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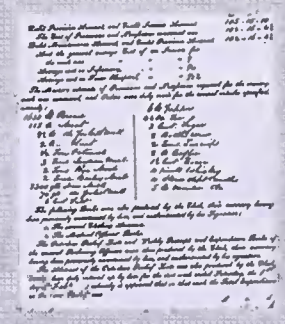
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Irish Volunteers, Galway City Corp: File of material, primarily correspondence between the Irish Volunteers headquarters in 41 Kildare Street, Dublin and the Galway Corp, in particular regarding the split in the organisation and also requests for guns, also includes circulars and notices of meetings and agenda. Many of the National Council letters are signed by Liam Mellows. Includes for instance

- Membership card for Dr Walsh, Dominick Street, enrolled 21 June 1914. Printed by O'Gorman, Printinghouse, Galway.
- A handwritten letter from Liam Mellows, Assistant Secretary, Headquarter's Staff¹ to the Galway Corp regarding '*payment of expenses of Mr P. H. Pearse's recent visit to your city*'. Signed '*Yours fraternally Liam Mellows Assistant Secretary Headquarters Staff per HCM*' (30 Aug 1914).
- Correspondence (sub-file) relating to the action of Private W. G. Fogarty² of "B" company in writing to the Dublin Press regarding the

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¹ Mellows was leader of the Volunteers in Galway in 1916
² Secretary to Galway County Council, 1925 - 1928



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propose to call a convention to reaffirm the organisation's Manifesto and also 'To declare that Ireland cannot, with honour or safety, take part in foreign quarrels otherwise than through the free action of a National Government of her own'. It also rejects Mr Redmond³'s entitlement to 'any place in the administration and guidance of the Irish Volunteer organisation'. Members of the Provisional Committee included Eoin McNeill (Chairman), Thomas MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, Piaras Beaslai, P. H. Pearse, Bulmer Hobson, Eamonn Ceannt, Liam Mellows and Peter White (24 September 1914).

- Also letter from the Chairman [Headquarters] to Martin McDonogh, Chairman Galway City Volunteers asking him to call a meeting to ascertain the financial standing of the Committee and to 're-constitute the Committee in accordance with the Policy outlined in Mr Redmond's Manifesto' (5 Oct 1914).
- Includes several sheets of *The Irish Volunteers Galway City Corps* headed paper, and envelopes with the title printed on the bottom left hand corner.

LANGUAGE: English

ALLIED MATERIAL

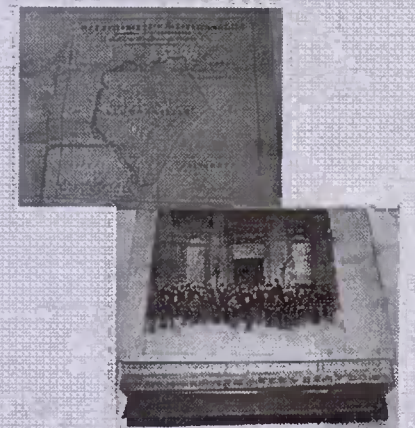
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Minutes of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers Galway City Corps
The Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers Galway City Corps was formed on the 24th September 1914. The first meeting was held on the 1st October 1914. The Committee was composed of the following members: Eoin McNeill, Chairman; Thomas MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, Piaras Beaslai, P. H. Pearse, Bulmer Hobson, Eamonn Ceannt, Liam Mellows and Peter White. The Committee's main object was to re-constitute the Irish Volunteers Galway City Corps in accordance with the policy outlined in Mr Redmond's Manifesto. The Committee held several meetings during the month of October 1914. The minutes of these meetings are given below.

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³ John E. Redmond (1856-1918), son of William Redmond, nationalist MP for Co. Wexford

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ÓSLÁIS na héireann
(The Irish Volunteers.)

**MEMBERSHIP
CARD.**

O'Gorman, Printinghouse, Galway.



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SUBSCRIPTIONS Handed In or Promised at Meeting on Sunday, 19th July, 1914.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Mr. Martin M'Donogh	20	0	0	P. J. Horan, Nun's Island	2	2	0
Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea	10	10	0	Rev. N. O'Fegan, C.C.	2	2	0
Louis E. O'Dea, Solr.	5	5	0	Chas. Costello, St. Mary's Tce.	2	0	0
5/5 - Joseph S. Young, J.P.	5	0	0	Raoul Joyce	2	0	0
5 - Stephen L. Gwynn, M.P.	5	0	0	John O'Donnell, Williamsgate Street	1	1	0
2-2 Professor O'Maille	5	0	0	B. Roche, Eyre Square	1	1	0
Philip O'Gorman, Shop St.	2	2	0	Mr. Carney, New York	1	0	0
2-2 Michael J. Crowley, William St.	2	2	0	Michael Fallon, Market St.	1	0	0
R. W. Mackie	2	2	0	Professor Power	1	0	0
P. S. M'Donnell, Solr.	2	2	0	M. Cunningham, U.D.C.	1	0	0
2-2 Rev. P. Davis, P.P.	2	2	0	M. Redington, U.D.C.	1	0	0
2-2 S. P. Corbett	2	2	0	John J. Walsh, Dominick St.	1	0	0
2-2 Michael Costello	2	2	0	W. G. Fogarty	1	0	0
S. Faller, U.D.C.	2	2	0	Mr. Toner	0	10	0
Rev. P. Lydon	2	2	0				

£1.00
10.0
1.10 0

£21.6
1.00
22.16 0

The following have guaranteed the undermentioned sums for their own equipment:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
George Nicolls, Solr.	3	10	0	F. Hardiman	3	10	0
Dr. Walsh	3	10	0	J. M. Pringle	3	10	0
J. P. O'Neill	3	10	0	M. Campbell	3	10	0
T. Flanagan	3	10	0	M. J. Allen	3	10	0

J. McNamee
Capt O'Grady's Hurling Club
Galway

P. Wood
Wood Quay
Galway

Roche
5/5

4.02. Sunday next

✓ Hibernians

✓ U. J. L.

G. A. A.

✓ 7 orators.

Demonst.

Sunday week

To express our determination to oppose
by every means in our power
any alteration or repeal of the
Home Rule bill now on the statute
book

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Will

When @ Jerry rifles get them
fitted with Bayonet Standards

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IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

There are at present over 600 Volunteers Drilling and Training in Galway. Money is urgently needed for their proper Equipment, without which a Corps is useless. To raise money for this purpose a Meeting of the Citizens of Galway was held on Sunday, 19th inst. The subjoined list of subscriptions is the result. Very much more is needed, and the Volunteer Committee has decided to make a thorough collection of the Town. Everyone in sympathy with the Volunteers is expected to contribute more or less in accordance with their means.

On behalf of the Committee we appeal to you to subscribe as liberally as you can. Subscriptions should be sent to us at 10, Williamsgate Street. All contributions will be acknowledged both by letter and in the local Press. Volunteers willing to pay for their own equipment should intimate the fact to the Committee or its Collectors.

M. J. ALLEN, } HON.
T. WALSH, } SECS.

M. McDonagh accepted on
Committee.

Dr. Walsh elected Secretary

M. McDonagh, Dr. Walsh
+ P. S. McDonald elected
to see after barracks.

That Mr Tusack be elected an
Honorary Captain of the Galway
City Corps

Get names printed with list of
Subscriptions & enclose form tomorrow

500 Get Votes List & Harbours.

Get Official paper

Get Letter box.

That 6 converted refer to an
spend money off 12. before

Business

- (1) Election of Secretary
- (2) Co-option of members
- (3) Change of Barracks
- (4) Collection of Funds

Crowley recalls re. Sarah
 Walsh ^{Dr Walsh}
 Mr Redemptio
 Mosher. re. North

~~Jan Redemptio~~
 O'Neill re. ^{Kemayan study} West East.

Hartman
~~Raise the question of providing~~
~~practice rings~~

© West. Prof. O'Malley ^{Silke} Falbo
 JJ Walsh & Walsh

Neill Walsh & O'Malley Committee
 to enquire into use & other such

7. Handman
J.P. O'Neill
Geo. McCall
T. Flanagan
Dr. Walsh
Mr. P. P. O.

Resolved.

That this Committee
~~will~~ considers that money
in Galway must only
be used to equip the Galway
City Corps.

Get books

Put notice in Hall not to
let Benjamin
Wenthead quarrel
with

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



RYE & SPOTTISWODE, Ltd., Lond.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

If the Receiver of an Inland Telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Office Stamp.

Charges } s. d.
to pay }

Handed }
in at }

Received }
here at }

Dublin

8 1/2 AM



TO {

Ricards Sabrito
Maura St Galway

yes

one o'clock will do
Mae Agnew

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N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



BEAR & SPOTTISWOODS, Ltd., Lond.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.



Dublin

Charges } s. d.
to pay }

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in at } here at } 4 1/2 .H.

TO {

Nichols Galway

come

dublin immediately

H. Bennett

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GREEN NA 3 300

GILBERT

FORN

11 Aug 1914

Gentlemen I am enclosing

£2 - a first cheque

to James Colchester

John. I hope a

pleasure to take in

Parliament in the

of the first volunteers.

Yrs, Thos. G.

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ready to make
further calculations

Very faithfully
Yours

Wm Allen Walsh
Galway Volunteer Corps

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Hynes Carte Kawaya

Hoski Omaile O'Neill

Laffan Banell Rabbitt

Purple Urshes Hardman

Duffv Roche O'Malley C

Lavelle Redington Z

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Post notice in Hall

& under the door

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Proposed by MacDonald
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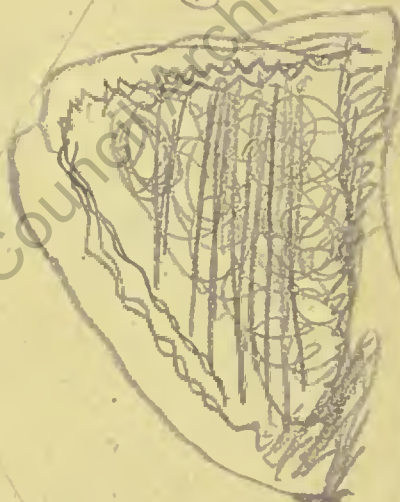
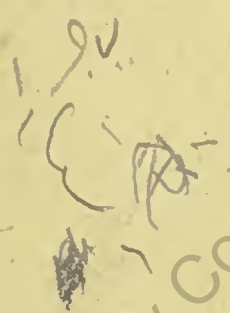
Proceed,

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Mr McWanagh, Mr
 Redmond J. Hardman
 P. Wether, Carter,
 O'Neill, Guffy O'Malley
 Herbert Redmond
 Leffis, Pingle,
 Michael O'Malley,
 W. G. O'Malley, T. Hynes
 Redmond - 1 1
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 papers

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That each member wrote down three names
on a slip of paper and that the name
receiving most votes be captain &c

L Daffy
O'Neill

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AUGHAVANAGH,
AUGHRIM,
CO. WICKLOW.

22nd. August 1914.

Private.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Redmond to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th . inst. the contents of which he has duly noted.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Hanna.

M. J. Allen Esq.
10 Williamsgate St
Galway

Augrd. 23. 1914

Dear Sir

Owing to the Sg^t Major
being absent I performed
his duty for 14 days during
you will see to me

for Sick
I remain your obdt Servant
Capt Sg^t Colbourne
Prospect Hill
Galway

The Sec^y—
of the V. Vol

M^r Allen

TELEPHONE
4535 DUBLIN.

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IRISH VOLUNTEERS
Inspector General's Office,
16, ST. FREDERICK STREET,
DUBLIN.

Aug 25th

Sir
Your letter of 13th Aug handed to
me for reply.

The Irish Volunteers are enrolled
solely for the defence of Ireland
& any persons spreading stories contrary
to this are acting mischievously &
the detriment of the organisation.

I hope you will do all in your
power to prevent this.

Yours truly
Maurice Donohoe
I G. IV

To Hon Sec
Galway City Corps

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ÓZLÁIC NA h-ÉIREANN,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
ÁC CLIAIC.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
Laurence J. Kettle, M.I.E.E.



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THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

30.8.14

Ab/Ma. }
Walsh } Members

Galway City Centre
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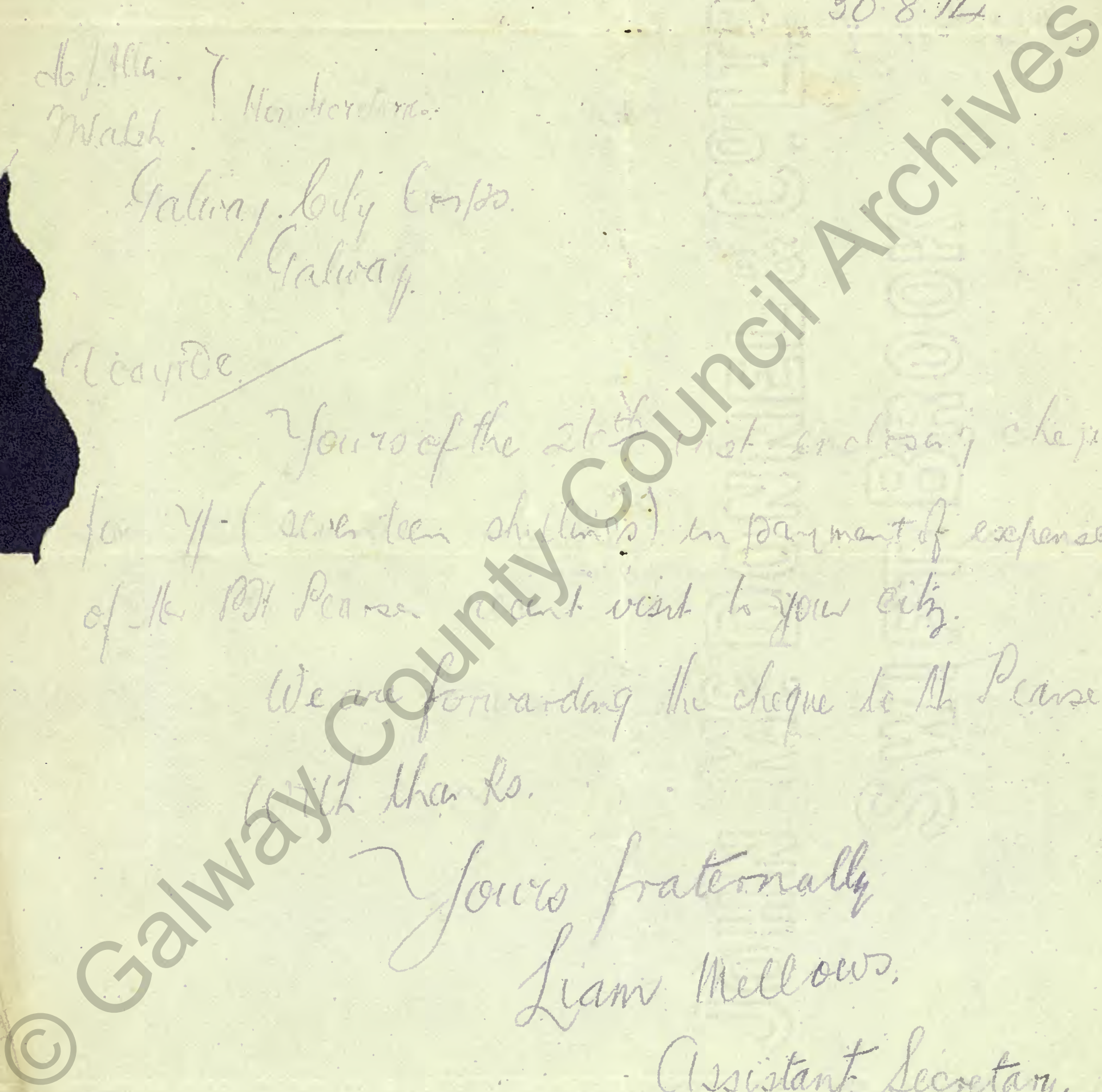
Yours of the 26th inst. enclosing cheque
for 17/- (seventeen shillings) in payment of expenses
of Mr. P.H. Pearce recent visit to your city.

We are forwarding the cheque to Mr. Pearce.

With thanks.

Yours fraternally
Liam Mellows.

Assistant Secretary
Headquarters Staff
per H.M.



Óglaíocht na h-Éireann,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
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 { Laurence J. Kettle, M.I.E.E.



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THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

1st. September, 1914.

Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
10 Williamsgate Street,
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of yours of the 31st ult. and note contents,
and in reply beg to inform you that your wishes relative to the Galway
Corps will have our utmost consideration.

Yours fraternally,

The Hon. Secs.

Liam Mellows
Assistant Sec.

Headquarters Staff.

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JOHN WILSON

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Óglaíoch na h-Éireann,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
A' CHIAŌ.

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

14th. Sept. 1914.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
LAURENCE J. KETTLE, M.I.E.E.

Ref. G. 29.

Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
HON. SECS.
Galway City Corps.
Irish Volunteers,
10 Williamsgate St.
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of yours of the 11th inst. and in reply
beg to inform you that your letter will be laid before the Arms Com-
mittee for consideration.

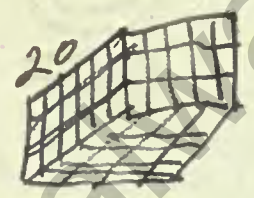
We beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

Eoin MacNeill

Laurence J. Kettle

Hon. Secs.



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The Galway Electric Company, Ltd.,
Newtownsmyth,

Galway, 15th. Sept. 1914.

Telegrams: Galway.
"Electric Company, Galway."

T. Walsh Esq., M.D.,

Secretary,

Irish Volunteers,

Williamsgate Street, Galway.

Dear Sir/

Yard

As you requested I have inspected the Shambles Barracks, and beg to report that the best way to light it up is by means of Two High Candle Power Lamps.

The length of the place is about 60 yards, so that the first lamp should be fixed 20 yards in, and the second one 20 yards further on. I should hang the Lamps in the centre of suspension wires, stretched between the side walls, so that the illumination would be evenly distributed and free from shadows.

The type of Lamp I strongly recommend is the latest Half Watt Pattern. This Lamp gives 600 Candle Power at a cost of 1½d. an hour, which is twice the efficiency of any other type of lamp on the market.

We will provide and fix complete two of these lamps for the sum of £8.0.0 (Eight pounds).

Should you desire something cheaper however, as an alternative, we will provide and fix complete two 5 Light Fittings similar to the Public One at the Barrack Corner for the sum of £6.10.0 (Six pounds ten shillings).

This Fitting gives about 300 Candle Power, and the running costs would be the same as the Half Watt Lamps.

Subject to your favour in the acceptance of one of these Estimates we are prepared to put the work in hand at once on receipt of your written instructions.

Yours faithfully,

E. Rayner.

ENGINEER & MANAGER.

Postpone for
1 month

Óglaíoch na h-Éireann,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
áC CLIAČ.

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
LAURENCE J. KETTLE, M.I.E.E.

Ref. WED/2

Ref G. 29

15th Sept. 1914.

The Hon. Secs.
Irish Volunteers,
10 Williamsgate St.
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to thank you for yours of the 10th inst. Our Committee has now adopted as standard the '303 calibre. We are in a position at present to supply three different arms of this calibre, namely:-

Lee Enfield Magazine which will cost approximately £5.

Single Loading Martini Rifle we can supply at 45/-

Martini Carbine Gun, also to be had at 40/-

All the above are new, but the supply of Martini Rifles is so limited that in a very short time it will be almost impossible to get them. Of the others an ample supply can be had.

We would suggest that you forward us the money, as there will be no delay in supplying.

Yours faithfully,

Eoin MacNeill

Hon. Secs,

Laurence J. Kettle

per

Agenda 16th Sept 1902

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I Notice of Motion by Mr Duffy dealing with
Private W. G. Fogarty's letter to the public
press.

II Final selection of Candidates for Officers
for "B" Company and to settle on
method of election.

III General

Funds collection (
Lighting Barracks (Postponed)

Friday night at 9 o'clock next meeting

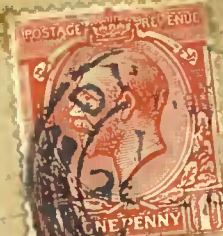
That we do not proceed to the
election of Chairman

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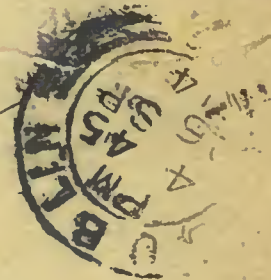
McDonagh

10, William's Gate St.
Galway

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Na Rundaie
Ozlaez Na h-~~Mac~~ ~~Clann~~
Cuidian Gallme
10 Spaid Seaca 'Nam
1n Gallme



Meeting 6th Sept
Carter O'Malley Henry an F. Lakin
Lottus Lottus Duff O'Neill Washar.
Meals Wash. Allen.

Mr Duff proposed we get 20
Lee Enfield rifles Mr O'Neill seconded.
£10 worth of Ammunition
Bands. Duff

hall fitted up for target practice
proposed by Mr Duff seconded
by Mr Carter. Five each man a
claim of shot.

No man can for fine unless
his subscription is paid.

M. J. Allen
T. Walsh
S. J. O'Connell
W. J. O'Connell
S. J. O'Connell



of Baracks
Lighting not honed.

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re the Footpath X X

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900 1. 4. 21

Dear Sir

The following resolution was
passed at a meeting of the Co. of the
R. C. Vs on the 16th inst.

The next meeting of the Committee will be
held on Friday next at 9 o'clk pm
at the Urban Co. Chamber Town Hall.
at which you are requested to
attend & give your explanation

Yours faithfully

J Dees

Óglaíocht na h-Éireann,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
ÁC CLIAIC.

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
 { Laurence J. Kettle, M.I.E.E.

G.31

16th Sept. 1914.

Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
Hon. Secs.
Irish Volunteers,
10 Williamsgate St.
Galway.

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of yours of the 14th inst. which will
have our immediate attention.

Yours fraternally,

Eoin MacNeill
Laurence J. Kettle

Hon. Secs.

per [Signature]

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Ógláir na n-Éireann.
buidéann na Gaillimhe.

The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

Hon. Secs.: { M. J. ALLEN.
T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,
GALWAY.

17th. Sepr 1914
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Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of 15th. inst., kindly send us immediately twenty Lee Enfield Rifles at a price not exceeding £5 each and £10 worth of ammunition for same, the Rifles to be fitted with Bayonet Standards and to be new. We enclose cheque for £110 (one hundred and ten pounds) for same.

You might also let us have a pettern Bandolier, haversack, Bayonet, Belt etc. and we shall let you have remittance for price of these on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

M. J. Allen
T. Walsh

Hon. Secs.

Messrs J. McNeill & J. Kettle
Hon Secs. Irish Volunteers
~~206 Great Brunswick~~
41 Kildare Street
Dublin

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HEAD OFFICES: G513/02 (28)
MARKET STREET, GALWAY,

BRANCH OFFICE
VICAR ST., TUAM.

17/9/1914

Irish Volunteers

Galway Corps

To "The Connaught Tribune," Ltd., D.

GENERAL PRINTERS

Newsagents' Accounts Collected Monthly. Advertising Accounts Quarterly.

No Receipt Recognised except on Printed Form.

13	6	20 Posters			12	6
	8	50 "			5	6
	11	1000 Circulars			6	6
	13	1 insert Instructor's note			1	6
	26	12 Copies re Volunteers			5	0
	12	100 H. B. Posters			8	6
	26	50 Large Cards			4	6
	26	1 insert Bill Post note			2	6
	24	" Enrolment of members			2	0
	26	" List of Subs.			6	0
	12	"			4	6
	27	"			15	0
					3	0
					14	0
					8	6
June	17	100 Posters			4	6

A remittance will oblige

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NONE BUT OFFICIAL RECEIPTS WILL BE RECOGNISED.

THE . . .

GALWAY EXPRESS

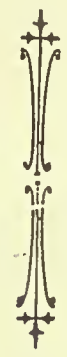
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Offices, Eyre Square,

Galway, 18 September 1914

Irish National Volunteers

Per Mr Allen (Mayor)

Letter and Note Circulars, Law Forms, Bill Heads, Posters and Handbills, Catalogues, Cards, Annual Reports, and all kinds of Letterpress Printing Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

1914

Sept	2	2 weeks	Public to above Fund	7" S.C.	7 0
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bairdeann na gailtine.

The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

Hon. Secs.: { M. J. ALLEN.
T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,
GALWAY.

19th. September 1914/91.....

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Committee of the above will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on tomorrow (Sunday) at 12 o'clock. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

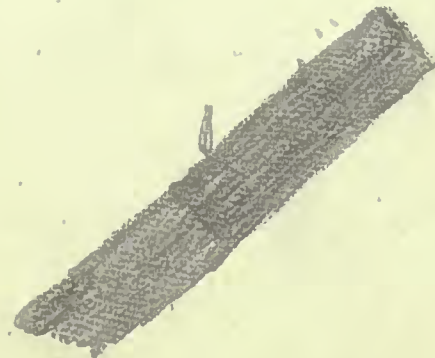
M. J. Allen
T. Walsh } Hon. Secs.

Business :-

1. To consider the following resolution proposed by Mr. Nicolles:
" That, notwithstanding the opinions expressed by Inspecting Officers of the Irish Volunteers or by other people no matter how high their estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers is of opinion that the Volunteers under its jurisdiction should abide by the Constitution originally laid down for the volunteers and arm and equip themselves for the one purpose of securing and maintaining the rights and liberties common to all Irishmen."

2. To select ~~of~~ Candidates for Officerships in B Company.

3. General.



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The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

Hon. Secs.: { M. J. ALLEN.
 T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,

GALWAY.

19th. September 1914

1914

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Committee of the above will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on tomorrow (Sunday) at 12 o'clock. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

T. Walsh
 M. J. Allen

Hon. Secs.

Business :-

1. To consider the following resolution proposed by Mr. Nicolls:-

" That, notwithstanding the opinions expressed by Inspecting Officers of the Irish Volunteers or by other people no matter how high their estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers is of opinion that the volunteers under its jurisdiction should abide by the constitution originally laid down for the Volunteers and arm and equip themselves for the one purpose of securing and maintaining the rights and liberties common to all Irishmen."

2. To select candidates for Officerships in "D" Company.

3. General.



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27th 9 1914

M. J. Allen Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to your memo of the 18th we have appointed Bro. Kelly & Bro. M. Cunningham as delegates to attend the meeting at the Town Hall to night at 8.00 P.M.

Yours Faithfully
W. J. Kelly
Kerry

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Camb House

Sep 26.

Suttener

My subscription was
 promised to an organization
 of National Volunteers which was
 apparently working in harmony
 with the the the the representatives
 of Nationalist Ireland. A group
 of Suttener, so far as I know,
 self chosen, have now publicly
 disavowed the Redmond policy
 and have announced to themselves
 the right to strike off the forming
 body men selected by him -
 including those not unknown
 to the men, by Messrs William
 Redmond, Thomas Curran &
 Joseph Deas. Of the
 Embassy City Cup fellows Prof.
 MacNeill & his associates in
 their line of action, having no
 support can be given by me
 to them.

If on the other hand the Air Corps
reappears itself in accordance
with what the mass of Nationalists
have taken to be the true intention
of the National Volunteers, by very
modest subscription shall be
doubled a hundred fold once to them
transmission, with a report that I
cannot give more & with the
undertaking that it shall be
backed by the Irish Service
render.

The Volunteer force, as understood,
was to be no more & no less political
than the territorial army in Great Britain.
The territorial army does not
dictate a critical policy: it prepares
itself to defend the shores of the country.
It may volunteer for foreign service
- it has done so - but it could not & it
cannot be compelled to do so.
Ireland's position is difficult, because
transitional; her aim of difficulties
achievement is to be Mr. Redmond
is morally though not legally as well
entitled to speak for Ireland as Mr.
Asquith for Great Britain. By every
instance in which Ireland accepts Mr. Redmond's

Prudencia she makes it more than a reality:
she anticipates her right to be exercised
in the hands of her chosen authority.

De Ulster Volunteers, in a position
somewhat similar, but infinitely
less pretentious to themselves, have
unreservedly taken their word of
command from Sir Edward Carson
& their elected spokesmen. Do you
doubt that they have taken it like
brave men?

Do you not call to arms, offer to
obtain a date of departure: first
of increasing the value & efficiency
of her citizen army by the presence of
war to many of its members;
second, of bringing nearer that
unity to which we aspire by
forming our fellow countrymen who
are divided from us in feelings
on the field of battle, & uniting with
them in a common danger & a
common glory.

A military organization not
under control of the civil
authority of the people's representatives
is a public danger, if it

means to fight. If it does not,
it is a public nuisance.
As this matter has importance
I am sending the correspondence
to the press:

Yours faithfully
Stephen Parnell

to Mr J. Allen
T. Dalton Esq.

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Thursday 24th September, 1914.

TO THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Ten months ago a Provisional Committee commenced the Irish Volunteer movement with the sole purpose of securing and defending the Rights and Liberties of the Irish people. The movement on these lines, though thwarted and opposed for a time, obtained the support of the Irish Nation. When the Volunteer movement had become the main factor in the National position, Mr. Redmond decided to acknowledge it and to endeavour to bring it under his control.

Three months ago he put forward the claim to send twenty-five nominees to the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers. He threatened, if the claim was not conceded, to proceed to the dismemberment of the Irish Volunteer organisation.

It is clear that this proposal to throw the country into turmoil and to destroy the chances of a Home Rule measure in the near future must have been forced upon Mr. Redmond. Already, ignoring the Irish Volunteers as a factor in the National position, Mr. Redmond had consented to a dismemberment of Ireland which could be made permanent by the same agencies that forced him to accept it as temporary. He was now prepared to risk another disruption and the wreck of the cause entrusted to him.

The Provisional Committee, while recognising that the responsibility in that case would be altogether Mr. Redmond's, decided to risk the lesser evil and to admit his nominees, to sit and act on the Committee. The Committee made no representations as to the persons to be nominated, and when the nominations were received, the Committee raised no question as to how far Mr. Redmond had fulfilled his public undertaking to nominate "representative men from different parts of the country". Mr. Redmond's nominees were admitted purely and simply as his nominees and without co-optation.

Mr. Redmond, addressing a body of Irish Volunteers on last Sunday, has now announced for the Irish Volunteers a policy and programme fundamentally at variance with their own published and accepted aims and pledges, but with which his nominees are, of course, indentified. He has declared it to be the duty of the Irish Volunteers to take foreign service under a Government which is not Irish. He has made this announcement without consulting the Provisional Committee, the Volunteers themselves, or the people of Ireland to whose service alone they are devoted.

Having thus disregarded the Irish Volunteers and their solemn engagements, Mr. Redmond is no longer entitled, through his nominees, to any place in the administration and guidance of the Irish Volunteer organisation. Those who, by virtue of Mr. Redmond's nomination, have heretofore been admitted to act on the Provisional Committee, accordingly cease henceforth to belong to that body, and from this date until the holding of an Irish Volunteer Convention the Provisional Committee consists of those only whom it comprised before the admission of Mr. Redmond's nominees.

At the next meeting of the Provisional Committee we shall propose -

1. To call a Convention of the Irish Volunteers for Wednesday, 25th November, 1914, the anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Irish Volunteers in Dublin.
2. To re-affirm without qualification the Manifesto proposed and adopted at the inaugural meeting.
3. To propose any diminution of the measure of Irish self-government which now exists as a Statute on paper, and which would not now have reached that stage but for the Irish Volunteers.

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4. To repudiate any undertaking, by whomsoever given, to consent to the legislative dismemberment of Ireland, and to protest against the attitude of the present Government, who under the pretence that "Ulster cannot be coerced", avow themselves prepared to coerce the Nationalists of Ulster
5. To declare that Ireland cannot, with honour or safety, take part in foreign quarrels otherwise than through the free action of a National Government of her own; and to repudiate the claim of any man to offer up the blood and lives of the sons of Irishmen and Irishwomen to the service of the British Empire, while no National Government which could speak and act for the people of Ireland is allowed to exist.
6. To demand that the present system of governing Ireland through Dublin Castle and the British military power, a system responsible for the recent outrages in Dublin, be abolished without delay, and that a National Government be forthwith established in its place.

The signatories to this Statement are the great majority of the members of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers, apart from the nominees of Mr. Redmond who are no longer members of the Committee. We regret that the absence of Sir Roger Casement in America prevents him from being a signatory with us.

(SIGNED):- Eoin MacNeill,
 Chairman Provisional Committee.
 Ua Rathghaille,
 Treasurer - Provisional Committee.
 Thomas MacDonagh,
 Joseph . Plunkett,
 Piaras Beaslai,
 Micheal J. Judge,
 Peter Paul Macken, Ex Ald.
 Sean Mac Giobuin,
 P. H. Pearse,
 Padraic O'Riain,
 Bulmer Hobson,
 Eamonn Martin,
 Conchubhair O'Colbaird,
 Eamonn Ceannt,
 Sean Mac Diarmada,
 Seamus O'Conchubhair,
 Liam Mellows,
 L. Colm O'Lochlainn,
 Liam Ua Gogan,
 Peter White.

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28 Sept 1914

Gentlemen

We the undersigned

hereby request you to call a

general meeting of the Galway

Provisional Committee Irish

Volunteers, for

(1) The appointment of a
Chairman

(2) Other general business

We desire that the meeting
be called for to-morrow
Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock

Signed,

P. P. O'Neill
James Redington.

P. S. McDonnell.

J. M. Pringle.

Patrick Asher

Messrs De Walsh

Allen ^{and} Currier

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IRISH VOLUNTEERS.(Galway City Corps.)

Galway

29th. September 1914

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Committee of the above will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 9 o'clock p.m. at which your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

To each member.

Business :-

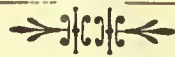
1. Election of Chairman.
2. To consider refusal of Treasurer to sign cheque for goods ordered by Committee.
3. General.

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THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS



Headquarters,

41 Kildare St

DUBLIN.....

26.9.1914

a card

We beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of
which will have our attention.

J J W (rec'd to day)

smne,

THE HON. SECRETARIES,

per Liam Mellows,



Assistant Secretary.

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That we the members of the Provisional
Committee of the Galway Irish Volunteers hereby
endorse the policy outlined by Mr John
Redmond for the future guidance of the
Irish Volunteer Movement and condemn
the arbitrary action of the minority
of the Dublin Provisional Committee in
seeking to arrogate to themselves the right
to dictate a policy to nationalist Ireland
in this matter over the heads of her tried
trusted leaders.

That we at once disassociate ourselves
 from the action of the minority in Dub-
 lin, and we beg to assure Mr. John E.
 Redmond at the Irish Party that the
 Volunteers of Galway City are now
 as ever proud of his leadership,
 and are prepared to loyally abide
 by the decision of the re-organised
 Pennant Committee ~~which is~~ about
 to be established."

M. W. D. 30/9/16

To Martin McDonogh Esq., Chairman Galway City Volunteers.

Sir,

We hereby request you to call a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Galway City Volunteers as Originally constituted at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 7th inst., at the Urban Council Chambers Galway for the following purposes viz:-

1. To ascertain how the Finance of the Committee stands.
2. To dissolve the existing Committee.
3. To re-constitute the Committee in accordance with the Policy outlined in Mr Redmond's Manifesto.

Martin McDonogh

P. S. McDonnell

Patrick Usher

John P. Coffey

John Patrick O'Neill

James M. Purcell

Martin Redington

To The Secretaries, Galway City Volunteers.

In accordance with the above requisition I request you to summon a meeting of the Committee for the time and place for the purposes named.

Chairman.

Dated this 5th day of Octr. 1914.

Equinton Buildings.

Sept 12th 1914

Dear Mr Allen,

what steps are being taken to deal with Mr Fogarty's declaration in favour of the oath of allegiance? He has, in my opinion, being guilty of a very grave breach of discipline and acted altogether contrary to the wishes of the Provisional Committee and should be promptly dealt with. If you will summon a meeting of the Provisional Committee early in the week, I will move the following:—

f. P. That Mr W. G. Fogarty of "B" Company be called upon to explain his most extraordinary conduct in writing on the Dublin Press on the policy of the Volunteer military movements and subjecting its chief officers to criticism contrary to military practices.

A meetg is necessary at any rate & it
would be well if this Gentleman was
summoned before it to explain his
conduct & receive the punishment
necessary to enforce discipline in the
ranks.

Perhaps to make our case more
definite you should add the
following to the reaction I have
outlined.

"It and that steps be taken to enforce
discipline by either suspending the
Fogarty ^{by} or such other means as the
Committee may think fit."

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but that is not sufficient we must vindicate
our position.

Yours faithfully
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It is a war for high ideals of human government and international relations, and Ireland would be false to her history, and to every consideration of honour, good faith, and self-interest, did she not willingly bear her share in its burdens and its sacrifices.

We have, even when no ties of sympathy bound our country to Great Britain, always given our quota, and more than our quota, to the firing-line, and we shall do so now.

We have a right however to claim that Irish recruits for the Expeditionary Force should be kept together as a unit, officered as far as possible by Irishmen, composed if possible, of county battalions, to form, in fact, an "Irish Brigade," so that Ireland may gain national credit for their deeds, and feel, like other communities of the Empire, that she too has contributed an army bearing her name in this historic struggle.

Simultaneously with the formation of this Irish Brigade, for service abroad, our Volunteers must be put in a state of efficiency as speedily as practicable, for the defence of the country.

In this way, by the time the war ends, Ireland will possess an army of which she may be proud.

I feel certain that the young men of our country will respond to this appeal with the gallantry of their race.

In conclusion, I would appeal to our countrymen of a different creed, and of opposite political opinions, to accept the friendship we have so consistently offered them to allow this great war, as to which their opinions and ours are the same, and our action will also be the same, to swallow up all the small issues in the domestic government of Ireland which now divide us; that, as our soldiers are going to fight, to shed their blood, and to die at each other's side, in the same army, against the same enemy, and for the same high purpose, their union in the field may lead to a union in their home and that their blood may be the seed that will bring all Ireland together in one nation, and in liberties equal and common to all.

J. E. REDMOND.

London, Wednesday.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., has issued the following statement:—

The whole-hearted endorsement by the Irish people and the Irish Volunteers of the spirit of my declaration, made on the impulse of the moment, and without seeking for any conditions whatever, that the defence of Ireland might safely be left to the sons of Ireland themselves, shows the profound change which has been brought about in the relations of Ireland to the Empire by the events of the past three years.

The Irish people know, and appreciate the fact fully, that at long last, after centuries of misunderstanding, the democracy of Great Britain has finally and irrevocably decided to trust them, and to give them back their national liberties.

By overwhelming British majorities a Charter of Liberty for Ireland has been three times passed by the House of Commons, and in a few hours will be the law of the land. A new era has opened in the history of the two nations.

During the long discussion of the Irish problem in Parliament and on the platform we promised the British people that the concession of liberty would have the same effect in Ireland as in every other part of the Empire, and notably, in recent years, in South Africa, that disaffection would give way to friendship and goodwill, and that Ireland would become a strength, instead of a weakness, to the Empire.

The democracy of Great Britain listened to our appeal, and have kept faith with Ireland. It is now a duty of honour for Ireland to keep faith with them.

A test to search men's souls has arisen. The Empire is engaged in the most serious war in history. It is a just war, provoked by the intolerable military despotism of Germany. It is a war for the defence of the sacred rights and liberties of small nations, and the respect and enlargement of the great principle of nationality. Involved in it is the fate of France, our kindred country, the chief nation of that powerful Celtic race to which we belong; the fate of Belgium, to whom we are attached by the same great ties of race, and by the common desire of a small nation to assert its freedom; and the fate of Poland, whose sufferings and whose struggle bear so marked a resemblance to our own.

called
 Nor are the Volunteers, so far as I have been able to observe, over addicted to 'military practices' - for instance I have been ~~called~~ to 'attention' on parade to listen to an anti-enlistment speech by an officer, followed by the expression of his pious opinion that the reports of German outrages were 'faked'. Were these proceedings (against which I protested both in writing and on parade) in accordance with 'military practices'?

I believe Mr John Redmond's fine pronouncement contains all that is necessary to guide Ireland and her Volunteers to the speedy and full fruition of our best hopes.

If it be superlatively extraordinary conduct to fight, as bitterly as I can, against the utterly vicious opinions of the few fanatics who are incessantly trying to thwart the noble ideal of Imperial unity and good-will which that declaration enshrines then - so be it. My conduct must continue to be 'most extraordinary'.

Meantime my letter stands. I should recommend you to read it as carefully as it was written.

And with it stand my best wishes that the Volunteers may win abiding benefits for Ireland by proceeding along the wise course which has now been authoritatively marked out for them by the true statesmanship of Mr Redmond.

I regret that a prior engagement prevents me from attending the meeting of your Committee to be held this evening, and I have therefore written my views at a length which I hope you will pardon

Yours faithfully,

W. G. L. Garty

The Secretaries,

Galway City Copps,

Irish Volunteers.

Devon Place,
Galway

Sept 18th 1914

Gentlemen,

I beg respectfully to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, conveying a Resolution of the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers; as follows

"That Mr W. G. Fogarty of "B" Company be called upon to explain his most extraordinary conduct in writing to the Dublin Press on the policy of the Volunteer military movements, and subjecting its chief officers to criticism contrary to military practices"

I embodied in a letter to the Independent (which apparently has not been read by the person responsible for above Resolution) my own opinions over my own name. I agree that my conduct in doing so was 'most extraordinary'. The 'ordinary' practice, I observe, is to address the Volunteers in terms of rampant treason, separatism, and Anglophobia through the medium of what the Irish Leader properly describes as "wretched rags" - and anonymously.

Had I adopted this method your Resolution would, of course, not have been sent to me, but you will pardon me for preferring the 'most extraordinary' procedure. I wish it were not so extraordinary for men to have their own opinions and express them.

If Volunteer opinion were not throttled as it is, and if the real consensus of the vast majority were allowed to be ascertained it would be found, I firmly believe, to be in accordance with the magnificent pronouncement of Mr Redmond (a copy of which I enclose and recommend to your serious study)

At the present time the whole Volunteer movement is in a state of flux - and, owing to the influence - I hope merely temporary - of accidental eccentricities, somewhat chaotic. In such circumstances men must give their opinions freely, so that the movement may finally emerge free and natural - the true child of the Nation.

"ON THE POLICY OF THE VOLUNTEER MILITARY MOVEMENTS"

Your Committee cannot have read the letter referred to in the resolution. I did not, for obvious reasons, write on the subject referred to. I wrote that the Volunteers were being kept in utter ignorance of the policy, and because I suspected (and indeed I still suspect) the desire of a small section of extremists to infuse into the movement a spirit altogether antagonistic to the declaration of Mr Redmond.

I claim, and will exercise, the right to combat what I believe to be the poisonous opinions of this section on every possible occasion.

"SUBJECTING ITS CHIEF OFFICERS TO CRITICISM"

Who are the chief officers referred to? Are they the gentlemen who produce revolvers at Committee meetings as aids to deliberation? If so the sooner they are criticised out of office the better it will be for the movement.

"CONTRARY TO MILITARY PRACTICES"

I am not aware that the Volunteers are yet subject to military Regulations. When they become so subject (and the sooner the better) it will be time enough to talk of breaches of Regulations.

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Devon Place, Galway.

21st. September 1914.

Gentlemen,

I have your letter of the 19th. inst., and note its contents.

I have tried to assert the right of a Home-Ruler to be loyal to the Constitution under which he lives, and to the Empire of which he is a Citizen, and to protect him - if he is a Volunteer - from the Anti-enlistment speeches and the pro-German opinions of his Officers on parade.

For the moment - and so far as your Committee is concerned - I have apparently failed, but I feel that the action I have taken will eventually help the Volunteers to become a source of strength and prevent them becoming a source of misery to Ireland.

I have striven, so far as an humble private individual may, to save Ireland from the intolerable tyranny of an armed force without any responsibility to official State Control, and have reason to believe that the views I have sought to maintain are winning, and that, since your Order of the 19th. inst. was made, your Committee have been forced to realise that these views must win.

This enables me to bear the personal rudeness of a small section of your Committee with equanimity.

Yours faithfully,

W.G. Fogarty

The Secretaries,

Galway City Volunteers,

Galway.

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The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

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Hon. Secs. : { M. J. ALLEN.
T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,
GALWAY.

18th. Sept. 1914 191

Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the
Committee of the above in the Town Hall this (Friday)
evening at 9 o'clock.

Yours faithfully

T. Walsh }
M. J. Allen }

Hon Secs.

Business :

To consider Mr. W. G. Fogarty's explanation, if any, with
reference to his letter to the Public Press.

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THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
Laurence J. Kettle, M.I.E.E.

22nd. Sept. 1914.

Ref. G.31.

Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
Galway City Corps,
10 Williamsgate St.
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to yours of the 16th inst. relative to the action of Mr W.G. Fogarty in writing to the Press regarding the policy of the Irish Volunteers, we beg to inform you that the matter was laid before the Country Organisation Sub-Committee of the Irish Volunteers, and we were directed to inform you that your committee have been given full power to deal with the matter as you may think fit.

We beg to remain,

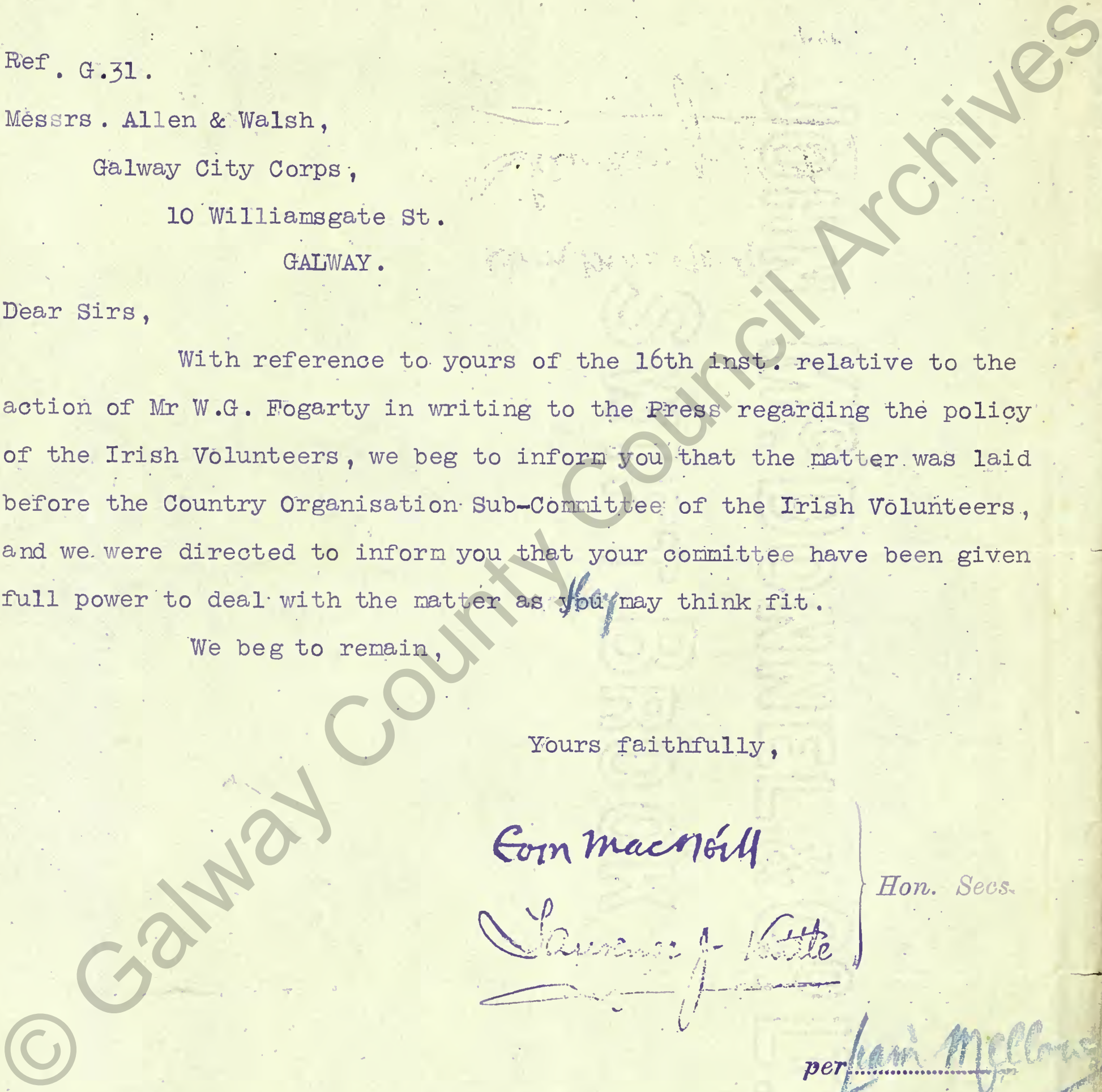
Yours faithfully,

Eoin MacNeill

Laurence J. Kettle

Hon. Secs.

per Liam Mellows



F. HARDIMAN,

Superintendent.

Telegrams:—

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GALWAY,

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Proposed by ~~Mr~~ Captain Duffy
Sec by Capt Nicholls.

That private W.G. Fogarty
be ~~dismissed~~ expelled
from the Galway City Corps
of the Irish Volunteers.

After due consideration
the resolution was passed
unanimously.

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GALWAY CITY CORPS.




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