest usually resident, whether by usually occupying any tenement situate, or by usually sleeping within, such district. Provided always, that where any such person shall not have occupied a tenement, or slept within any such Electoral Division for at least twelve months in the whole during the said period of three years, the expense of the relief of such person shall in such case be borne by, and charged against the whole Union in which he or she is relieved." This section further provides, that "where any person chargeable to any Electoral Division shall have received relief, and shall cease to be relieved, and shall thereafter, within the period of twelve months again begin to receive relief, such last mentioned relief shall be chargeable on the Electoral Division to which such person was in the first instance chargeable." It is also provided by the same section, that the cost of the relief of "destitute poor who shall not have resided in the Union where such relief is given, for the last three years next previous to receiving such relief," shall be charged, according to the Act 10 Vic., c. 31, § 12. The effect of this last proviso is to separate the persons relieved into two distinct classes, namely,—those who have resided for the three last years within the Union, and those who have not so resided; and the chargeability of the former class is regulated by the new rule of residence laid down in this section, while that of the latter will be according to the law as it stood before the passing of this Act.

3. It is provided by section 63 of 1st and 2nd Vic., c. 56, that certain hereditaments exclusively used for charitable or public purposes, should not be rateable, "except where any private profit or use shall be directly derived therefrom, in which case the person deriving such profit or use shall be liable to be rated as an occupier, according to the annual value of such profit or use." Doubts having arisen whether, under these provisions, persons in receipt of rent for such hereditaments are rateable in respect of the same, the 10th section of the present Act declares, that in any Rate made after the passing thereof, every person receiving rent in respect of any hereditament exempt from rating under 1 & 2 Vic., c. 56, shall be liable to be rated in respect of such rent to the extent of one-half the poundage of every Rate assessed upon the Electoral Division in which such hereditament is situate. And such Rate is recoverable from the person liable by the same means as Rates are recoverable directly from Immediate Lessors in respect of tenements valued under four pounds, pursuant to 6 & 7 Vic., c. 92, § 2. It is desirable that the Guardians should take immediate steps for ascertaining all the cases of this kind existing in each Electoral Division of the Union.

4. Sections 15, 17, and 18, contain provisions for more simple and effectual proceedings for the recovery of Rates in certain cases. Section 15 declares that any action or suit brought by Guardians in the Superior Courts in Dublin for the recovery of Rates, shall be an action of assumpsit or debt, and provides for the adoption of a short form of declaration. Under § 17, a Civil Bill Decree for Poor Rates may be filed as a judgment of any of the superior Courts of Law in Dublin, and be deemed a record of such Court, having the same force and effect as a judgment of the Court. Section 18 declares that decrees so filed and

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any judgment obtained for Poor Rates in an action or suit in any of the superior Courts, shall, after registration, be a charge on the lands, and have priority as such over all other charges and incumbrances whatsoever, except Crown and Quit Rents, Tithe Rent Charge, and Charges, if any, already existing under the Drainage Act 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89, and the Land Improvement Act 10 & 11 Vic., c. 32.

5. Section 19 provides that no proceeding shall be taken for the recovery of arrears of Poor Rates against any person not primarily liable to pay the Rate, after the lapse of two years from the making of such Rate. This provision, however, applies only to Rates made after the passing of the Act, and does not extend to the recovery of Rates made before the passing of this Act, nor to the recovery of Rate from the person liable in the first instance to pay it, whether such Rate be made before or after the passing of the Act.

6. Section 30 gives power to proceed by Civil Bill against an Immediate Lessor for Rate to which he is primarily liable, before the Assistant Barristers for the County, and in the Division in which the tenements rated are situated, on serving him, or his known Agent, or the receiver of his rents, with fourteen days' notice of the proceeding about to be taken against him by service of process; and the service of process on the Immediate Lessor, or his known Agent, or receiver of his rents, at any place out of such Division and County, are declared to be as effectual as if made within such Division.

7. The 24th Section of the new Act requires that the Guardians of each Union should cause books containing the names of the persons relieved out of the Workhouse, arranged under the heads of the Townlands on which they are stated to have last resided, to be kept for the several Electoral Divisions and the Union at large; and such books are to be open to the inspection of Rate-payers from 10 to 4 o'clock on one day at least in each week. Section 25 requires that a statement should be prepared and posted on the door of the Workhouse on every Saturday, showing the number of persons relieved in the Union during the seven days next preceding, either in or out of the Workhouse, and the numbers chargeable against the respective Electoral Divisions, and the Union at large. The Commissioners will cause forms to be prepared and transmitted to you for these accounts, and it will rest with the Guardians to determine the day in each week on which the list of persons receiving relief will be open for inspection at the Workhouse.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Clerk

of Clifden Union.

No. 33 of 149.

Clifden Union

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

27th August - 1849.

SIR,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending the 25th
Ireland 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 Four Hundred and

£ 400

Seventy Pounds Sterling

in the name of P. V. O. Leary Esq. Wickhampton

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 £ 120 is sent to provide for
In-maintenance, £ 250 for Out-relief, £ 0:0:0 for Fever Hospitals,

and £100 for clothing.

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

To

The Clerks of the
Clifden Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 25th August 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them, Minutes of your Proceedings on the 7th Instant, by which they observe that a balance in your favor of £ 1351:16:11½. is stated to be in the Treasurer's hands; and I am to request, that the Commissioners may be furnished with your explanation in reference thereto.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Stacey
Secretary.

To the Vice Guardians,
Blifden Union.

W. Stacey

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Clifden Union



Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 25th August 1849.

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland have had before
them Minutes of Proceedings of
the Vice Guardians of Clifden
Union on the 4th Instant, by
which they observe that the
Returns of the state of the
Workhouse, and of the number
of Persons relieved out of the
Workhouse are not for corresponding
weeks, the former being for the
week ended the 4th Instant,
and the latter for the week
ended the 28th ultimo; and I

am
the Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

am to request that the Returns referred to may be furnished hereafter for corresponding weeks.

Queries are enclosed herewith for answers to be signed by yourself, Mr John Ineston, who has been appointed Assistant Master of the Roundstone auxiliary Workhouse, and William Olyphant who has been appointed Subaltern Master of the Workhouse.

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

By order of the Commissioners,

W. Starke
Secretary. —

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin

by the August 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to forward herewith for your information and guidance a copy of a letter which the Commissioners have received from Doctor Safford; together with a copy of the Commissioners reply. —

By order of the Commissioners

W. Starke

Secretary.

The Vice Guardians
of the Clifden Union.

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Galway County Council

did, that I now fear I could not
expect by any additional observations
to alter your mind on the
subject, however having again inspected
the building, and made various
experiments, I am still of opinion,
It is fully able to contain,
with safety, a far greater number
than is laid down in your
letter to me, of the 4th instant
since the opening of the house,
there has been in it, at
one time, near 600 paupers,
I have not kept them at all
times, and seasons in the day
time, at dinner and in bed
and in no case, was there
the

which is generally allowed when calculating the cubic contents, of each apartment, but I drew my conclusions after a full and careful consideration of all matters connected with the subject, from actual and repeated observations, and from practical experience which I consider the best test, I must confess I did not imagine, the numbers, could, by any possibility, or calculation, be reduced so low, as 340. As set forth in your letter to me, I do think there may be some mistake in the matter. If not, I in my former Report, so fully and minutely, gave my reasons for coming to the conclusion, that I did

inconvenience. The Establishment Opened for the reception of paupers, on the 1st June since when the Inmates have enjoyed the most perfect health, nay many who ~~have~~ were sent there, from the parent House in a most wretched state, have regained their health and strength, when had they remained in the parent house, I am confident they, would now be in their graves or the Inmates of the Hospital.

I do think it would (as stated in my former Report) be most advisable and beneficial, to erect, a school room, and day room

the slightest overcrowding or inconvenience
there was ample room, and to
spare, for all. The day room
is 125 feet in length, 16 1/2
feet in breadth, and 11 feet
in height ceilings being well
lit, and ventilated. This apartment
is surely able to contain more
than 240 paupers, at the very
lowest average (— in my opinion)
It would accommodate 400 adult
paupers. I tried this number
when it was quite apparent
to all, that each pauper
had more space than was
required, and that there was
not the slightest overcrowding or
inconvenience

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For Law Commission Office

Dublin

27th August 1849

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, have had
before them your Communication of
the 12th Instant, relating to the
accommodation which you think may be
safely afforded by the Runwen
Auxiliary Workhouse Buildings in the
Clifden Union.

In reply I am directed
to inform you that the Commissioners
have been advised and they concur
in the opinion that the Runwen
Buildings cannot advantageously or safely
accommodate a greater number than six
hundred

H. Sheffield Esq M. D.

Clifden

room for the Children and working
sheds, for the adult paupers this
I consider is all that is requisite
to make the House perfect.

Under all the circumstances
I think the subject might (with
advantage) be referred to some perhaps
more competent judge than myself,
who from actual observation and
who having thoroughly examined the
Building, its site, elevation, Ventilation
and other capabilities might report
to you the result of his observations.
I have little fear (though for reasons
before enumerated) I may have somewhat
overated the numbers, yet on the main
question, the most scrupulous must bear
me out. - I have the honor to remain

Gentlemen
Your Obedient & Humble Servant
Wm. H. Safford M. D.
Medical Officer Clifton Union

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Education Office,
27th August 1899

Sir,
I forward, for the information
of the Board of Guardians, the following
extracts from the District Inspector's report
of the 10th instant on the Clifton
P. S. Vocational school:-

"The male teacher is well qualified
as regards literary acquirements. The
attainments of the female teacher are inferior,
but she is highly susceptible of improve-
ment, and extremely attentive."

"Both teachers conduct the business
with a medium amount of efficiency."

"The school has not as yet improved.
Already the schools are conducted
with order and regularity; and cleanliness
and discipline are strictly attended to."

The Clerk of the Union,
Clifton.

We are, Sir,
Your Obedient Servants,
Wm. H. Safford M. D.
Wm. H. Safford M. D.

hundred persons according to this
scale the women's Day Room would
have to be used for the
purpose of a Dining Room as
well as Day Room, and the
Schoolroom in like manner, as a
Dining Room for the Children
and although this arrangement is
not very satisfactory, still the
Commissioners will not at present
object to it, in Renuwen
Workhouse - but they cannot under
any circumstances sanction the accommodation
of more than six hundred persons
in the Workhouse.

I have the
honour to be
Dear Sir,
Secretary

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 28th August 1849

Sir,
Adverting to the Rates proposed
to be levied by the Guardians of
Clifden Union at less than 5th
in the Pound, the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland desire
again to state, that the Guardians
are required to levy from time to
time such Rates ^{as are required} to meet the
liabilities of each Electoral Division
but where it has not been deemed
practicable to levy at one time
the full amount necessary, the
Commissioners have in no case
during

The Clerk
Clifden Union.

55914/49
Claydon Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 28th August 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the poor in
Ireland, have had before them, printed
of your Proceedings on the 21st Instant
by which they observe that on the
18th Instant there were 201 vacancies
in the WorkHouse, and Auxiliary
Buildings of the Claydon Union 150
persons having voluntarily quitted the
WorkHouse during the week and

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The Vice Guardians
Claydon Union

that

during the present season, allowed
rates of less amount than 5/- in
the pound to be made, and they
have therefore again to request
that the Guardians of Blifden
Union will reconsider the scale
of rates to be levied with a
view to the above observations.

By order of the Commissioners,
L. Stanger
Secretary.

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admission to the Workhouse as the
Condition of the continuance of
Relief to all persons not coming
within the 1st Sect. of the act,
who are now on the Outdoor
Relief Lists. -

The Commissioners also
trust that you will not fail
to take active steps for the
reduction of the numbers receiving
out door Relief under the 1st Sec.

I am to express the Commissioners
Sanction of white Bread being
given

that the number of persons relieved
out of the Workhouse who do not
come under the 1st Sect. of the Irish
Poor Relief Extension Act is only
1074 and I am directed to state that
with these facts before them, the
Commissioners do not feel warranted
in renewing the order authorizing
you to afford out door Relief under
the 2nd Sect. of the Irish Poor Relief
Extension Act.

You will therefore at once
take the necessary steps to offer
admission

No. 15387

Central Board of Health,
13, City-place, Dublin.
30th August 1849.

Sir,

I am directed by the Central Board of Health
to request that, by return of Post, you will forward the
particulars required in the accompanying Form, relative to
the arrangements made by the Guardians of the Union
for carrying into effect the Directions and Regulations
which have been issued by the Board of Health, in pur-
suance of the provisions of the 12th Victoria, Chapter 123.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Kopper,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the Union.

Clifden

Given to Children from 2 to 5
years of age as recommended by
the Medical Officer of the
Workhouse. —

By order of the Commissioners
L. Stanley
Secretary

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den Union

Paar Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 30th August 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 Patrick O'Connor.

By order of the Commissioners,
L. Stanley
Secretary.

The Alice Guardians
of the Blifden Union.

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Accepted in Office & sent to	Atley-stn. Williams & Co. & Co.	Epithem 3 Dr. Williams' Pink Pills & Syringe	4 From 10 till 12	William Dett (Morgan) & Co. & Co. & Co.	6 A special medical attention as well as the usual one - work must be done in the afternoon	7 From the Union through the Medical Officer
Medicine which is supplied at their own expense where necessary in different District Unions to be used in the permanent hospital with the best quality of medicine		Mode of obtaining Hospital Relief 9 By Order of the Medical Officers	10 No	Education		

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No 56488/49
Eden Union

To,
The Commissioners of Poor Laws for Ireland.

Sir,
May I request your kindest attention on behalf of the widow of a respectable medical man, lately attendant on the General Hospital of Clifden, to whom a sum of fifty-six pounds is due for a long time.

The widow being now in the greatest distress and suffering privations, in consequence of the delay in paying this very trifling sum, by the Guardians of the Union, has requested me to lay the matter before the Commissioners for

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The Vice Guardians of the
Clifden Union,

To J. E. Jamon M.D.

To attendance at Fever Hospital
at Roundstone from 30th March 1848
to 23rd December at 5/- per diem } 67:0:0

To attendance at Roundstone Auxiliary
Workhouse from 23rd December 1848 to
15th March 1849 at £40 per annum } 9:2:0

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January 23	By cash	£10	
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Certified for Fifty six pounds
two shillings Sterling

Clifden 27th March 1849

D. W. O'Leary

W. J. W. J.

No 283

for their interference with a view
to payment - waiting your
reply

I am

Gentlemen,

Greenyogh Street
Patrick O'Leary,

34 Upper Gloucester Street
27th August 1849.

I append a copy certified
by the Poor Law guardians stating
that the amount is due

P. O'L.

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Blifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 30th August 1849.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 25th
Instant, enclosing the Returns required
by the Commissioners letter of the
23rd Instant, and stating that
these Returns had been already
transmitted, that ^{for} the week ended
on the 4th Instant, on the 15th
and that for the week ended
11th Instant on the 22nd; and
in reference thereto I am to state
that the Returns in question were

the clerk of the
Blifden Union.

not

This Account duly certified
was given by the Inspector
Mr Briscoe, to the widow of
Dr Lyman.

No 54.135/49
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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin.

14th September 1849.

General,

The Commission for
administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland, have had
before them Minutes of your
Proceedings on the 14th ultimo,
containing a Resolution requesting
the instructions of the Commission
as to the means which you should
adopt for preventing the inmates
from straying from the Workhouse
premises; and in reference thereto

The Vice-Masters

Clifden Union

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not received in this Office until
the 24th Instant.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Starks
Secretary.

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to 57095/49

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 1 September 1849

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering the
Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have
had before them, your Summary of business and
travelling account for the week ended the 25th
ultimo, from which it appears that you expended
during the week in travelling, a sum of £2.6:0
and in reference thereto, I am directed to observe
that the travelling expenses in Clifden Union,
are limited by order to 30^s weekly. and it is
therefore necessary, that you should make your
arrangements, so as not to exceed this limit.

The Vice Guardians

Clifden Union

W. Starks

By order of the Commissioners.

W. Starks

Secretary.

I am to state that the Commissioners
think the most effectual means
of obtaining this object is by
building a Boundary Wall.

The Commissioners
Architect is unable to state as
yet whether it is probable that
any money will be left out of
the Fever Hospital Loan, which
could be applied to this purpose.

By Order of the Commissioners

V. St. Martin

Secretary -

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Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin, 1st September, 1849.

Gentlemen,

With reference to their Letter
of the 22nd Inst. the Commissioners for
administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland, have directed

me to transmit to you the accompanying
sealed Copy of an Order appointing
the Rev. William H. Bruske, of the
Established Church, to be a Chaplain
of the Workhouse of Clifden Union,
at a Salary of £20. per annum.

By Order of the Commissioners,

V. St. Martin

Secretary.

2 Vice Guardians,

Clifden Union.

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No. 54. 617/49.
Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin
1st September 1849.

Sir,
With reference to the Estimate
forwarded for the current week,
the Commission for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland, direct me to state
that a Requisition was sent
on the 31st Ultimo, to the
Commissioner's Office for the issue
of a Sum of Five Hundred
and five pounds ^{Sterling} in the name

£505.

To - The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

of

Galway County

The Comptroller requests
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 Comptroller
W. H. Carey
Secretary

W. H. Carey

Prints 11 Sep 1849

RATE IN AID.

No. 553, M/49.

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

SIR,

Adverting to the 2nd section of the Act 12 Vic., cap. 24, providing for the levying of a general Rate in Aid, which requires the Treasurer of the Union to reserve one moiety of all lodgments made with him of any Rate or Rates made in the Union next after receipt by the Guardians of the Order transmitted by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, pursuant to the 2nd Section of the above named Act, until a Sum shall have been reserved by him sufficient to cover the Sum stated in the Commissioners' Order, to be leviable on the several Electoral Divisions of the Union, I am directed by the Commissioners to request that you will furnish, in one of the accompanying Forms, an Abstract, in continuation of that furnished in pursuance of Circular No. 520, M/49, showing the total Lodgments made with the Treasurer, during the period from 6th August to 1st September, 1849, inclusive, in respect of any Rates made since the Receipt by the Guardians of the Order of the 13th June, 1849; the total amount of moieties reserved out of such Lodgments in pursuance of the Act above referred to; and the total amount paid over of such reserved moieties into the Bank of Ireland to the "General Rate-in-Aid Account."

The Commissioners request that you will furnish, from the Treasurer's Rate-in-Aid Cash Book, the required Abstract, with the least possible delay; and you will include in the Abstract the names of those Electoral Divisions only in which new Rates were made since the receipt by the Guardians of the Commissioners' Order of the 13th June, 1849, down to the 1st September, 1849, inclusive.

If no new Rates were made in any of the Electoral Divisions down to the 1st September, 1849, inclusive, you will be good enough to send up one of the Forms, stating the fact thereon.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Clerk of each Union.

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of *P. H. & Seary Esqrs.*
Vice Guardians, of which sum
£375 is sent to be applied
exclusively in aid of the current
expenses in Clifden Union, for
the relief of the Destitute Poor,
as follows-

£125, for maintenance,

£250, for out Relief, and the

Balance of the above sum of

£505, amounting to £130, is

sent to make up deficiencies

in former remittances more

particularly explained in the

Commissioners letter of this day.

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Galway County

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No 52,767/49
Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,
3rd September 1849

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Resolutions contained in Minutes of your Proceeding on the 7th Ultimo, relative to the repairs required to be done, to the Pump of the Workhouse, and the proposed erection of a protecting wall, opposite the Workhouse; I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for

The Vice-Chancellor

Clifden Union

Relief

57031 149.
Clifden Union.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 5th September 1849.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to forward to you herewith, the Accounts of the Expenditure incurred in the erection of the Fever Hospital at the Workhouse of the Clifden Union, - and I am to request, that you will be good enough to obtain the Bills, properly receipted, for the materials which are

charged

the Guardians,
the New Ross Union.

Relief of the Poor in Ireland,
to state that the works referred
to appear to be very desirable,
but it will be necessary that
the expense of these Works, should
be provided for, out of the Poor
Rates.

By Order of the Commissioners

W. Stankie

Secretary

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in Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 8th September 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland
have directed me to forward to you a
further sum of One Hundred pounds for
payment of the weekly expenses incurred
in building the Fever Ward of the Clifden
Union.

Halves of Bank Notes for the
above sum are accordingly enclosed
herewith, and on your acknowledging
the receipt of them, the other halves of
the notes will be sent to you.

By order of the Commissioners.

W. Stankie

Secretary

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union.

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11/9/49 W.S.

Charged in the Accounts, and have them
forwarded to this Office for the inspection
of the Commissioners Architect.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Stanley
Secretary.

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11/9/49

W. Stanley

No. 571—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

10th September, 1849.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland to transmit herewith, for the use of the Vice-Guardians of
the Clifden Union, two Copies of the Second Annual Report of the
Commissioners, together with a Copy to be retained with the other Books and Records of
the Union in your charge.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Clerk of
the Clifden Union.

1849



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

Sir,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ending the 10th Inst. 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 Three Hundred and Seventy Pounds Sterling in the name of A. H. Grice 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 £145 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. Skanlan
Secretary

The Clerk of the Clifden Union.

W. Skanlan
15th Sept 1849

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1849

ENTERED
18th Sept 1849
CLIFDEN

No. 569 of 1849.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin.

18th September, 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commission for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, direct me to request, that any further application for aid to the Clifden Union, may be accompanied by a statement prepared by you in one of the enclosed forms, to be transmitted by the Temporary Poor Law Inspector as usual.

By Order of the Commissioners
The Vice-Guardian, *V. Stanley*
Clifden Union. Secretary

1849

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 10th September 1849

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for Administering
the Laws for Relief of the poor in Ireland
having had under consideration your
Report of the 1st Instant, on the affairs
of the Clifden Union in which you
recommend the extension of the
Auxiliary Workhouse Buildings at
Roundstone, I am directed to state
that as the Union is at present without
funds the extension of accommodation
at this Building will have to be postponed

By order of the Commissioners.

W. Searcy
Secretary

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union
P.H.

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No. 572.—M/49.



ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE OF ADVANCES.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
12th September, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to the several sums advanced during the month of August 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 July last, in pursuance of the Commissioners' Circular of the 15th August, No. 521—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,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To the Vice-Guardians,
Clifden Union.

RECEIVED
18th Sept 49
CLIFDEN

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin; 13th September 1849.

No 7806/49
Clifden Union

Gentlemen -

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the poor
in Ireland to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the
1st Instant relating to the
Clifden Union, containing
an inquiry as to the parties
to be rated for the Ballinshin
Estate - And I am to state

that the Commissioners recommend

The Guardians
Clifden Union

further

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No. 578, M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
14th September, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland transmit to you herewith a sealed Copy of their General Order of the 8th instant, prescribing a Form of Rate to be followed in future, and which it will be observed contains two Columns not in the Form hitherto in use; the Commissioners therefore desire to state that if any Rate be now in preparation and not signed, it will be necessary to introduce into it two Columns corresponding with those added to the Form by the General Order of the 8th instant, and to fill them up with the particulars required by their respective headings.

You will please to lay the Order before the Guardians at their next meeting.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of the *Clifden* Union.

Galway County Council Archives

No. 576—M/49. }
MISCELLANEOUS. }



POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
14th September, 1849.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to state that they have caused Forms of Books for entering the names of persons relieved and charged upon the several Electoral Divisions and the Union at large respectively, in pursuance of Section 24 of 12 & 13 Vic., c. 104, to be prepared; and such Books should be immediately procured in the usual manner.

A separate Book is required to be kept for each Electoral Division, and one for the paupers chargeable to the Union at large. The Form for the Books is annexed hereto. These Books are required by Section 24 of the above Act, to be left open to the inspection of all persons assessed to the Poor Rate within the Union, from ten in the forenoon till four in the afternoon, on one day at least in each week; and the Guardians should give public notice of the day which they may select for that purpose.

In the Book for the Union at large, one or more separate pages (according to the population and probable number of applicants for relief) should be reserved for each townland in the entire Union, and the names of all persons admitted to relief and charged to the Union at large, should be entered under the head of the townland in which they are stated to have last resided, a separate series of numbers (to be entered in the 1st Col. of Form I), being employed for each townland.

In the Book for each Electoral Division, one or more separate pages should, in the same manner, be reserved for each townland in that Electoral Division, and the names of all persons admitted to relief and charged to that Electoral Division, should be entered under the head of the townland in the Division in which they are stated to have last resided according to the Register.

The names of all persons previously in receipt of relief, who may be re-admitted to the Workhouse, or again allowed Out-relief, should be entered anew with a proper reference in the 7th Col. to the number in the 1st Col. corresponding to the previous entry of their names under the head of the same townland.

Annexed is also the Form for the statement of the numbers relieved in the Union, and chargeable against the several Electoral Divisions and the Union at large respectively, to be posted each week on the door of the Union Workhouse, in pursuance of Section 25 of the same Act. The Forms for this purpose should also be procured in the usual manner, without delay.

By Order of the Commissioners,

C. W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

Further inquiry to be made
through the Solicitor acting
for the Creditors of the
Estate as the Commissioners
do not understand how
Mortgages can be in absolute
possession as owners according
to the information of
the Local Manager.

By order of the Commissioners,
D. H. Stanley
Secretary -

ENTERED
18. Sept 1849
CLIFDEN

57, 257/49
Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,
15th September 1849.

Dear Sir,

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 28th ultimo,
requesting the attention of the
Commissioners to an application
from the Revd Mr O'Malley,
to be appointed Roman Catholic

The Vice-guardian
Clifden Union.

Chaplain

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FORMS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING.

FORMS OF BOOKS TO BE KEPT UNDER SECTION 24 OF 12 & 13 VIC., C. 1

FORM I.—BOOK FOR UNION AT LARGE.

NAMES OF ALL PERSONS RELIEVED OUT OF THE POOR RATES.

Union.
Townland of _____ Parish of _____ Electoral Division of _____

Number of Entry in this Book.	Names of all Persons relieved out of the Poor Rates.	Date of admission to Workhouse, or of allowance of Out-Relief.		Date of discharge from Workhouse, or of discontinuance of Out-Relief.	
		Admission to Workhouse.	Allowance of Out-Relief.	Discharge from Workhouse.	Discontinuance of Out-Relief.

FORM II.—BOOK FOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

(Similar Form.)

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE MADE AND POSTED ON WORKHOUSE DOOR UNDER SECTION 25 OF 12 & 13 VIC., C. 104.

Union.
Number of Persons who received Relief in the Union, during the seven days preceding Saturday the _____ of _____ 18____

Relieved and chargeable to	In the Workhouse.	Out of the Workhouse.	TOTAL
Electoral Division,			
Union at large, " "			
TOTAL, . . .			

*The Spiritual instruction of
the inmates of the Auxiliary
Workhouse.*

By Order of the Commissioners

*W. Manly
Secretary.*

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Chaplain to the Reformatory
Auxiliary Workhouse, in the
Clifden Union; and I am
directed to request that you
will be good enough to state
the number of Roman Catholic
Inmates at present in this
Workhouse, and whether they
are able bodied men, and if
not to what other class they
belong.

The Commissioners are
also desirous of being informed
of the arrangements which
have hitherto existed for
the

57,806/49
Clifden Union



Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 15th September 1849

Gentlemen,

With reference to your
Report of the 1st Instant in
which you stated your opinion
that a rate of 3/10 in the pound
would yield more than one
of a larger amount but that
should the Commissioners not
agree in this opinion you would
prepare to adopt a 5/- rate
subject to the Commissioners Sanction

Wm Guardians
Clifden Union

I am

CLIFDEN
15th Sept 49
COUNTY GALWAY

58,036 } 49.
58,037 }
New Union.

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 15th September 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 respecting Mr. John Tristan and Mr. William Clyshaw who have been appointed Assistant Master and Labour Master of the Clifden Workhouse respectively and I am to express the Commissioners sanction of their appointments at the salaries proposed.

By order of the Commissioners
W. Stamps
Secretary.

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

Galway County

Am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland
to inquire, whether you have yet
adopted the Rate of 5/- in the
pound, referred to.

By order of the Commissioners
V. S. Karp
Secretary

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18 Sept 1849

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 16th September 1849.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland to inform
you that the enclosed Bill of Costs
amounting to the sum of £13:8:1
incurred in respect of the preparation
of a lease of premises required for
an auxiliary workhouse in the Clifden
Union, has been furnished to them by
Messrs Geale and Dwyer, their Solicitors;
and I am accordingly to request that
you will lay this communication before
the Relief Guardians, in order that the
amount of the costs may, at the
earliest practicable period, be remitted
to the Commissioners, who will thereupon

Clerk of the
 Clifden Union

obtain



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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 17th September 1849

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to return to you herewith the first page of Minutes of proceedings of the Vice Guardians of the Clifden Union on the 28th Ultimo, and I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish the Commissioners with an explanation as to the Return of the number of persons on Out door

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relief.

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obtain Messrs Geale and Dwyer's receipt
and forward it to the ^{vice} Guardians.

By order of the Commissioners

D. Starks

Secretary.

27th 8/49
Clifden Union



Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 19th September 1849

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor
in Ireland, have had under their
consideration, your several reports with
respect to the Salary of Doctor Safford
Medical Officer of the Clifden Union
Workhouse, - and they have directed
me to inform you, that much
confusion appears to have arisen from
the omission to adopt the course
pointed out in the Commissioners'
letter of the 20th of February
last at which period the Medical
Officer received in addition to his
established salary of £60 per annum

Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

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relief, which appears to have been
made out for different weeks.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Starks
Secretary.

increased duties in the Union, with
a reasonable weekly allowance for
attendance at Bunowen Auxiliary
Workhouse as Medical Officer. —

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Starks
Secretary.

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an allowance of £15. for attending
sick persons obtaining out door relief.-
and £91. 10. 5 as Medical Officer
under the Board of Health for a
Temporary Fever Hospital.-

The Commissioners now consider that
from January last the Medical Officer
should receive the established salary
with his allowance for the Temporary
Fever Hospital, amounting together to
£157. 10. 5, and no change should
be made until the Board of
Health may withdraw the Certificate
requiring the Temporary Hospital to
be maintained, - at which time the
Commissioners will be prepared to
sanction a small addition to his
established salary in consideration of
increased

No. 587—M/49.

MISCELLANEOUS.



POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

19th September, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland request your attention to the provisions relating to non-resident Justices qualified to be Ex-officio Guardians, in the 7th section of the new Act, 12 & 13 Vic., c. 104, for the amendment of the Acts for Relief of the Destitute Poor.

This section provides, that in any Union in which the number of Justices qualified to be Ex-officio Guardians, according to the Acts previously in force, shall, on the 29th September, in any year, not be equal to the number of Elected Guardians, then every Justice acting for any County, and otherwise qualified to be an Ex-officio Guardian of any Union within such County, and who shall be seised, possessed, or entitled, for his own use and benefit, of or to any Lands or Hereditaments *within such Union*, or in the rents and profits thereof for any life or lives in being, or for any term of twenty-one years at the least, such Estate being of the yearly value of Fifty Pounds at the least, shall, for the year next following such 29th September, be an Ex-officio Guardian of *such Union*, although not resident therein.

You should accordingly, on the 29th September next, and in each subsequent year, ascertain whether the number of resident Justices qualified under the 23rd section of the Act 1 & 2 Vic., cap. 56,—that is, being a "Justice of the Peace residing in the Union, and acting for the County in which he so resides, and not being a Stipendiary Magistrate or Assistant Barrister, or a person in Holy Orders, or a regular Minister of any religious denomination,"—is less than the number of Elective Guardians. If it be, you should then ascertain whether any Justices resident out of the Union possess an Estate in the Union of the kind and value prescribed in that enactment. In ascertaining this, the Statements of Claims to Vote in the Election of Guardians, under section 4 of 1 & 2 Vic., c. 56, and section 24 of 6 & 7 Vic., c. 92, and the Registers thereof which are required to be kept, may assist you; and you should avail yourself of any other sources of information that may be open to you. Even where parties who may be qualified to be Ex-officio Guardians under the provisions above cited, do not claim or wish to act, they are, nevertheless, invested with the office; and it is important to ascertain precisely, at the 29th September in each year, what the entire number of Ex-officio Guardians may be, and what parties possess the privilege to act.

In case it be found that the number of non-resident Justices so qualified would, when added to those qualified under 1 & 2 Vic., c. 56, exceed the number of Elective Guardians, it is further provided, that of the highest rated of the non-resident Justices qualified under 12 & 13 Vic., c. 104, such only shall be entitled to act as will make the whole number of Ex-officio Guardians equal to that of the Elective Guardians; the highest rated Justices being in such case ascertained in manner provided in section 16 of 10 Vic. c. 31.

If the number of Justices qualified according to the original provisions in section 23 of 1 & 2 Vic., c. 56, exceed the number of Elective Guardians, you will, in like manner, proceed in accordance with the 16th section of 10 Vic., c. 31, as pointed out in the Commissioners' Circular of 16th September last.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stansley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

ENTERED
27 Sept 49
CLIFDEN

1849

Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 17th September 1849

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them Minutes of Proceedings of the Vice Guardians of the Clifden Union on the 28th Ultimo containing a Letter from Doctor Suffield recommending that the roof of the Clifden Fever Hospital be repaired immediately, and urging the necessity

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No. 511. 263

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin.

Clifden Union

20th September, 1848.

Gentlemen,

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 communication which they have received from Mr Patrick Burke, Contractor for the erection of the Boundary wall to the land attached to the Clifden Workhouse, and I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish the Commissioners with your observations thereon.

By Order of the Commissioners
The Vice-guardian of the Clifden Union - Mr. Haney
Secretary -

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of building a Wall to enclose the
Hospital and Out Offices, - and
in reference thereto I am to state that
the Commissioners see no objection to
the proposed Works if the Vice Guardians
have funds at their disposal for the
purpose.

By Order of the Commissioners,

L. H. A. *and*

Secretary

No. 50. 263/48

(Copy)

Clifden 12th September 1848.

To - The Honorable the Commissioners
for administering the Poor Law in
Ireland.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to state,
that I was appointed Contractor for
erecting the Boundary Wall for
enclosing the four acres of land
attached to the Clifden Union
Workhouse, which I was bound to
have finished on the first day
of May last - I therefore commenced
the work on the first day of
January last at the most distant
and inconvenient part of it to
the

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deprived of the benefit of the Contract
which induced me to lay out my
means to my loss and inconvenience,
I only require payment for the
portion of the Wall I have finished,
out of which I have been paid £15-
leaving still about as much more
due to me, together with compensation
for the materials used which
belonged to me, for which I am
willing to abide by the valuation
of the Vicarwardens. Therefore
they leave to request that you will
consider the propriety of my being
paid the amount of my demand,
in which will fall far short of
my outlay, but of which I am more
in need than I can now state -

Have the honor &c

Patt. Brooke.

the quarries, and carried it on
until the 11th day of March last,
when I received an official letter
from the Clerk of the Union requiring
me to desist forthwith (a copy of
which letter I take the liberty of
inserting on the other side). I was
bound to have the work finished
on the first day of May last,
which caused me to commence
when the days were short and
the weather bad - the work was
taken out of my hands, and
proceeded with by the Viceguardians
without further notice, and the stones
used which I had provided for the
purpose of proceeding with the work -
Notwithstanding my being
deprived

(Copy)

Clefdon Union Workhouse.
March 11th 1848.

Dear Sir,
I am instructed to write
forthwith to you, as the Contractor
for erecting the Boundary wall, to
require you to desist from carrying
on the Works further, as under
present circumstances it would be
an useless waste of Money to proceed.
And I am further directed to
notify you in writing, as you
have declined receiving verbal
orders from the Viceguardians -

I am Dear Sir
yours truly,
John Griffin
Clerk of the Union

Mr. Patt. Burke
Contractor,
Building Boundary wall
of Clefdon Union
Workhouse -

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Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 20th September 1849.

Sir,

With reference to the Estimate forwarded for the week ended the 15th 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 18th Instant, to the Comptrol-Office for the issue of a sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling in the name of H. H. Briscoe Esq^r Temporary Poor Law Inspector to be applied exclusively in aid of the current expenses in Clifden Union for the support of the Destitute poor.

The Commissioners observing that the issue for the week ended the 20th

The Clerk
Clifden Union.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 21 September 1849.

Sir

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter received on the
19th instant, and I am to state that
a copy of your communication
will be sent to the Viceguardians
of the Clifden Union.

By order of the Commissioners,

W Stanley

Secretary

John Hancey
Harcourt Street.

J.P.

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25th ultimo exceeded by £84 the amount of the expenditure for that week, they have deducted so much from the amount which they considered would be required for the week ended the 15th Instant and sent the balance amounting as above to £237, the Commissioners at the same time, desire to receive an explanation of the cause of the increased estimate for the week ended the 15th Instant, and the actual expenditure for the week ended the 25th ultimo, and they request that the receipt of the Money may be acknowledged by a separate letter, and be also recorded in the Minutes, as well as brought into the Union accounts.

By order of the Commissioners,
W Stank
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin 21 September 1849.

Sir

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland, to forward herewith for the information of the Viceguardians of the Clifden Union, a copy of a Letter which they have received from Mr. John Tracey, together with a copy of the Commissioners' reply.

By order of the Commissioners
W Stank
Secretary.

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

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(Copy of Letter)

5 Harcourt St. Dublin,

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Gentlemen

More than twelve months ago I supplied according to Order perforated wire to the Vicarwardians, Clifden Union, to the amount of £1.14.9 for which I have not been paid, though applying often for it. I don't know how it can be expected we can pay poor rates if we are not paid for our goods. Your interference in this case will greatly oblige you

obedient servant.

John Tracy

Law Commissioners

Dublin.



No. 113/119

Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin

22nd September 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, have had before them, Minutes of your Proceedings on the 11th instant, and have directed me to express their sanction of the proposed sum of Six pounds being allowed to the Clerk of the Clifden

Union

To The Vice-Guardian's

Clifden Union.

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ENTERED
27th Sept 49
CLIFDEN

7/16/49
Clifden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 27th September 1849

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 Mr Phelan
Poor Law Inspector relative to his
recent Inspection of the Work House and
auxiliary Buildings in the Clifden Union,
in which he states his opinion that

the

to Vice Guardians
of the
Clifden Union

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Union, to enable him to
procure the necessary assistance
in the preparation of the New
Rate Books.

By Order of the Commissioners

W. Stamps
Secretary

**Circular—Monthly Return of Collection,
and of Expenses and Liabilities.**

No. 571 M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

22nd September, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland forward herewith, Duplicate Forms for Returns of the Collection, and of the Liabilities and Expenses of the Union, for the month of August, which you will be good enough to furnish by the 1st October, at latest, having first submitted the Returns to the Guardians or their inspection.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stamps
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

W. Stamps



Galway County

the Banowen auxiliary Work House
is not capable of accommodating more
than from 530 to 600 inmates.

By Order of the Commissioners,
W. Stamps
Secretary.



No. 61. 27th 49

Clifden Union.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

26th September 1849.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit to you the enclosed copy of an Order for ~~supplying the vacancies~~ ^{the re-election of} in the Board of Guardians of the *Clifden* Union, together with the Notices of the Election to be posted in accordance with the Order of the 27th January, 1849, at the time prescribed by the enclosed Order.

The aid of the Constabulary has been requested to assist you in posting the Notices; and in distributing and collecting the Voting Papers, should any contest occur.

The Voting Papers should, if possible, be made up in parcels according to the Townlands, and should be delivered to the Constabulary, so arranged that they may distribute them in the Order in which they receive them.

An Invoice of the Notices is enclosed herewith, the amount of which should be included in your account of the expenses of the Election.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Stamps

Secretary.

To

Mr. *Hamilton Smith*,
Returning Officer,
Clifden Union.

Galway County

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ENTERED
11th Oct 49
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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
26th September, 1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland desire to state, that by a provision in an Act of the last Session of Parliament, 12 and 13 Vic., cap. 86, authorizing the Public Works' Loan Commissioners to make additional advances for building Workhouses in Ireland, the sums to be issued for such purposes are directed not to exceed the amount which after the passing of the Act may be from time to time received in repayment of the Workhouse Loans heretofore made; and the Commissioners have therefore to call the attention of the Guardians of each Union now owing Instalments on account of such Loans, to the requisitions which have been made by the Public Works' Loan Commissioners for payment of such Instalments, and to point out the legal necessity which exists for having these Instalments paid to the full extent which the other necessary claims upon them will admit, and so also with respect to the further Instalments as they shall become due, until the whole amount of the Loan shall have been repaid; the issue of the Loans now required for additional Workhouses, being contingent on the amount of such repayments.

The Commissioners request that the Guardians will cause to be entered on their Minutes an account of the several Instalments already due, payment of which has been called for, showing the total amount of them, also the several payments made, showing the balance at present due.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanley
Secretary

To
The Clerk of each Union.

Galway County

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14 Dec 1849
CLERK'S OFFICE

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 24th September 1849

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Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to
acknowledge the
estimate of expenses for
the week ended 22nd
Instant in the Clifden
Union I am directed
by the Commissioners for
administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to state that
a sum of £300. will be

Yours faithfully
Clifden Union

Sent

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funds at the disposal
of their Lordships.

The Commissioners
request therefore that
the Collection of the rates
may be pressed forward
without any delay.

The Commissioners desire
at the same time to
receive from you a
detailed Report in one
of the enclosed Forms
respecting the probable
Collection and expenditure
during

sent to be applied towards
defraying the expenses of
the above named work,
but the Commissioners have
to inform you that in
consequence of a Communi-
cation from the Local
Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury, the
Commissioners think it
is probable they will
be obliged to discontinue
for the present any further
assistance from the
Funds

12 Oct 1849
Clifden Union

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 26th October 1849

Gentlemen,

With reference to previous
correspondence relative to the salary to
be allowed to the Medical Officer
of the Workhouse at the Clifden
Union, I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering the Sums
for Relief of the Poor in
Ireland, to state, that they have
fully considered the subject, and that
they will sanction the payment
of a salary of £70 a year
to the Medical Officer for attending
the Workhouse at Clifden including
the Fever Hospital and Auxiliary
Workhouses

The Poor Guardians
Clifden Union

during the ensuing
Month.

By Order of the Commissioners
W. Stamps
Secretary

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin 28th September 1849

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Clifden Union.

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland, have had under their consideration, the scale of dietary proposed for the inmates of the Clifden Union Work House, contained in Minutes of Proceedings of the Vice Guardians, on the 11th Instant, and I am directed to express the Commissioners' sanction, of the adoption of the proposed dietary.

By Order of the Commissioners.

The Clerk.
of the Clifden Union.

W. Stamps

Secretary.

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No. 597.11
1849.

Public Office
Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,
29th September 1849.

Sir

I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland to inform you, that on
and after the 1st proximo, Mr. Griffith
will take charge of the Blifden Union
as Temporary Inspector, and I am
to request that you will inform
the Vicarwardens accordingly.

By order of the Commissioners,

V. Stanley

Secretary.

The Clerk of the
Blifden Union

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No. 608, M—1849.

FOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN.

1st October, 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 good enough to fill up, in duplicate, in the enclosed forms, the required particulars respecting the Current Rates, and any new Rates agreed upon in the Union, and that you will forward one copy of the Statement to this Office on or before the 6th instant, the information being required for immediate use.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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No. 53.414/40
Clifden Union.

Commissaries Office,
Dublin, 4th October 1840.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in
Ireland to forward herewith for your information
in contact from a communication which they
have received from Mr. J. J. Graham, respecting
the administration of Relief in Clifden Union, and
am to request that you will be good enough
to report to the Commissioners as to how far,
notwithstanding all your efforts to prevent abuses
in the administration of Relief, abuses existed of
the kind described by Mr. Graham.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. Harpur
Secretary.

To

The Vice Guardians,
of Clifden Union.

MS

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Extract referred to

1st I beg leave to state that on my return to this County the latter end of last March I visited the Letterpack Depot the day but one after my arrival when I immediately discovered that about 200^{lb} of meal had been that week misapplied, and also that this had been in the habit of occurring on previous weeks to a greater or less extent, on my informing Mr. Deane of this, he dismissed the person who had acted so, but I respectfully submit it was his duty by proper attention on his part, to prevent such things happening at all -

2nd On my next coming to this County the beginning of last month, on meeting Mr. Deane at the same depot of Letterpack

I mentioned to him that I understood that there were very great abuses going forward at the Tully depot, about four miles from this and quite unconnected with my district or property, and that Burke the Relieving Officer ^{there} was giving the most indiscriminate relief.

I can prove that pigs have been fattened in the town of Clifden on the relief stirabout, purchased at so low a rate, that ~~it~~ a butcher made in one fortnight a profit of £1.10.0 on two pigs fed on it. Mr Dopping the Resident Magistrate tells me this and can substantiate the fact - I can also prove that sporting dogs in the same town have been fed on it.

It further appears that a Contract

Must

Must now be entered into to supply the Poor House with Coal from the town of Galway 40 Irish Miles off, in consequence of the able-bodied paupers having been employed in making flower beds within the precincts of the Poor House in place of cutting turf on a bog close to it. Mr Deane asserts this was done by the special orders of the Commissioners.

No. 623—M/49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

5th October, 1849.

SIR,

Adverting to the Form in which "the Union Rate in Aid Account" is to be kept as prescribed by the Commissioners' Order of the 28th June last, I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to request that you will inform them, by separate Letter, whether the necessary Book for keeping such Account has been procured for the Treasurer; and whether an Account has been duly opened therein for the Union, and the several Electoral Divisions thereof.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Skanlan
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

*Replied to
9 Oct 1849*

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No. 63,439
1849.

ENTERED
11 Sep 1849
OFFICE

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

5 October 1849.

Clifden Union

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them Minutes of your Proceedings on the 29th ultimo, containing a resolution, proposing that a sum of 12³/₄ which was collected by the late Mr. John Corbett, and is charged against him in the Ledger for the half year ended the 25th March 1849, be declared uncollectable; and in reference thereto I am directed to state that the course proposed is illegal, as rate which

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which has been once collected
cannot be declared uncollectable.

I am at the same time to
state, that it will not be necessary
for you to take proceedings against
the Widow of the late M. Corbett,
and that the sum in question
should be demanded from his
Surties.

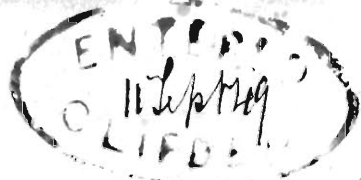
By order of the Commissioners

D. S. Taylor
Secretary

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1849.

Clifden Union.



Poor Law Commission Office,

Dublin,

5th October 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland,
have had before them Minutes of Proceedings
on the 27th Ultimo, by which they observe
that there are vacancies for 624 Inmates
in the Workhouse; and in reference thereto, I
am directed to state that the Commissioners
trust that your attention is directed to
the reduction of the numbers on the
Outdoor Relief Lists, relief in the
Workhouse being offered as a condition of
the continuance of Relief.

I am to express the
Commissioners' sanction of the proposed
appointment of a Laundress and Wardmaid
of the Workhouse if there is no Inmate
of the Workhouse who can be required to
perform this duty.

By order of the Commissioners

D. S. Taylor
Secretary.

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union.

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Clifton Union

Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin

4th October 1848.

Gentlemen

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them your Report of the 27th Ultimo relating to the Clifton Union, and I am directed to express their sanction of the Basement floor of the wing of the main Building of the workhouse being converted into Day Rooms as proposed.

I am at the same time to express their sanction of the present Day Rooms being used as Dormitories as you suggest; but I am to observe that the Commissioners sanction these arrangements as temporary provisions only.

By order of the Commissioners,

The Vice Guardians
of the Clifton Union

Clifton

W. Hanley
Secretary

No. 62,374— /49.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
8th October, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to request that you will be good enough to see that the correspondence with the Commissioners and other parties, on the business of the *Clifden* Union, is left in a proper state for future reference on your departure from the Union.

The Commissioners are desirous that your particular attention should be directed to this matter, as any deficiency in the records of correspondence and other business during the administration of the affairs of a Union by Vice-Guardians, would necessarily be productive of much difficulty and embarrassment to the Elective Board of Guardians, on resuming the management of the Union.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Vice-Guardians
of the *Clifden* Union.



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Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

Clifden Union

9 October 1849.

Sir
I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the Poor in
Ireland to transmit to you the
enclosed copy of a communication
which the Commissioners have
received from Mr. Edward Lynch,
relative to his nomination for
the Office of Guardian in
Clifden Union, and I am to
request that you will state the
grounds on which Mr. Lynch
was considered disqualified
for the Office of Guardian.

By order of the Commissioners,
W. H. Keogh
Secretary

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Guardians
Clifden Union

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To the Poor Law Commissioners
Customs Dublin -

Gentlemen

I was a Guardian
for the Parish of Omy in the Clifden
Union in the County of Galway
the time the board was dissolved
and Vice Guardians put in;
now there are Elected Guardians
to be for this Union, I am
nominated to start as Candidate
for the Parish of Omy in said
Union - the Clerk of the Union
has me rejected, he says for not being
qualified, the last poor rate on
my lands are all paid - I was
turned out by an Habere on the
22nd of May last for non-payment
of

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of rent - I hold some of the
Land and what I hold is
valued at seven pounds, the
redemption time is not out till
the 22nd of next November, so that
the rents and profits of said
Lands goes to my Credit in
the redemption of said Lands,
so I consider the Land is not
out of my possession, so I think
I am legally entitled to start
Candidate, so I hope you will
order the Clerk of the Union to
have me nominated as one of
the Candidates for the Parish
of Oung in said Union -

I hope you will

be so good as to
send me your
obedient servant
Edwards Lynch

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Clyden Union

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Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 18th October 1849

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for relief of the poor in Ireland
have had before them your Summary
of business and Travelling Accounts
for the week ended the 29th Ultimo
and in reference thereto I am directed
to observe that you do not appear
to examine the Medical Officers
Boards from time to time -

I am at the same time to
request that you will in each
week say whether the several

The Vice Guardians
Clyden Union

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Records required to be kept by him
are in a satisfactory state.

By order of the Commissioners
W. Stanley
Secretary

No. 11765
1849.

Clifden Union



Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

10th October 1849.

Gallatin,
The Commissioners for
administering the Laws for Relief
of the Poor in Ireland. have
had before them, Minutes of your
proceedings on the 11th Inst. by
which they observe that there
are vacancies for 700 persons in
the Workhouse of the Clifden Union
and that there are 4528 persons
still receiving out door Relief; and
in reference thereto, I am directed
to state, that with a much
smaller number of vacancies in
the Workhouse, the out door Relief
Lists have in other instances
been rapidly diminished without any

The Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

danger

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danger of overcrowding the Workhouse,
or rendering it unavailable for
relieving the destitute of new
Applicants for Relief.

The Commissioners trust
that your special attention will
still be directed to this important
subject.

By Order of the Commissioners
W. Stansley
Secretary.

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POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

10th October, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, to forward herewith the accompanying revised Forms of Contracts and
Bonds and I am to state, that a supply of such Forms can be obtained, when required,
in the usual way.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stansley
Secretary

The Clerk of each Union.

ENTERED
18 Oct 49
CLIFDEN

Contracts 1 & 2.
Bonds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

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ENTERED
18 OCT 1849
CLIFDEN

N^o 636/16 49
Miscellaneous

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin, 11th October 1849.

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to call your attention to their Circular of the 1st October N^o 608/16 49, and to request that you will supply by the next post the Return required with an explanation of its non-transmission by the time specified in the above Circular.

By order of the Commissioners
V. Stamps
Secretary.

Clerk of the
Clifden Union.

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No. 637.—M/49.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE OF ADVANCES.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
12th October, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to the several sums advanced during the month of September 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 August last, in pursuance of the Commissioners' Circular of the 12th September, No. 572—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,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To the Vice-Guardians,
Clifden Union.

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No. 61476

1849.



Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

15th October 1849.

John Wilson

Galway

The Commissioners
for administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland have
had before them Minutes of your
Proceedings on the 18th Ultimo,
containing a Resolution, proposing
to reappoint Messrs Mullin, McDermott,
Lydon, and McDonnell, as Collectors
of Poor Rate; and in reference
thereto I am to state that it will be
necessary for these gentlemen to
enter into fresh Bonds

Vice Guardians
of the
John Wilson

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With reference to the Resolution
proposing that the meetings of the
Board should in future be held on
Thursday instead of Tuesday, I am
to state that it is not now advisable
to change the established Board
day, without some very special
necessity of which the Commissioners
are not apprised by the Resolution
referred to.

By Order of the Commissioners
V. S. Clarke
Secretary.

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Poor Law Commission Office

Dublin

12th October 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 6th Instant, relative
to the seizure under execution of
the property of the Clifden Union;
and in reference thereto I am
to state that if the Creditor

The Vice Guardians

Clifden Union

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18th Oct 1849
C. LIFTON

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 12th October 1849

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in Union

Sir

With reference to Minutes of proceedings
of the Vice Guardians of Clifton Union on
the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the
Commissioners for administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit
herewith queries for Answers to be signed by
yourself and Mr John Mullin, who has been
appointed Assistant Master of the Work House.

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

I am

To the Clerk

of the Clifton Union

is determined to proceed
to a sale, the best course will
perhaps be to endeavour to
hire the goods from the parties
who may become purchasers.

If the creditor should
himself purchase the property, you
will do well to have him served
with a notice similar to that which
was used on a similar occasion in
Bantry Union.

A copy of the Notice in question
will be forwarded to you.

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

I am at the same time to draw
your attention to the Commissioners letter
of the 30th April, in which they request
to be informed of the views of the Vice Guardians
respecting the Salaries which they propose
to allow to the Assistant Master and
Schoolmistress of the Union. —

By order of the Commissioners

V. J. Clarke

Secretary

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18th Dec 49
CLIFDEN

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 15 October 1849

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County Union

Referring to your
previous communication
on the subject of the
execution impending
on the goods of the Work
House of the Clifden
Union. I am directed
by the Commissioners for
administering the Laws
for Relief of the Poor in

Cliff
Clifden Union

Richard

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I send to forward
herewith Copies of Notices
which have been served
on a similar occasion
in the Banting Union.

By Order of the Commissioners

R. Bank
For Secretary

MS

Galway County

Nicholas
Plaintiff

Chairman of the
of the Banting Union
Defendants

Sir,

As much as the furniture and
other property of the Defendants
in the Warehouse of this Union
has been sold under the
Execution at Plaintiff's suit there being
no bidders present but the Plaintiff who
was declared the purchaser for £38.17.0
of goods and property valued at £250.0.0
Take Notice that we hereby require you
on the part of the Defendants not
to deliver over the property so seized
by you under the Execution in this
cause to the Plaintiff or to any
person on his behalf but to retain
same in your custody and make a
return on the Execution according to the
fact that you have seized the goods
and chattels of the Defendants
but

Copy,
Sam. Debever

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but from a want of buyers some
remains in your custody and take
notice that if you hand over said
property to the Plaintiff or to his
order after this notice the
Defendants will seek to make you
personally responsible for the loss and
inconvenience which will be thereby
sustained. -

Dated 26th May 1849

Geale & Deoxy

Attorneys for Defendants

73 Malbone Street
Dublin.

To

The High Sheriff
of the County of Cork
and his Under Sheriff.

Copy

Thomas Vickary
Plaintiff
The Guardians of the
Poor of the Bantry
Union.

Defendants

Sir

Being advised that
the sale had of the property of
the Defendants in this cause under
the Execution issued at your suit
is illegal if not fraudulent you
having become the Purchaser for £38:17:0
of goods valued at £250. and in-
asmuch as an application is about to
be made to the Court out of which said
Execution issued in relation to the
proceedings connected with said sale, and
in order to have such sale set aside,
We hereby caution you against interfering
in any manner with the property so
sold until the decision of the Court shall
have been obtained, and in case of your
acting contrary to the terms of this
notice such proceedings will be
taken against you in relation to

your

your conduct in this matter as
counsel may advise, in which this
notice will be made use of if
necessary.

Dated this 25th May 1849
Geale and Dwyer
attornies for Defendants
73 Marlboro Street Dublin.

To

Thomas Nickery
the Plaintiff
Bantry:



Poor Law Boundary Commission Office,
Custom House, Dublin, 16th May 1849.

Sir

I am desired by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the
Boundaries of the Poor Law Unions and Electoral Divisions in Ireland
to inform you that, with the permission of
the Poor Law Commissioners, 150 Copies of
Schedules of Townlands in the Union of
Clifden formed into new Electoral Divisions
are this day forwarded to you; and the
Commissioners request you will present a
Copy to every proprietor or other interested
party who may apply to you. —

You are also requested to preserve
a list of the persons to whom you issue them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

Edw. Hughton
Sec.

The Clerk of the Union
Clifden

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18th Dec 1849
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Poor Law Commission Office

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Dublin 16th October 1849

Clifden Union.

Gentlemen,

The Commissioners
for administering the Laws for
Relief of the Poor in Ireland,
have had before them your
summary of business, and
travelling expenses for the
week ended the 6th Instant,
and in reference thereto, I am
directed to request that you
will be good enough to note

Separately

The Vice-guardians.

Clifden Union.

Galway County

Separately, each week, whether
the several Books required
by the Commissioners Orders
to be kept by the Clerk,
Master of the Work House, and
Medical Officer, respectively, are
kept Satisfactorily.

By Order of the Commissioners
B. Walsby
for Secretary

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Clayden Union

Poor Law Commission Office
Dublin 17th October 1849

Sir,

The Commissioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the poor
Ireland, have had under
their Consideration the Resolution
contained in Minutes of Proceedings
of the Vice Guardians of the
Clayden Union on the 18th ultimo
proposing to increase the Salary
of the Matron of the Work House
to £40 a year.

I am
The Clerk of the
Clayden Union,

No. 66,894/49. }
Miscellaneous. }

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
18th October, 1849.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to transmit herewith a Copy of a Letter which they have received from Mr. THOM, Printer; and I am to request that you will bring the subject of his communication before the Board of Guardians or Vice-Guardians concerned, and urge them to pay the amount due in each case, as soon as the funds of the Union will admit of it.

The Commissioners are of opinion, that the circumstances under which Mr. THOM has continued to supply the requisite Books and Stationery to Unions known to be in pecuniary difficulties, are such as to entitle him to consideration, and the Commissioners observe by the statement which Mr. THOM has laid before them, that the gross amount due to him by the several Unions in Ireland, is nearly double the amount due to him at the corresponding period of last year.

The Commissioners presume, that where the amounts are stated to be due from Returning Officers, the latter have not actually drawn, in their Election Accounts, those sums which are payable over to Mr. THOM, but it seems desirable that some inquiry on this point should be made in each case.

An extract from the statement which accompanied Mr. THOM's Letter, so far as relates to your District, is enclosed herewith.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

Each Poor Law Inspector.

In reference thereto I am directed to state that the Salary already allowed for the Matron of the Workhouse is the maximum amount allowed in similar cases and the Commissioners do not feel warranted in sanctioning the proposed increase of the Salary of the Matron.

By order of the Commissioners
R. Banks
for Secretary

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To. 648 M/49.

Clifden Union.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,

18 Oct

1849.

SIR,

The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland direct me to refer you to their regulation, requiring that you should transmit to them on the day following the Collectors' attendances at each meeting of the Guardians, a copy of the Weekly Balance Sheet of the Collectors' Receipts and Lodgments, some of which you have omitted to transmit; and I am to request that you will immediately forward the Statements so omitted, and for the future transmit these Statements in due course, pursuant to the regulation.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of
Clifden Union.

ENTERED
20th Oct 1849
CLIFDEN

Westport Union,
or

Board Room Westport.

19 October 1849.

Gentlemen,

The Island of Inishboffin having
by a stated order of the Poor Law Commissioners
Dated 8th Inst, been separated from the Westport
and attached to the Clifden Union, I am
directed by the Vice Guardians of this Union, to
forward to you the enclosed list of the names
of the persons who are now in receipt of Out-
-relief in that Island - and also a list of the
names of those belonging to the Island at present
in the Workhouse, and to inform you that
on 23rd Inst. it is proposed to remove the
Assistant Relieving Officer hitherto stationed
in the Island, and on 24th Inst. the Paupers
in the Workhouse will be forwarded to Clifden

By
Vice Guardians
Clifden Union

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by Hooker - weather permitted

Have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

John Egan,

Clerk of the Union.

No. 649, M/49.

COLLECTORS' BONDS.

POOR LAW COMMISSION OFFICE, DUBLIN,
19th October, 1849.

SIR,

Adverting to the request contained in the Commissioners' circular letter of the 7th August, 1848, that the Guardians of the Union, should bind each Collector to collect the amount of Rate set forth in his Warrant, within such a term (to be specified in the Bond) as should at the time appear to be sufficient for the performance of the duty, and in no case to receive a Bond, allowing an unlimited time for the collection,—the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland desire further to suggest to the Guardians, that the object of the letter above referred to, viz., the impartial and speedy collection of the Rates, will be additionally secured by the Guardians requiring each Collector, at the expiration of the time allowed in his Bond for the collection of the Rates, to balance his accounts, and fill up a form which the Commissioners have prepared for the purpose, copies of which form are enclosed.

I. The Commissioners request therefore, that the Guardians will direct duplicate copies of the form to be supplied forthwith to such Collectors as may now be under Bond to collect rates within a limited period, (*not yet expired*), and that they will acquaint such Collectors that they are required to balance their accounts and fill up the form prepared for the purpose by the Commissioners, immediately after the period allowed in their Bond has expired, in order that such form may be submitted to the Guardians, and to the Commissioners, with a view to the consideration of the proceedings necessary to be taken on the Bond, in case any Collector shall have failed to close his collection within the time allowed, or at least to give a satisfactory explanation of the delay.

II. With respect to any Collector who may have been bound to collect within a limited term, which *has already expired*, the Commissioners request that the Guardians will direct such Collector forthwith to balance his accounts and fill up one of the forms prepared for the purpose.

III. With respect to Collectors who may at present be collecting under Bonds which do *not fix* a limited term for the collection, the Commissioners request that the Guardians will require these Collectors also to balance their accounts, and fill up the form prepared for the purpose by the Commissioners, within such a period, commencing from the present time, as shall appear to the Guardians to be sufficient to enable the Collectors to close their accounts by using proper exertions in the interval.

The Commissioners desire to be informed of the steps which the Guardians may take in this matter, in pursuance of the Commissioners' request, and they therefore enclose a form of Return relative to the Bonds of the Collectors, which you will have the goodness to fill up after the subject of this letter has been considered by the Guardians.

The Commissioners being of opinion, that the Guardians may be desirous to communicate to the several Collectors the wishes of the Commissioners on the subject, direct me to enclose printed copies of their letter.

Forms of Bonds, with Warrants annexed, for collecting within a limited time, have been prepared, and may be obtained in the usual way, which are applicable as securities for the collection of successive Rates.

By Order of the Commissioners,

W. Stanley
Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

Galway County

No. 67307
1849.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin,

19th October 1849.



Clifden Union

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Commissioners
for administering the Laws for Relief of
the Poor in Ireland to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Letter of the 17th Inst,
in which you state that Mr Cottingham
receives over the property of Mr J. A. O
Neill is ready to pay a sum of Money
for poor rate due on the property, on
receiving an order to that effect from
the Master in the Cause and I am to
state that the Commissioners have
instructed the Solicitor to have
Mr

The Vice Guardians

Clifden Union

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Mr. Cottingham sends with a sufficient
notice with as little delay as possible.

By order of the Commissioners,
C. Walsby
for Secretary

No. 63,264
65,415
1849.

Clifden Union

Deer Law Commission Office,

Dublin,

20th October, 1849.

Sir,
Referring to your
communication of the 29th
Ultimo, forwarding a cheque
drawn upon the Treasurer
of the Clifden Union, for the
sum of £ 13. 8. 1, for payment
to Messrs. Heale and Dwyer
Solicitors, being the amount
of their Bill of Costs recently
furnished, for preparation of
a Lease of certain premises
required for Auxiliary Workhouse

The Clerk of the
Clifden Union

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purposes in the Clifden Union.
I am directed by the Com-
missioners for administering
the Laws for Relief of the
Poor in Ireland, to transmit
to you their receipt for that
amount as requested by you.

By Order of the Commissioners
S. M. M. M.
for Secretary

W. G.

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Clifden Union

Gentlemen
During part of my attendance as
Medical Officer at one of the fever Hospitals
in this Union namely the Ballinacorney Hospital,
fever Hospital, I was allowed but 5/- per day
by the Central Board of Health, in consequence
of the remuneration being so very small and as
it was (according to the written instructions
of the Board) no part of my duty to compound
the necessary medicines for the Hospital, the
then Relief Committee at one of their meetings
passed a resolution which was entered on their
minute book to the effect that I should
have 4/- per day for that particular

To The Poor Law Commissioners

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only I was paid that sum from the
Commencement of my attendance up to
1st November 1847 at which time the
Committee ceased to act, the Management
of the Establishment then passed from
them into the hands of the Board of
Guardians of the Union, four of whom were
Members of said Committee, during the
existence of the Board of Guardians the
funds at their disposal were so low
that I thought it perfectly useless to ask
for payment and therefore rec^d no remuneration
during their time for the duty already
referred to, the Vice Guardians succeeded
them, and the Union still remaining
embarrassed, I allowed my claim to go
on

on for some time longer, at length when
I sent in my bill (the amt of which is £35/16/9
that is from Nov 47 to 28 of April 1848
at which period (28 April) by the particular
Order of the Board of Health, I went to
the Pallinure Electoral Division to reside
at an increased salary, the Vice Guardians sent
me a written reply to say that they had
no power to allow it it is so that
Gentlemen pretty evident that I ought to be
paid by the Union, as it is in my opinion
at all events a perfectly just and legal debt
for resolution as I said before was regularly
entered on the Minute-book, the
Management of the Hospital with
all