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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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Local Government Board, Dublin.

11th September, 1914.

No. 47923/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

This matter has been adjourned 1109

With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 5th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they understand from their Inspector, that the Tower on the Workhouse is in a very bad state of repair and should be seen to immediately.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sam

Secretary
Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.

14th September, 1914.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland transmit to you, herewith, a copy of their Annual Report for the year 1913-14, being the Forty-second Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

The number of copies of the Report provided for gratuitous distribution being limited, the Board are unable to supply more than one copy, which they suggest should be bound for preservation and kept for reference.

The Report has been printed for sale, and may be obtained from the agents for the sale of Parliamentary Papers in Ireland.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

to each Board of Guardians.

47983 : 1914.

miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.

11th September, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the following arrangements have been made for the convenience of the dependants of soldiers on active service requiring marriage and birth certificates in Ireland for the purpose of claiming allowances :

If on application to the Local Registrar, the Registrar feels himself unable to accept less than his full fee, the person desiring the certificate may apply to the Registrar-General, Charlemont House, Dublin, who, on being furnished with particulars of the precise date and place of the marriage or birth, as the case may be, will, if possible, verify these particulars, without expense to the applicant.

This verification though not having the legal value of a formal certificate will for the present purpose be accepted by the Authorities concerned.

Letters to the Local Registrars must be stamped, but those addressed to the Registrar-General need not be.

The Local Government Board would be glad if you would give publicity to these arrangements, so that the dependants of the soldiers may be saved expense in obtaining certificates.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS.

Secretary.

To

The Chairman of the County Council.

The Lord Mayor.

The Mayor.

The Chairman of the Urban District Council.

49,198 : 19 14

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 22nd September, 19 14

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 5th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the payment of arrangements made for the discharge of the duties of the Midwife of the Ardrahan Dispensary during her absence on vacation as proposed.

for ~~services~~

I am,

ds

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. J. ...
Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

9, 198 : 19 14.

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 22nd September, 19 14

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 5th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the payment of arrangements made for the discharge of the duties of the Midwife of the Ardahan Dispensary during her absence on vacation as proposed.

~~for services~~

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. J. O'Connell
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

22nd September, 1914.

No. 47,840 : 1914.
Gort Union.

W. H. H. H. H.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland observe from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 5th instant that the boarded-out child Michael Bermingham has not yet been removed from the house of Mrs Donohoe; and they desire to state that they cannot change their decision already communicated to the Guardians in this case. The Board at the same time request that they may be informed why the Guardians' order of the 11th July last directing, in accordance with the Local Government Board's requisition, that the child be brought back to the Workhouse was not complied with, and they desire to point out that any allowance paid to the foster parent in respect of this child after the date of the Guardians' order will be liable to review by the Auditor.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. M. L. S.
Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

No. 48575 : 1914.
Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 21st September, 1914.

SIR,

With reference to their Circular Letter of the 27th September, 1907, on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, herewith, a copy of a further Notice which has been issued by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in pursuance of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 & 61 Vict., c. 51).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

To the Secretary or Clerk of
each Local Authority in Ireland
with statutory borrowing powers.

(Copy.)

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on Them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 & 61 Vict., c. 51, section 1), They have been pleased to direct by Their Minute of the 10th September, 1914, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates fixed by Treasury Minutes of the 9th September and 31st December, 1907, the following rates of interest, viz. :—

	RATE OF INTEREST.
I. Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Housing Acts and the Small Holdings Acts—	
Any period	4 per cent.
II. Other loans secured on Local Rates—	
Not exceeding 30 years	4 per cent.
" " 50 " 	4½ " "
III. Loans not secured on Local Rates—	
(a) Loans under the Harbour and Passing Tolls Act, 1861 :	
(i) With collateral security of property.	
Not exceeding 30 years.	4 per cent.
" " 50 " 	4½ " "
(ii) Without collateral security.	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½ " "
" " 50 " 	4¾ " "
(b) Loans under the Housing Acts—	
(i) To companies and private persons limiting their profits as provided by Treasury Minute of 14th November, 1890.	
Not exceeding 30 years	4 per cent.
" " 40 " 	4½ " "
(ii) To companies and private persons not so limiting their profits.	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½ " "
" " 40 " 	4¾ " "

Extension of the Maximum Age Limit for the Retirement of Efficient Women Teachers.

The Commissioners of National Education give notice to the managers and women teachers of National Schools that under the new pension scheme, they are prepared to retain women teachers who have reached the age of sixty years, if efficient, until they attain the age of sixty-five years. The case of every mistress so retained, will be considered, in connection with the inspector's reports on her work, at the end of each year of her additional service, with a view to her retention, if her efficiency is maintained, for a further year until she shall have reached the maximum age limit of sixty-five years.

By Order,

P. E. LEMASS, }
W. J. DILWORTH } *Secretaries.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION,
DUBLIN, *September, 1914.*

Director of the National Fire Alarm for the
Department of Education, Dublin.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

2nd October, 1914.

No. 50540 : 1914.
Gort Union.

board

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the list of particulars on Form A respecting the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board out from the Workhouse the child Bella Galvin, with Mrs. Carr, Gortnastell; and, with reference thereto, the Board desire to state that having regard to the unsatisfactory character of the report of their Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald Kenney, on Mrs. Carr's house they are not prepared to sanction the proposal to board out another child there.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. Dublin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

2nd October, 1914.

No. 51,282 : 1914,
Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland board to state that they have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to appoint Mary Hassett as Wardsmaid in the Workhouse and to allow her to keep her child aged 3 years and 3 months with her on the understanding that she is to contribute £3 a year towards the cost of maintenance; and I am to state that in the circumstances as it might be a hardship yet to separate the mother and child, the Board have sanctioned the appointment of Mary Hassett temporarily for a period of six months at a salary at the rate of Ten Pounds a year with rations of the estimated weekly value of Five Shillings and a Penny.

At the end of the period specified the Local Government Board will ask their Inspector to report as to the wisdom of continuing the privilege of allowing the Wardsmaid to keep her child with her in the Workhouse.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. J. O'Brien
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

No. 52814 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Local Government Board,
Dublin,
9th October, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 3rd instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be furnished with a copy of the Porter's bond.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. M. W. S.
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

No. 52817 : 1914.
Gort Rural District.

Local Government Board,

Dublin.

12th October, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Gort Rural District Council on the 3rd instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the salary of Ten Pounds a year proposed to be allowed by the Council for the post of Medical Officer of Health of the Gort Dispensary District of Gort Union.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Rural District Council,
Gort Union.

815 : 191 4 .

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 9th. October, 1914.

SIR,

Adverting to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of

Gort Union on the 3rd. instant.....,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that

the remuneration at the rate of... ~~Four~~ Pounds,..... ~~Four~~.....

Shillings a week, proposed to be allowed to Dr..... Sandys.....

for his services as temporary substitute for Dr.....

in his capacity as Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health of the

Gort Dispensary District, has

received the sanction of the Local Government Board.

I am,

SIR,

Handwritten initials

Your obedient Servant,

Handwritten signature
Secretary.

Handwritten initials

The Clerk,

..... Gort Union.

: 1914 .

Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 16th October, 1914

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the temporary employment of Dr. John Joseph Glynn

as Temporary Medical Officer of _____ in the Workhouse of Gort _____ Union, and I am to state that

the Board have sanctioned the proposed payment of remuneration at the rate of Three Pounds Three Shillings a week to Dr. Glynn for his services.

The date upon which

~~ceases to~~

~~not~~ should be carefully recorded on the Guardians' minutes.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant

J. E. White
Assistant Secretary

To

The Clerk

Gort

Union.

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No. 50431 : 1914.

Miscellaneous.

MEDICINE CONTRACTS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 15th October, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, herewith, for the information of the Board of Guardians, a copy of a letter which they have received from Messrs. Boileau and Boyd, Dublin, who hold a large number of Poor Law Union Drug Contracts for the year 1914-15, from which it would appear that, owing to the European War, the requisite supplies of the drugs and chemicals which had hitherto been manufactured solely in Germany and imported from that country are not available, and, furthermore, that the cost of a large number of the items on the Board's Prescribed List of Medicines has advanced very considerably as compared with the rates current in March last when the contracts were declared.

Messrs. Boileau and Boyd requested that the Prescribed prices should be revised, as and from the 1st instant, in accordance with present quotations; and the Board forward a copy of their reply to this application, and they feel sure that the Guardians will appreciate the difficulties the Contractors experience in supplying many of the drugs on the Prescribed List, and will also acknowledge that they have an equitable claim for generous treatment at their hands on the termination of the contracts in March next.

Enclosed is a list of the drugs which have risen materially in price and some of which are manufactured only in Germany. The Board would suggest that these articles should only be requisitioned very sparingly, if at all, and that, in the event of the Union Contractors being unable to supply them, advantage should not in present circumstances, without careful inquiry, be taken of the clause in the Contract and Bond under which the goods might be obtained elsewhere at the Contractors' expense.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of each Union.

*Read
M.B.*

91, 92 AND 93 BRIDGE STREET,
DUBLIN 21st September, 1914.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board, Dublin.

SIR,

Since the European War commenced we, in common with other Poor Law Union Medicine Contractors, have been seriously inconvenienced by the difficulty of obtaining supplies and the enormous advance in prices which has taken place in many Drugs, Chemicals and other goods.

It seems to us totally unfair to the Contractor that he should be made to bear the very serious loss which supplying these articles at the Scheduled prices would entail, seeing that an advance in price (in several cases of more than 300 per cent.) has taken place, due to circumstances over which he could have no control and which could not possibly have been foreseen at the time his Tender was sent in.

It must be borne in mind that the Form of Contract is drawn up under the direction of your Board, that the Contractor may not alter the Form in any way, that one clause in the Contract authorises the Board of Guardians to procure at any price they may be called upon to pay any article that the Contractor fails to supply, the Contractor making good any loss the Guardians may sustain thereby. Seeing that our Government is at War with the country from which many of the articles in the Schedule come, and that it is contrary to the Royal Proclamation to deal with the enemy, we are, therefore, unable to procure the articles from our usual source of supply.

Under these circumstances we venture to suggest that, in fairness to the Medical Contractors throughout Ireland, the prices contained in the Schedule, opposite items that it is common knowledge have greatly advanced in consequence of the War, should be revised as from October 1st next, your Board, in order to arrive at the new figures, adopting the usual procedure employed when revising the Schedule annually: the discounts to remain as at present. We enclose a list of such items, and may mention that there are many others that have advanced to a lesser degree from the same cause, for which we would not seek for any alteration in price.

In equity to the Boards of Guardians and the Contractors we would suggest that the prices should be again revised on January 1st, 1915, or oftener if your Board thought fit.

We feel sure that the reasonableness of the case for the Medical Contractors will be seen by your Board, and we trust that new figures can be arranged and the Clerks of Unions informed in time for the revised prices to take effect from the 1st of October.

We think that in allowing two months to elapse before pressing this matter your Board will agree that we have not been unduly precipitate, and accept our assurance that we have no desire to profit by the unfortunate circumstances prevailing, but are only anxious to avoid excessive loss which otherwise would ensue.

We await the favour of your reply, and remain,

Your obedient Servants,

BOILEAU & BOYD, LTD.,

WM. H. BOYD,

Director.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

7th October, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration your letter of the 21st ultimo, in which you request them to revise, as and from the 1st instant, the prices of certain drugs on their Prescribed List for the year 1914-1915. The List in question was framed and issued in February last, and formed the basis of the contracts which were entered into with your Firm and other Drug Firms in March last by the Boards of Guardians of the several Poor Law Unions in Ireland for the supply of Drugs for the use of poor persons in the Workhouses and Dispensary Districts during the period of twelve months from the 1st April last to the 31st March next.

The Board have to point out that these contracts are not entered into with their Department, but with the Boards of Guardians, and they desire to state that they are not aware of any provision of the Law which would authorise them to revise the prices of Drugs on the Prescribed List during the currency of the present contracts, and they are unable, therefore, to entertain your application in this matter.

In order, however, to meet the exceptional circumstances of the case, as far as possible, the Local Government Board are prepared to write to the Poor Law Medical Officers and the various Boards of Guardians explaining the circumstances and requesting that certain articles, which are difficult to obtain owing to the war, should only be requisitioned very sparingly, if at all, and that in the event of your being unable to supply them the clause in your Contract and Bond under which they might be obtained from some other source at your expense should not be enforced without careful inquiry.

If, on the expiration of the contracts, it can be shown that owing to the European war the Firms who held the Poor Law Union Drug Contracts have suffered excessive loss, the Local Government Board will be prepared to consider favourably any proposals which may be adopted by Boards of Guardians for the recoupment of a portion or the whole of the ascertained loss.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Messrs. Boileau and Boyd,

Drug Contractors,

Bride Street,

Dublin.

LIST OF DRUGS REFERRED TO IN THE BOARD'S CIRCULAR, No. 50,431 : 1914.
MISCELLANEOUS.

No.	Article.
3	Acidum aceto-salicylicum B.P.C.
4	" benzoicum.
6	" carbolicum liquefactum.
7	" citricum.
8	" hydrobromicum dilutum.
16	" salicylicum (pulvis).
20	" tannicum.
21	" tartaricum (pulvis).
23	Adeps Lanæ hydrosus.
28	Ammonii bromidum.
31	" ichtho-sulphonas B.P.C.
34	Anthemidis flores.
40	Balsamum peruvianum.
41	Betacainæ lactas B.P.C.
42	Bismuthi carbonas.
43	" salicylas.
44	" subnitras.
46	Caffeinae citras.
50	Camphora.
53	Chloral hydras.
56	Chloroformum.
57	Cocainæ hydrochloridum.
58	Codeinæ phosphas.
60	Collodium vesicans (Meth.).
64	Copaiba.
65	Creosotum.
73	Emplastrum Belladonnæ.
75	" Cantharidis.
80	Extractum belladonnæ alcoholicum.
81	" " viride.
88	" opii.
89	" " liquidum.
91	Ferri et ammonii citras.
92	" et quininae citras.
104	Guaiacol B.P.C.
105	Hexamethylene-tetramine B.P.C.
109	Hydrargyri perchloridum.
110	" subchloridum.
113	Iodoformum (pulvis subtilis).
118	Linimentum belladonnæ Methylatum.
119	" camphoræ.
120	" " ammoniatum Methylatum.
126	Linum contusum.
130	Liquor ammonii citratis.
135	" bismuthi et ammonii citratis.
140	" epispasticus.
143	" formaldehydi B.P.C.
146	" hydrogenii peroxidi, 20 vols.
147	" Iodi fortis (Lin Iodi).
149	" morphinae hydrochloridi.
160	Lithii citras.
167	Morphinae hydrochloridum.
174	Oleum lini.
176	" olivæ (cream).
182	Opii pulvis.
183	Oxymel scillæ.

No.	Article.
184	Paraffinum liquidum.
186	Paraldehydum.
188	Phenacetinum.
189	Phenazonum (antipyrine).
213	Potassa caustica.
214	" sulphurata.
215	Potassii acetas.
216	" bicarbonas.
217	" bromidum.
218	" chloras.
219	" citras.
220	" iodidum.
221	" nitras.
222	" permanganas.
223	" tartaras acidus.
235	Quininae sulphas.
238	Saccharum Lactis (pulvis).
239	Salicinum.
240	Salol.
241	Santoninum.
244	Soda Tartarata.
246	Sodii bromidum.
248	" citro-tartaras effervescens.
250	" salicylas (pulvis).
262	Spiritus menthæ piperitæ.
269	Sulphonal.
276	Syrupus.
277	" calcii lactophosphatis.
278	" chloral.
279	" ferri iodidi.
280	" " phosphatis.
281	" " phosphatis cum quinina et strychnina.
282	" pruni virginianæ.
283	" rhei.
284	" scillæ.
285	" Sennæ.
286	" toltanus.
298	Tinctura cantharidis.
314	" iodi.
322	" opii.
334	Trional.
342	Unguentum acidi borici.
343	" " carbolici.
344	" " salicylici.
345	" belladonnæ.
349	" gallæ cum opio.
358	" iodi.
359	" iodoformi.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 15th October, 1914.

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Miscellaneous.

ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATION ACTS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

16th October, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Board of Guardians should, at the present juncture, pay special attention to the carrying out of vaccination in their Union, so as to be in a condition of preparedness to meet an epidemic of Small Pox should that Disease unfortunately be conveyed to this country. The Board are of opinion that there is now a very real and imminent danger of an outbreak of the Disease, and they have to inform the Guardians that the outbreak which followed the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 was not only of practically world-wide diffusion, but was also of marked intensity and malignity. Successful infant vaccination and successful re-vaccination are the precautionary measures that can be taken to guard against a visitation of the Disease, and the Guardians are the Authority in each Union entrusted by Parliament with the duty of promoting the vaccination of the people.

In a large number of Unions the Vaccination Law has been very carefully administered, and the infant population in that way protected against the risk of Small Pox. The case is, however, different in some Unions, where the Guardians have latterly to a great extent ignored their statutory obligations under the Acts.

The Guardians from past experience are aware that the ravages of Small Pox amongst the unvaccinated are, at all times, deplorable, and they can readily understand that an outbreak now, with any considerable percentage of children unvaccinated amongst the population, would undoubtedly be accompanied by a very high death rate.

The Board desire, in the interests of the Public Health, to urge earnestly that the Guardians will be so good as to devote special attention to the administration of the Vaccination Acts.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Clerk of each Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

21st October, 1914.

No. 54073 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return, herewith, the original bond of the Porter of the Workhouse of Gort Union and to request that they may be furnished with a copy of the document for lodgment in this Department. I am to add that you should retain custody of the original bond.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Your obedient Servant
A. R. BARRIS
Secretary.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

27th October, 1914.

No. 56,000:1914.
Gort Union.

*Write to inform school
children regularly*

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of September on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union together with the records of school attendances which were received in this Office on the 20th instant, and the Board desire to draw attention to the absences from school of Patrick Sullivan and Mary and Margaret Galvin during the month .

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. O'Brien
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

No. 58049 : 19 14

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 30th October 19 14

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Board of Guardians of the *Gort* Union, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on his Audit of their accounts for the Half-year ended the 30th September 19 14, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. White
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk

Gort Union.

Circular Letter
Copy/ No. 58,049 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Birr,

26th October, 1914.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Gort Union for the half-year ended 30th September, 1914, and I forward, three certified copies of the abstract.

Maintenance in Extern Institutions :

Patrick Barrett was sent for treatment by the Guardians on the understanding that he should pay half his maintenance ; the amount £2:7:0 has been paid by the Guardians ; they will kindly see that the amount is refunded to them before next audit by the patient or, failing that, by those Guardians who authorised the payment.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

William Boughey,

Auditor.

The Local Government Board,

DUBLIN.

*Apply apart to Barrett
for £2-7-0*

Galway County Council Archives

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BOARDED-OUT AND HIRED-OUT CHILDREN.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 27th October, 1914.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland find that of late years a very large amount of correspondence is entailed in connection with the children Boarded-Out or Hired-Out from the Unions, and this has now become so heavy that it is a serious tax on the time both of the Guardians and the Board. Much of the correspondence could be avoided if the matters which form the subjects of the letters were dealt with locally in the first instance, and the Board therefore request that the Guardians will be so good as to see that this is done in future.

The usual Form A should be duly filled up and forwarded without application having to be made for it from this Office. The replies to the various questions therein should be carefully scrutinized, and the Guardians should satisfy themselves that the proposed foster parents are in every way suitable, that the house is in a healthy situation and not already overcrowded, and that the sleeping accommodation is satisfactory. Special care should be taken in this latter respect in the cases of children sent out to service, and, before a proposal for hiring out of a child is considered the Guardians should have before them particulars as to its age and physical condition, and, in the case of each child under 14 years of age, should require a certificate of educational proficiency, showing that he or she has reached Fifth Class, First Stage. The Guardians should also see that the rate of wages proposed to be allowed is that current in the district, that the wages will be duly lodged in the Post Office Savings Bank, and that the work required to be performed is reasonable, having regard to the age of the young person hired out.

The monthly reports of the Relieving Officers on the Children Boarded-out or Hired-out should also receive careful attention. The Guardians should see that these reports, together with the school attendance certificates, are regularly submitted to them at a particular meeting in the month, to be named, and they should give the necessary directions as regards any matter alluded to therein which requires attention. In particular they should carefully watch the school attendance of the children, and where illness is alleged as a reason for non-attendance they should, where several attendances have been missed, insist on being furnished with a Medical Certificate.

As much correspondence has, from time to time, taken place regarding the clothing (including boots) of the children, the Board desire to draw attention to Article 7 of the Boarding-out Regulations, from which it will be seen that the monthly payments made to the foster parents for the maintenance of the child are *exclusive* of the cost of new clothing or repairs, and of school fees. These should be separately provided for in the contract with the foster parents.

Hired-out children should be supplied with an outfit in a box, as set out at page 12 of the Board's Circular letter of 24th September, 1906.

The Board trust that the Guardians will co-operate with them in their endeavours to place the system of local supervision in the case of Boarded-out and Hired-out Children on a more satisfactory basis.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of
each Union.

CIRCULAR LETTER

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin,"
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

3rd November, 1914.

No. 56002/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board-out Michael Bermingham, with Mrs S. Connors, Ballsheedy, Gort; and the Board desire to state that, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Boarding-out Regulations, they have sanctioned the proposal.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. Martin
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,
Gort Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

6th November, 1914.

No. 56341/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of answers to queries respecting Dr. John Joseph Glynn who has been appointed by the Board of Guardians of Gort Union as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, and I am to state that the Local Government Board have approved of the appointment, at a salary of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds a year.

An accurate inventory should be taken of the several articles which are in the Surgery, (exclusive of the medicines and the surgical instruments and appliances) about to be placed in charge of Dr. Glynn; and a copy of such inventory should be furnished at once to that gentleman.

The Guardians should ascertain that all the surgical instruments and appliances provided for Hospital use are handed over to Dr. Glynn.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. J. Martin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF A DISPENSARY DISTRICT.

Gort Union.

Gort Dispensary District.

59177

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

DUBLIN, *6th November* 191*4*.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of answers to queries respecting Dr. *James Sandys* who has been appointed by the Board of Guardians of *Gort* Union as Medical Officer of the *Gort* Dispensary District; and I am to state that the Local Government Board have approved of the appointment, at ^{an initial} salary of £ *11.0* a year, commencing as proposed.

S An accurate inventory should be taken of the several articles which are in the Dispensary (exclusive of the medicines and surgical instruments and appliances) about to be placed in charge of Dr. *Sandys* and a copy of such inventory, together with a list of the persons authorised to issue medical relief tickets in the Dispensary District, should be furnished at once to that gentleman.

The Guardians should also ascertain that all the surgical instruments and appliances provided for dispensary use are handed over to Dr. *Sandys*.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

L. J. Sullivan
L. J. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the

..... *Gort* Union.

1914

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

11th November 1914.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to inform the Board of Guardians of *Gort* Union that they have had before them the Medical Officers' Returns, Form L, relating to the several Dispensary Districts of the Union for the half-year ended the *30th September* last.

The numbers of defaulters under the Vaccination Acts reported by the Medical Officers for the recent Quarter are as follows:—

DISPENSARY DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF DEFAULTERS.
<i>Ardrakan</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Gort</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Kinvara</i>	<i>58</i>

The Local Government Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to take steps to enforce strict compliance with the Vaccination Acts in the Union.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rankin
Assistant Secretary.

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Gort Union.

59,396. 1914.
Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD
DUBLIN, 13th Nov., 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, the subjoined extract from the Medical Officer's Return, Form L, relating to the Kinvara Dispensary District for the half-year ended the 30th September last, and I am to request that the Guardians will be so good as to take the requisite action with regard to the matter referred to therein.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]

Clerk,
Gort Union.

[Signature]
Secretary.

EXTRACT REFERRED TO :-

The invoices are sometimes a little late.

Write to Contractor
alld

Memorandum.

No. *596 11/14*

Lyons Union.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians on the

31st October 191*4*.

Form A, containing particulars in regard to *Bridget Linnane*

with whom it is proposed to *board out* a child

named *James Linnane* has not yet been

furnished, as required by the Local Government Board's Circular Letters of

the 31st December, 1903, and the 24th September, 1906; and it is requested

that you will be good enough to forward it as soon as practicable.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, *6th November 1914*

To the Clerk of the Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

23rd November, 1914.

No. 54078/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland again to request that they may be furnished with a copy, for lodgment in this office, of the bond of the Porter of the Workhouse of Gort Union.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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M. J. [Signature]

Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

1914

Yort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

20th November 1914.

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Yort* Union, on the 14th instant the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the proposal to grant a superannuation allowance to Dr J. P. Moran in respect of his services as Medical Officer of the Workhouse and of the *Yort* Dispensary District.

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

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of the

Yort Union.

*Lucy Jane rector
23 Nov 14*

Galway County Council Archives

Read

Circular.

Boards of Guardians.

No. 193/M : 1914.

**British-born Wives and Children of
Interned Aliens.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

23rd November, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Government have had under consideration the arrangements to be made for affording relief to the distressed wives and children of interned enemy aliens.

It is understood that funds have been placed at the disposal of the American Embassy by the German and Austrian Governments for the benefit of their distressed nationals in this country, but that grants from these funds may not continue to be available for the assistance of British-born wives of interned persons and their children.

It is considered that the most effective manner of affording assistance to such persons is to make grants through the agency of the Boards of Guardians, not as poor law relief administered by the Guardians in the ordinary course of their duties, but as allowances made under the authority of the Government and charged upon funds placed at the disposal of the Local Government Board for this purpose.

The Board feel assured that the Guardians and their officers will be willing to co-operate with them in the manner proposed.

The conditions upon which the amounts expended by the Guardians will be refunded are that the husband is an interned alien* and that the wife was of British birth, and is without sufficient resources. In a case of this kind the Board consider that the Guardians will be justified in affording relief to the same extent as in cases where the wives of British husbands are deprived of their support and are without resources.

In cases in which, at the time of his internment, the husband was in regular employment, the Board consider that the Guardians may disregard any scale of relief by which they are usually guided, and should grant assistance at a uniform rate of 8s. a week for the wife and 1s. 6d. in respect of each dependant child.

The Government regard it as important that the women thus assisted should be informed that the relief which they are given is provided from a Government grant and is not poor law relief.

A separate account should be kept of the cost of all grants so made (which should not be recorded in the books of the Guardians as poor law relief), and particulars should be communicated to the Board in a statement to be prepared as early as convenient after the end of the quarter, with a view to repayment to the Guardians of the full cost from the funds placed at the disposal of the Board by the Treasury. It will be necessary that the state-

* This information can be obtained from the Police.

ment should show the name and address of the wife, the name and age of each child, the maiden name of the wife, the place and date of the husband's internment, and his address immediately prior to internment. A form of statement will be forwarded to the Guardians in due course.

In cases where owing to sickness or other causes reasonable cost is incurred in the provision of institutional or other relief of a special kind, the cost of such relief will also be refunded, and particulars of the nature and cost of any relief so given should be included in the statement.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Clerk to the Guardians.

Correspondents are requested—
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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin,"
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

20th November, 1914.

No. 63080/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 14th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be furnished with the usual particulars on form ^A relative to Mr. Bartly Tannian, Killinny, with whom it is proposed to board out John Walsh.

I am, at the same time, to draw attention to the Board's Circular Letter of the 27th ultimo, and to state that the Board trust that the Guardians will insist on regular school attendance on the part of boarded-out children, the attendance during the month of October having been in many cases, very unsatisfactory.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Dublin
Assistant Secretary.

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Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin,"
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

25th November, 1914.

No. 63,000 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board out John Walsh with Mrs. Bartly Tannian; and the Board desire to state that, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Boarding out Regulations, they have sanctioned the proposal.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. Tannian
Secretary.

James

T. G.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

MEMORANDUM.

No. 59611/14

Lyost Union.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians on the

31st October 1914

Form A, containing particulars in regard to Bridget Lennane

with whom it is proposed to board out a child

named James Lennane, has not yet been

furnished, as required by the Local Government Board's Circular Letters of
the 31st December, 1903, and the 24th September, 1906; and it is requested
again

that you will be good enough to forward it without delay.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 7th December 1914

To the Clerk of the Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin,"
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.
3rd December, 1914.

No. 64,959/1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries respecting the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to grant a superannuation allowance to Dr. Moran in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of the Gort Workhouse and Dispensary District. Dr. Moran had a service of 31 completed years as Medical Officer of the Dispensary District and 10 completed years as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, and the Board observe that the Guardians propose to grant him a pension of £222. 1. 3 a year, reckoned on a service of 31 years in both offices, with the nine years added for the purposes of calculation, and they desire to point out that the retiring allowances of a Medical Officer who has held a dispensary appointment in addition to the Medical Officership of a Workhouse, must be calculated separately upon his length of service in each office.

On his service of 31 years as Dispensary Medical Officer with the addition of 9 years for the purpose of computation, Dr. Moran could be awarded a superannuation allowance of £142. 1.-4 a year, and on his service of 10 years as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, with the addition of 5 years, which is the maximum number of years that can be added in accordance with the terms of the Board's Circular Letter of the 2nd February last, he could be granted a

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pension of £30 a year. The Board are accordingly prepared, if the Guardians concur, to issue an Order under Seal consenting to a superannuation allowance of £172. 1. 4 a year to Dr. Moran in respect of his services as Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Dispensary District.

The Board desire to add that Dr. Moran could be granted a pension of £8. 4. 10 a year in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of Health, and this allowance would bring his total superannuation up to £180. 6. 2 a year.

The form of queries is, herewith, returned for amendment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

4th December, 1914.

No. 66502 : 1914

Cort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Cort Union on the 28th ultimo, containing an entry of a letter from Thomas Moylan, who was declared contractor for erecting new windows in the Workhouse, stating that he could not carry out the contract at the tendered price, owing to the increased cost of building material, and, in reference thereto, the Board request that they may be informed whether the contractor had entered into a bond for the execution of the work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Cort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

J. J. Sullivan

Gort.

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In case of further correspondence
on subject of this Letter, you are
requested to quote its date and the
particulars given above.

General Register Office,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE,

DUBLIN, 4th December, 1914.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to say that it is your duty as Superintendent Registrar to transact the business of this Department in the Register Office, and I request you will be so good as to furnish me with an explanation as to why you have not done so.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

William Johnson
Registrar General.

The Superintendent Registrar.

Galway County Council Archives

Gort.

1914.

her correspondence
of this Letter, you are
to write its date and the
name above.

General Register Office,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE,

DUBLIN, 8th December, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding
the heating of the Strong Closet of the Union Register
Office, I request you will be so good as to furnish me
with a report as to ^{any} further action taken in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

William J. Thompson

Registrar General.

The Superintendent Registrar.

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No. 69830/1914.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

Gort Union.

18th December, 1914.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, and to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 12th instant, relative to the failure of Thomas Moylan, whose tender for the erection of new windows in the Workhouse was accepted by the Guardians, to carry out the contract, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that as the windows are very much required the Guardians should readvertise the contract.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B

J. S. White

Assistant Secretary.

J. S. White

Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

Union, Fort
District, _____

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,
DUBLIN, 22nd December, 1914.

SIR,

I beg to call your attention to my letter of
the 8th instant, No. 6271, to which

I have not as yet received any reply, and to request you will
be so good as to furnish me with a report
as to any further action taken regarding
the heating of the Strong Closet of the
Union Register Office.

I am,
SIR,
Your obedient Servant,

William J. Thompson
Registrar-General.

W.S. To The
Superintendent
Registrar.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

No. 69,831 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the further Resolution of the Gort Board of Guardians of the 12th instant, relative to the amount of the pension proposed to be awarded to Dr. Moran in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of the Workhouse of Gort Union and Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health of the Gort Dispensary District; and, with reference thereto, the Local Government Board desire to state that, in deference to the wishes of the Guardians in the matter, they assent to the maximum period of 10 years, as provided for in their Circular Letters of the 25th November, 1881, and the 2nd February, 1914, being added to Dr. Moran's actual service as Medical Officer of the Workhouse for the purpose of computing his pension in respect of the office in question, and are prepared, therefore, to sanction a super-annuation allowance of £40 a year in consideration of his services in that capacity. The Board request that the Guardians will be good enough to approve formally of this pension of £40 a year and also of the pension of £142:1:4 a year in respect of the post of Medical Officer of the Gort Dispensary District (total amount from Guardians £182:1:4). The necessary alterations should be made in the answers to questions 11 and 14 of the query form and the changes be approved of by the Guardians and the document then returned to this Department.

The
Board of Guardians and
Rural District Council.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

24th December, 1914.

*The Board of Guardians
Gort Union
to a pension of £20 a year
to a pension of £40 a year
to a pension of £142:1:4 a year
to a pension of £182:1:4 a year*

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The query form respecting the pension of £8-4-10 a year to be allowed to Dr. Moran in respect of the post of Medical Officer of Health of the Gort Dispensary District is enclosed for amendment to the answers to questions 11 and 14, which changes should receive the approval of the Rural District Council.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. Moran
Secretary.

requested—
number and date of each
which they reply.
communications on different
form separate letters; and
all letters on official
Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin.”
ADDRESS:
DUBLIN.”

Local Government Board, Dublin.

1st January, 1915.

1914.

Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances; and the Board desire to point out that the Guardians should insist on the boarded out children being sent regularly to school.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,
Gort Union.

No. 560/1915.

Circular.

County Councils.

County Borough Councils.

Urban District Councils.

Rural District Councils.

Town Commissioners.

Boards of Guardians.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (DISQUALIFICATION RELIEF)
ACT, 1914.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN,

15th January, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act, 1914 (5 Geo. 5 cap. 10), which received the Royal Assent on the 27th of November last.

The Members of Local Authorities Relief Act, 1900, provides that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or in the Local Government Acts, 1888 and 1894, or in the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, or in any Order in Council thereunder, an officer or soldier of the auxiliary forces or of the reserve forces on active service, or on service beyond the seas, shall not by reason only of his absence on that service be disqualified or vacate his office as a member of any county or borough, or district council, or board of guardians, or incur any fine or other liability.

The effect of the new Act is, during the present War, to extend the relief from disqualification for office granted by the Act of 1900, to all members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces employed on any naval or military service, and to any person whose employment in connection with naval or military operations the Local Government Board consider may properly be treated for the purposes of the present Act in the same manner as actual naval or military service, and to provide that the Act of 1900 above referred to shall have effect accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.
The Clerk of each Urban District Council.
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.
The Clerk of each Town Commissioners.
The Clerk of each Union.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

15th January, 1915.

No. 2,166 : 1915.
GORT UNION.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Resolution of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 9th instant requesting the Board to consent to a total pension of £200 a year to Dr. J.P. Moran in consideration of his late services as Medical Officer in the Union; and, with reference thereto, the Board desire to point out that, as they have already intimated, on his service of 31 completed years with the addition of 9 years for the purpose of computation to which the Board have assented, Dr. Moran can be granted the maximum pension provided for in the Superannuation Acts in respect of his services as Dispensary Medical Officer, viz : $\frac{2}{3}$ of his salary and pensionable emoluments, or £142 : 1 : 4 a year. Although Dr. Moran had only 10 years' service as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, the Board have, in order to meet the wishes of the Guardians in the matter, assented to the addition of 10 years, the maximum period provided for in their regulations, to his actual service as Workhouse Medical Officer for the purpose of calculating his superannuation allowance in respect of that office, and are willing to consent to a pension of £40 a year for his services in that capacity.

On a similar basis to that adopted in the case of the Dispensary Medical Officership the Rural District Council could grant a superannuation allowance of £8 : 4 : 10 a year to Dr. Moran in consideration of his services as Medical Officer

The Clerk to the
Board of Guardians and Rural District Council,
GORT UNION.

of

of Health. Dr. Moran could thus be awarded allowances amounting to £190 : 6 : 2 a year.

The Board are bound by the Acts of Parliament and their regulations, and are not in a position to make any further concession in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. Dwyer
Assistant Secretary.

Recd J. R.

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

15th January, 1915

No. 333 : 1915
Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, the accompanying enclosure giving the substance of a report which the Board have received from their Inspector, Mr. Pack Beresford, consequent on his recent inspection of the Workhouse; and I am to request that the matters adverted to therein may receive the attention of the Guardians.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

Gort Union.

Enclosure to Local Government Board's Letter of the
15th January, 1915. No. 333 : 1915.

There has been no change in the lavatory accommodation for each class in the Workhouse since last report.

The drain that I mentioned in my last report as requiring cleaning up has not yet been attended to. I hope this work will be done as soon as circumstances permit.

There are three orphan and deserted children in the Workhouse. One is an idiot and the other two are young. The Guardians might however endeavour to ascertain if there are any persons in the Union who would be willing to take these children, as, provided suitable homes can be found, the younger the children are when they leave the Institution the better for themselves, in after life.

In my last report I mentioned the fact that many of the chimneys and one of the towers required attention and the Guardians requested their Engineer to report to them on the subject. I understand that the Engineer agreed with me, but the Guardians have decided to repair only one chimney. The others and the Tower are steadily getting into a worse condition and the Guardians appear to be adopting a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy. It is clearly wiser to execute comparatively small repairs as they are required than to wait until the building is in a dilapidated condition.

Portion of the boundary wall is in a dangerous condition and should be attended to.

Many window frames are quite rotten, probably from the want of being regularly painted, and should be replaced with windows of a modern design.

The Matron is very anxious to be supplied with wire mattresses which would replace the straw ticks at present in use in the Body of the House. These mattresses do not

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The Local Government Board for Ireland
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No. 2186
1915.

[Superannuation of Union Officer.]

The Local Government Board for Ireland.

Gort Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Gort Union;
and to all persons whom it may concern:

WHEREAS Doctor John P. Moran who lately held the Offices of Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Dispensary Medical Officer in the Gort Union, did become incapable of discharging the duties of the said Offices with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body as certified by medical certificate and did resign the said Offices:

AND WHEREAS the Board of Guardians of the said Union, at a Meeting held on the 14th day of November 1915 did resolve to grant to the said Doctor John P. Moran a Superannuation Allowance:

AND WHEREAS the Salary⁴ together with the average annual emoluments of the said Officer at the time of the resignation of the said Doctor John P. Moran amounted to the sum of £ 355 : 2 :

NOW THEREFORE in pursuance of the provisions of "The Union Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Acts, 1865 and 1872," and "The Medical Officers' Superannuation Act (Ireland), 1869," We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, do hereby consent to an annual allowance of One Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds One Shilling and Four Pence being paid by the Guardians of the Poor of the Gort Union to the said Doctor John P. Moran.

Given under Our Seal of Office this Twenty ninth day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.



T. G.
Edmund Bonville

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"The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

2nd February, 1915.

No. 5150 : 1915.
Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 23rd ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the continued employment of the Porter of the Workhouse as ambulance driver for a further period of twelve months from the 10th ultimo at a remuneration of Twelve Pounds a year - this sum to include payment for taking care of the horse and doing all other horse work required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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J. H. ...
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Hospital.

Local Government Board,

DUBLIN, 2nd February, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they understand the assessments set out in the accompanying table, being at the rate of 2d in the pound on the valuation, were made on the 21st November last by the Board of Management of Galway Hospital on the several contributory unions of the county in order to meet the liabilities of the hospital up to the 31st March, 1916.

The assets and liabilities of the hospital for this period appear from a statement supplied to the Local Government Board to be as follows:-

Assets on 31st March, 1915,	£ 350.	Debts due 31st March, 1915,	£ 1995
Estimated receipts during year ending 31st March, 1916.	<u>4670</u>	Estimated expenditure during year ending 31st March, 1916.	<u>2955</u>
	£5020		£4950

thus leaving on the 31st March, 1916, only a precarious balance of £70 in favour of the hospital if the expenditure is rigidly confined to the estimate, and the receipts, which are principally based on the assessment for the financial year 1915-16, prove to be as estimated. Having regard to the terms of section 12 of the Galway Hospital Act, 1892 which declares certain costs and expenses incurred in the upkeep etc. of the hospital to be a charge on the several electoral divisions of the county to be raised by the several contributory unions, I am to inquire whether in making their estimate and demand on the County Council for the year 1915-16 the Board of Guardians of Gort Union included the full amount (as given in the Table referred to) assessed on the Union by the Board of Management to provide for the requirements of the Hospital up to the 31st March, 1916,

Clerk,

Gort Union.

and

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and, if not, what was the amount for which a demand has been made. I am, at the same time, to draw the special attention of the Guardians to the serious financial position of the hospital and to the responsibility which will rest upon them should they fail to carry out their statutory obligations and make adequate provision for the support of the institution.

Should a supplemental estimate be found necessary in order to enable the County Council to levy the full assessment required, the Local Government Board will be prepared to authorise a departure from the Union Accounts Order to enable this course to be pursued.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary.

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Assessments on Contributory Unions
for financial year 1915-16.

			£.	s.	d.
Ballinasloe	580.	13.	0.
Clifden	...	...	164.	5.	0.
Galway	...	...	569.	19.	0.
Glennamaddy	...	...	269.	19.	6.
Gort	...	...	363.	7.	4.
Loughrea	...	...	647.	15.	8.
Mountbellew	...	...	338.	19.	6.
Oughterard	...	...	141.	15.	4.
Portanna	...	...	300.	1.	4.
Tusm	...	...	658.	18.	0.
TOTAL.	...	...	£4055.	14.	0.

No. 63081 19/14
Gort UNION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
Dublin, 3rd February 1915.

SIR,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of
Guardians of Gort Union on the 14th November last,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to
request that they may be informed whether the defaulters under
the Vaccination Acts in the Several
Dispensary Districts have complied with the law.

I am,

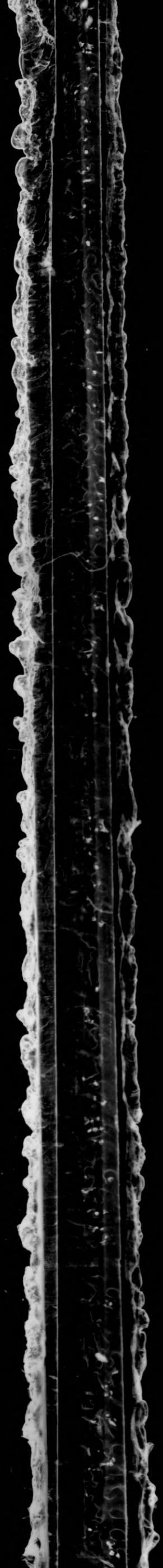
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Your obedient Servant,

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Secretary.

The Clerk, Gort Union.



No. 63081 1914
Gort UNION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
Dublin, 3rd February 1915.

*The list has been
checked on each default*

S.D.

SIR,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of
Guardians of Gort Union on the 11th November last,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to
request that they may be informed whether the defaulters under
the Vaccination Acts in the Several
Dispensary District have complied with the law.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Secretary.

To

The Clerk, Gort Union.

Circular.

Boards of Guardians.

BRITISH-BORN WIVES AND CHILDREN OF INTERNED ALIENS.

RELIEF OF OTHER DESTITUTE ALIENS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

5th February, 1915.

SIR,

I. British-born wives and children of interned aliens.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letter of the 23rd November last, relative to the arrangements for affording assistance, from funds provided by the British Government, to the British-born wives and children of interned aliens.

In view of inquiries which have been addressed to them, the Board think it right to state that the arrangements indicated by that circular are only applicable in cases where the husband is actually interned, and that, except as provided in the concluding paragraph thereof, they have no authority to make repayments in excess of the scale specified.

Assistance should only be given as from the date on which application is made to the Guardians, but any relief which had already been given before the date of the circular and subsequent to the internment will be repayable up to the amount of the scale.

It must be understood that the circular of the 23rd November only applies during the period of internment. Assistance given by the Guardians to the husband or his family after the man has been released from internment should be dealt with in accordance with Part II. of the present circular.

The Board have now been further authorised to state that the circular of the 23rd November may be regarded as applicable to cases where the wives of interned aliens were by birth of allied or neutral nationality, if assistance from other funds found not to be available, in the same manner as if the wives had been of British birth.

The circular is also applicable in cases of children of a British-born wife who is no longer living, and in such cases it may be found desirable that assistance of a special kind, in the nature of boarding-out, should be provided for the children. Such assistance need not be limited to the rate specified in the scale for children living with the mother.

The precise arrangements to be made for administering the assistance given under the provisions of the circular of the 23rd November are left to the discretion of the Guardians, but possibly it may be generally convenient that the payments should be made through the Relieving Officer. If any case coming under this part of this circular arises in the Union special forms to be kept by the Guardians for the purpose will be supplied on application to the Board.

II. Relief of other destitute aliens.

The Board may take this opportunity of communicating to Boards of Guardians generally the arrangements which have been authorised by the Treasury for repayment from Exchequer funds of the whole or part of the cost of relief given to destitute aliens other than those to whom the circular of the 23rd November applies.

The Board have been authorised to repay the whole cost of maintenance in the following cases (Class A) :—

- (1) Destitute alien enemies
 - (a) landed in this country since the beginning of the war owing to warlike operations;
 - (b) being tourists stranded owing to the same cause.
- (2) Destitute alien citizens of countries allied with Great Britain or neutral, belonging to the same categories.
- (3) Destitute aliens who before the outbreak of war were members of the British Mercantile Marine.
- (4) Destitute wives and children continuing to reside in a "prohibited area" in which the husbands are not permitted to reside.

The Board have further been authorised to repay half the cost of maintenance of other destitute aliens and their families resident in this country before the war began, if they have become destitute in consequence of the state of war and cannot be dealt with through the instrumentality of consuls or charitable agencies, or be repatriated (Class B).

The term "maintenance" as used in this part of this circular means relief either administered in the Workhouse, or given as outdoor relief, and in the latter case the relief given must not exceed the ordinary scale in force in the Union.

III. Statements of particulars to be forwarded.

If destitute aliens of either Class A or Class B have been relieved by the Guardians, claim for repayment may be made after the end of each quarter, and particulars relating to the assistance given up to and including the 31st December should be forwarded to the Board in the accompanying forms of statement marked A and B respectively.

Particulars relating to assistance given in pursuance of the circular of the 23rd November (Class C) should be communicated in the form of statement marked C.

On receipt of the statements, the Board will proceed to make grants in accordance with the authority given to them. It should be understood that the grants made will be provisional, and will be subject to any necessary revision after the accounts have been audited by the Board's Auditor.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk to the Guardians.

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Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

19th February, 1915.

No. 8009 : 1915.
Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 6th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be furnished with a specification of the repairs recommended by the Committee which had under consideration the Half Yearly Report of the Board's Inspector Mr. Pack Beresford on the Union.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

19th February, 1915.

No. 8009/1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,

Read
J.H.
The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 6th instant, relative to the application of the contractor for the supply of beef for a departure from the terms of his contract owing to the alleged exceptionally high price of beef this year; and the Board desire to state that the Guardians have no power to alter the terms of the contract in the manner proposed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.A. [Signature]
Secretary.

J
The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

19th February, 1915.

No. 8009 : 1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 12th December last and 6th instant, the Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that they will raise no objection to the proposal to provide dresses for five wardmaids in the Workhouse, at a cost not exceeding ten shillings for each.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

No. 8009 1915.

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Lyost

Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

19th February 1915.

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Lyost* Union, on the 6th instant the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the nurse temporarily employed in the Workhouse.

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

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARIAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the

Lyost

Union.

*Nurse Brilly
Londes House
Mounsey St.
Dublin*

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Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

26th February, 1915.

No.2185 : 1915.
Gort Union.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, and to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 9th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed whether the the Guardians have since taken into consideration the question of erecting the new windows which are much required in the Workhouse.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Franklin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

*Guardians have indicated
the need to get the necessary
temporary repairs made*

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Galway County Council Archives

No. 11/M/1915. Miscellaneous.

**CONTRACTS FOR MEDICINES AND MEDICAL AND SURGICAL
APPLIANCES.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 26th February, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, herewith, their Prescribed List of Medicines, and their Prescribed List of Medical and Surgical Appliances for the year commencing on the 1st April next.

The Guardians will observe from the Medicine List that the drugs to be supplied under the new contracts should conform to the standards of the British Pharmacopœia of 1914 and of the Board's Schedule as laid down from time to time.

Some drugs, heretofore included in the Prescribed List, have been omitted from the recent edition of the Pharmacopœia and in consequence have also been omitted from the new Prescribed List. Further omissions have been made of drugs which, owing to the war, cannot be obtained on such reasonable terms as would justify their inclusion in the List. The prices have throughout been revised, and, following current market quotations, increases have been sanctioned for a large number of items. The Guardians should call the attention of their Medical Officers to the advance of prices, and urge upon them the necessity at the present juncture for the strictest economy in the ordering and dispensing of drugs.

In advertising the contracts for Medicines and Appliances for the ensuing year, the Board of Guardians should stipulate that all tenders must be lodged with the clerk of the union not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, the 13th of March, 1915, in sealed envelopes endorsed, respectively, "Tenders for Medicines," and "Tenders for Medical and Surgical Appliances." If the ordinary day of meeting of the guardians falls on that date, the contracts should be decided at that meeting. Should, however, the guardians not meet on that date, the tenders should be placed *unopened* in a packet securely sealed up and carefully preserved until the next ordinary meeting after the 13th March, when the packet should be opened in the presence of the guardians. The Chairman should first see that the envelopes containing the tenders have not been interfered with, and cause the tenders to be opened, and the guardians should then proceed to declare the contracts. The date on which the contracts will be decided should be mentioned in the advertisement.

The provisions with regard to recoupment from the Local Taxation (I.) Account are unaltered, and the Board wish it to be understood that recoupment cannot be allowed in any case where the guardians accept a tender other than the lowest, unless it can be clearly shown to the satisfaction of the Board that there are good and sufficient grounds for adopting that course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To the Clerk of each Union.

No. 11/M/1915. Miscellaneous.

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The provisions with regard to recoupment from the Local Taxation (L) Account are unaltered, and the Board wish it to be understood that recoupment cannot be allowed in any case where the guardians accept a tender other than the lowest, unless it can be clearly shown to the satisfaction of the Board that there are good and sufficient grounds for adopting that course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To the Clerk of each Union.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

2nd March, 1915.

No. 10980 : 1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return, herewith, the specification and estimate of the repairs to be carried out at the Workhouse of Gort Union which were forwarded to this office with the Guardians' Minutes of the 20th ultimo; and I am to state that the Board see no objection thereto.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

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Lort

UNION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

Dublin, 12th March 1915.

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Lort Union on the 23rd January last,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed whether the defaulters under the Vaccination Acts in the Several Dispensary District have complied with the law.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Dunbar
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Lort

Union,

Galway County Council Archives

No. 13858 : 19 15.

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 15th March, 19 15.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of
Guardians of Gort Union on the
6th instant, I am directed by the Local

Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the pay-
ment of a sum of One Pound

to Martin Halvey for horsing the ambulance on two occasions.
for ~~services~~

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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Secretary.

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The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.
26th March, 1915.

No. 54,078/1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland again to request that a copy of the fidelity Bond given by the Porter of the Workhouse to the Board of Guardians of Gort Union may be forwarded to this Department for lodgment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

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The Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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Local Government Board, Dublin.

26th March, 1915.

No. 16410 : 1915.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Relieving Officers Reports together with Certificates of attendances at School, for the month of February, of Children placed out at nurse by the Board of Guardians of Gort Union; and, in reference thereto, the Board desire to call attention to the irregular attendance in the following cases:-

Mary Hurley	absent	9 days
Patrick Hynes	"	13 days
Joe Ford	"	14 days "ill"
Maria O'Connor	"	8 days "
Martin Smith	"	8 days
Mary Galvin	"	8 days

and to state that the foster parents of these children should be cautioned. Where illness is assigned as a reason for absence from school a Medical Certificate should be furnished.

Comply on C
Yours

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

M. H. W. S.
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Gort Union

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

DUBLIN, 29th March, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the temporary employment of Mary Kelly

as Wardmaid in the Workhouse of Gort Union, and I am to state that

the Board have sanctioned the proposed payment of remuneration at the rate of £1. of One Pound per week to this woman for her services for four days from the 9th ultimo.

The date upon which ~~ceases to~~

~~be~~ should be carefully recorded on the Guardians' minutes.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

V. M. M. M.
Secretary.

C. B.

To

The Clerk

Gort Union.

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Union

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

DUBLIN, 29th March, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the temporary employment of Miss R. Crilly

as *Miss* in the Workhouse

of Gort Union, and I am to state that

the Board have sanctioned the proposed payment of remuneration at the rate of
11. 6 One Pound, Eleven Shillings and Sixpence a week together
9. 0 with allowances of Nine Shillings a week for rations, and
2. 6 Two Shillings and Sixpence per week for laundry, and
travelling expenses for her services from the 28th of
January last to the 27th ultimo.

D. J. [Signature]

The date upon which

~~ceases to~~

~~shall be carefully recorded on the Guardians' minutes.~~

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

ME

To
The Clerk

Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

Circular.

Local Authorities.

Employees on Active Service.

No. 46 : M : 1915.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
29th March, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letter of the 9th September last (No. 150 M/1914) regarding the arrangements which might be adopted by local authorities in case of any of their employees who joined His Majesty's Forces.

In the circular letter referred to it was indicated that local authorities might grant leave of absence to any such employees with a view to keeping open their positions until their return to civil life.

It has now been represented to the Board that, in addition, measures are necessary to safeguard the prospects of promotion of such men, and that any vacancy which may occur in the local authority's service offering them an opportunity of advancement should not be permanently filled during their absence with the Colours.

If any local authority desire to adopt this course, the Local Government Board will raise no objection, when such a vacancy occurs, to the local authority making temporary arrangements for the discharge of the duties of the vacant office until the conclusion of the war.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS.

Secretary

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.
The Clerk of each Urban District Council.
The Clerk of the Town Commissioners.
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.
The Clerk of each Union.

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No. 46 : M : 1915.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
29th March, 1915.

SIR.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letter of the 9th September last (No. 150 M/1914) regarding the arrangements which might be adopted by local authorities in case of any of their employees who joined His Majesty's Forces.

In the circular letter referred to it was indicated that local authorities might grant leave of absence to any such employees with a view to keeping open their positions until their return to civil life.

It has now been represented to the Board that, in addition, measures are necessary to safeguard the prospects of promotion of such men, and that any vacancy which may occur in the local authority's service offering them an opportunity of advancement should not be permanently filled during their absence with the Colours.

If any local authority desire to adopt this course, the Local Government Board will raise no objection, when such a vacancy occurs, to the local authority making temporary arrangements for the discharge of the duties of the vacant office until the conclusion of the war.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS.

Secretary

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.
The Clerk of each Urban District Council.
The Clerk of the Town Commissioners.
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.
The Clerk of each Union.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,
DUBLIN, 29th March, 1915.

NAVAL MARRIAGES ACT, 1915.

SIR,
I beg to inform you that by the Naval Marriages Act, 1915, which came into force on 16th March, instant, it is provided that:—

“Where, during the continuance of the present war, one of the parties to an intended marriage is an officer, seaman, or marine borne on the books of one of His Majesty’s ships, and the parties to the intended marriage have duly fulfilled all the conditions required by law for enabling them to be married in any particular place of worship or in any particular district in the United Kingdom, then, if the officer, seaman, or marine obtains from the officer commanding the ship on whose books he is borne a certificate that owing to the exigencies of the public service the officer, seaman, or marine cannot be allowed to proceed to that place of worship or to that district, the marriage may be lawfully solemnized or contracted in any other building in the United Kingdom in which marriages may lawfully be solemnized or contracted, as though the parties thereto had duly fulfilled all the conditions required by law for enabling them to be married at that building: Provided that where apart from the above provision the marriage could not have been solemnized elsewhere than in a place of worship of a particular denomination, nothing in the said provision shall be construed as authorising the solemnization of the marriage elsewhere than in such place of worship.”

It is also provided that a certificate of publication of Banns or notice of Marriage in the cases of such persons shall continue to be valid for twelve months and that the marriage may be lawfully solemnized or contracted at any time within those twelve months.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

William J. Thompson
Registrar-General.

District Registrars of Marriages.

Galway County Council Archives

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE,

DUBLIN, 30th March, 1915.

SIR,

I enclose Copy of a Circular issued to the Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages on the 30th December last, and request that when the returns for the current quarter are produced, you will be so good as to see that the errors referred to, if not corrected in the presence of an Informant, are duly amended in your presence, and in accordance with Paragraph 161 of the Registrars' Regulations.

Special care should also be taken to see that the year in column 2 is correctly copied in every case, and, in order to avoid the necessity of requiring the Registrars to furnish fresh copies on Form S., you will also please see that all the other particulars agree with the entries in the Books, the majority of the errors in the Certified Copies being found on enquiry to be cases of "Error in Copy only."

May I remind you of the necessity of comparing the documents referred to in Paragraph 213 of the above Regulations, with the entries in the Register Books, and of amending any Clerical Errors of the 1st class which you may discover.

Your attention is directed to Regulation 14 (c) and (d) of the Regulations for Superintendent Registrars, and you will also please see that the Certified Copies referred to therein are properly signed and dated at foot of each page.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

William J. Thompson

Registrar-General.

To

The Superintendent Registrar
of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,
DUBLIN, 30th December, 1914.

SIR,

As numerous mistakes have been made in Column 2 of Birth and Death Entries by inserting the wrong year, the correction of which gives much trouble to the Registrars and to this Department, may I beg you will be so good as to take care that the year is given as **1914** in every case where the birth or death occurred during the present year, but is not registered until 1915.

Should an error of the above description not be corrected as an "Accidental Error" before the completion of the entry, it may be subsequently corrected either in presence of the Informant, or of the Superintendent Registrar, as a Clerical Error of the 1st Class.

It is particularly requested that the Certified Copies of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the current Quarter, may be produced to the Superintendent Registrar at the earliest possible date, so that he may be enabled to examine all the returns and forward them to this Office on Thursday, the 21st proximo.

When certifying these copies you will please be careful to give the year as 1915 unless they are already certified.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

William J. Thompson

Registrar-General

The Registrar of
Births, Deaths, and Marriages,
&c., &c.

Circular.

BOARDS OF GUARDIANS.

**DISQUALIFICATION OF CLAIMANTS OR PENSIONERS BY
REASON OF MAINTENANCE IN A WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN,

1st April, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board to state, for the information of the Guardians, that the Law Officers of the Crown have recently been consulted as to the principles which should be followed in determining the disqualification of a claimant or pensioner, who is an inmate of the Infirmary of a Workhouse, for the receipt or continuance of an old age pension. A copy of a circular which the Board have addressed to Old Age Pensions Committees and Sub-Committees on the subject is enclosed:

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

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To

The Clerk to the Guardians.

DISQUALIFICATION OF CLAIMANTS OR PENSIONERS BY REASON OF
MAINTENANCE IN A WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 1st April, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had under consideration various appeals against the decisions of local Pension Committees or Sub-Committees upon claims to an old age pension, made by persons who, at the date of the claim, were inmates of a Workhouse Infirmary. Some of the claimants had been admitted to the Workhouse many years ago as ordinary inmates, and upon illness supervening were transferred to the Infirmary. Other claimants had been inmates of the Infirmary for a prolonged period.

It was contended on behalf of the claimants to pensions that, as they were under the care of the medical officer of the Institution, they were exempted from disqualification for the receipt of a pension by paragraph (1.) of section 3 (1) (a) of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, which enacts that, for the purposes of that provision, any medical or surgical assistance (including foods or comforts) supplied by or on the recommendation of a medical officer shall not be considered as poor relief. The relief to which reference is made in this paragraph is mainly relief to which the Medical Relief Disqualification Removal Act, 1885, would apply. The provisions of the Act of 1885 were considered by the Court in the case of *Kirkhouse v. Blakeway* (1902), 1 K.B. 306; 71 L.J.K.B. 130; 66 J.P. 38, in which a revising barrister had held that the permanent maintenance, in a lunatic asylum, of the wife of a claimant to a parliamentary vote was distinguishable from the medical treatment of a patient under a temporary attack of mental disease, and was not "medical assistance" within the meaning of the Act of 1885. The revising barrister therefore disallowed the claim and the Court held that the finding was one of fact, which there was evidence to support, and that it should not be interfered with.

I am to state that it was considered desirable that the Law Officers of the Crown should be consulted as to the principles which should govern decisions in old age pension cases of appeals of the character already mentioned, regard being had to the ruling in *Kirkhouse v. Blakeway*.

The Law Officers having been consulted the Board propose to act upon the view that where a claimant to a pension, who is an inmate of a Workhouse Infirmary, had, before his admission to the Infirmary through illness, been an inmate of the ordinary wards of the Workhouse, a presumption arises that the claimant is disqualified for the receipt of a pension. The force of such a presumption will, however, depend upon the facts of each case, and there may be cases in which there is no stronger presumption against a claimant who is admitted to an Infirmary from a Workhouse than against one who is admitted from outside.

Generally, the Board, in dealing with such appeals, would primarily consider whether in fact the claimant is receiving mere medical or surgical "assistance" or actual "maintenance." In many cases this distinction will in practice be tolerably clear, but in border line cases no definite rule can be laid down or applied. Such cases must be dealt with on their merits, taking into account both the duration of the treatment and the nature of the disease—whether such disease is one of the natural infirmities of old age or whether it is of the nature of an acute illness from which recovery may reasonably be presumed. The Board are, however, of opinion that they will be justified in regarding a person who has been maintained in a Workhouse Infirmary as disqualified for receiving a pension, when such a person has become a chronic inmate.

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The Board direct me to point out that the principles indicated above will be applicable to the determination of appeals against the decisions of local Pension Committees or Sub-Committees on any question raised by the Pension Officer for the revocation of a pension, on the ground that the pensioner is, or was, during any period, disqualified for receiving a pension as well as to the decision of appeals arising on claims to a pension.

I am directed to add that any additional copies of this circular required by the Pension Committee or Sub-Committees may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS.

Secretary.

To

The Clerk to the Local Pension Committee or Sub-Committee, and Board of Guardians.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 1st April, 1915.

No. 42/M/1915.

Miscellaneous.

The Executive Sanitary Officer is requested to be so good as to furnish the Local Government Board for Ireland as soon as possible with a return showing the total number of persons registered in the District of the Sanitary Authority on the 31st March, 1915, as -

- (1) Cowkeepers and Dairymen,
- (2) Purveyors of Milk,

in pursuance of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops (Ireland) Order of 1908.

By Order of the Board,

R. B. Beckerson

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48 Purveyors

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To/

The Executive Sanitary Officer.