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# MINUTE BOOK.

*Loughrea Union.*

*1846*

THE MINUTE BOOK, in which shall be entered all Letters received from or written to the Poor Law Commissioners, minutes of all monies received and paid, all orders and checks given, all accounts examined and allowed, all salaries ordered to be paid, as well as all other business, proceedings, and transactions of the Board of Guardians, at any of their Meetings. The entries of money transactions, shall be afterwards posted in the Ledger, and a note of reference made in the margin of the page in the Minute Book, to the folio in the Ledger to which they are so carried.

*Order of the Poor Law Commissioners.*



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*Loughrea* UNION.

RETURN of PAUPERS who were Admitted into, or Discharged from, the Workhouse; and of the number of Sick, and the number Born, or who Died therein, during the Week ended SATURDAY, *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 184*6*

	ADMITTED.							DISCHARGED.					DIED.						
	Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	BORN.		Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	TOTAL.	Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	TOTAL.
During the Week ended as above,	7	3	6	5	9	"	"	23	"	2	3	"	3	8	"	"	"	"	"
Remaining on the previous Saturday, as per last Return,	39	56	63	59	15	"	"	232	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATIC PAUPERS.										
								No. of Paupers in Hospital on the above date.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date.		OBSERVATIONS in case of any unusual number of these classes of Paupers.								
TOTAL,	46	59	69	64	17	"	"	255	In Work-house, } 7	In separate Wards.	In Wards with other Inmates.	" "							
Deduct Discharged and Died during the Week ending as above,	"	2	3	"	3	"	"	8	In Fever Hospital, } 19	1	"								
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,	46	57	66	64	14	"	"	247	Total, } 26	Total, } 1									

Number of Inmates that the Workhouse is calculated to contain, *800*  
 NEXT MEETING of Guardians to be held on *Saturday* the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *October* 184*6*

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on *Saturday*, the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 184*6*

PRESENT: In the Chair, *James Smyth Esq.*  
 Other Guardians: *The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lewis Daly*

*Lawrence Fahy*  
*Patrick Skerrett*  
*John A. Burke Esq.*  
*Francis Murphy Esq.*

The Minutes of case Meeting were read and Signed.  
 The Register Book was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. *1774* to No. *1801*, both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman, and counter-signature of the Clerk.  
 The Clerk's Report on the execution of Orders previously made by the Board was read, to the following effect:

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The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received <sup>since last meeting</sup> during the week, - £80..11..7  
 Paid during the week, <sup>since last week</sup> - £131..4..8  
 And that the Balance on the Account in favor of the Guardians was - £457..9..5

The Book was signed by the Chairman.  
 The Clerk's Account of petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £ - was produced and passed.

The Collector's Books were produced and examined, by which it appeared that there had been collected and paid to the Treasurer in respect of the several Electoral Divisions of the Union since the last Meeting, and that there remained uncollected in the said Electoral Divisions, respectively, the sums specified, as follows:

Name of Collector.	Name of Electoral Division.	Collected and Paid.			Remaining uncollected.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Thomas Armstrong	Loughrea	35	6	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	69	11	7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
	Kilchreest	35	15	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	13	9	6	
	Killicuadema	7	9	2	5	6	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Richard O'Neill	Athony	"	"	"	12	19	4	
	Clonkeen	"	"	"	9	"	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
	Miltulla	"	"	"	9	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
	Killimer	"	"	"	1	"	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
Nicholas Synsky	Kilcomeran	"	"	"	15	1	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
	Craughwell	"	"	"	27	18	7	
Garrett Burke	Ballynattill	"	"	"	30	12	11	
	Daurif	"	"	"	43	9	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
	Postuluna	"	"	"	16	4	9	
Patt. Kotaly	Teena	"	"	"	35	12	"	
	Kilmeau	"	"	"	16	17	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
	Kilcackle	"	"	"	9	7	7	
Total,		£	78	11	1	315	19	7

Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions, with the respective amounts above stated.

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

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

By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the week, was £ 28 " 11 s. 1 d.

Debit Provision Account,	-	-	-	28	11	1
Credit Invoice Account,	-	-	-	21	9	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was						
Debit Maintenance Account,	-	-	-	21	9	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Credit Provision Account,	-	-	-	1	0	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

And the average cost of a Pauper for the week was

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

282 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs of White Bread	35 Boxes of Soap
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs of Brown Bread	5 lbs of Candles
35 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs of Oats	1 Ton of Indian Meal
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Gallons of new Milk	1/2 Ton of Oatmeal
20 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Gallons of Buttermilk	

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

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

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

1. Clothing Account.

£ s. d.

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

~~Establishment Account~~

£ s. d.

~~Debit Establishment Account, and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as~~

~~above~~  
Unpaid Bills to 29th Sept  
3 Invoice Account.

Patt Meere for Bread	57	10	11
Peter Fahy for Milk	59	13	7
Michael Feeny for Inf	10	12	4
In this half year			
Messrs. Rush & Palmer for Indian Meal	13	"	"
Michael Molloy for Monies advanced			
by him for 1 ton of Oatmeal and other	23	9	9
incidental expenses			

~~Debit Invoice Account, and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.~~

~~The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read (this on the first meeting in every month) Number of successful cases.~~

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

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

The Clerk reports that he has received and lodged with the Treasurer the following sums by

Michael Murphy due of him for Office to the 29th September ————— £ 1<sup>5</sup> 2<sup>6</sup>

Michael Feeny for Staff gown on Loan £ 0<sup>15</sup> 0<sup>0</sup>

£ 2<sup>0</sup> 0<sup>6</sup>

The Medical Officer reports the following deaths during the week by.

Peter Madden of Murrasmas aged 2 months

Michael Allen of General Debility and Emaciation aged 45 years

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

The Clerk read two notices of intended Marriages received by him from the District Registrar.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Letter from the Poor Law Commissioners, No 384 M/46, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst requiring a return of the Guardians and Officers of the Union on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.

2<sup>nd</sup> Letter from ditto 387 M/46 dated 7<sup>th</sup> Inst directing the Clerk in pursuance of the Commands of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to furnish to the Grand Jury Secretary a statement of the Amount of last Poor Law Valuation of each Electoral Division of the Union and also of the portions of any Electoral Division which may be situate in more than one Burrough.

3<sup>rd</sup> Letter No 19783 O/46 dated the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst relative to vacancy occasioned in the Portman Electoral Division by the death of J. J. Russell.

4<sup>th</sup> Letter No 393 M/46 dated the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst requesting the Clerk to forward a correct list to the Relief Department, to the Office of Public Works of the Townlands in each Electoral Division. Ordered that it be forwarded by the Clerk it having been made out by him.

Letter from Lord John Russell dated the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst in reply to Memorial of Board of Guardians adopted at a former Meeting.

Resolved, That, finding the Collectors not paying in the Rate they be called on to pay up the amount of their respective Collections (they having had ample time to collect same) on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of November next in default thereof proceedings will be instituted against their Securities.

The Protestant Chaplain requests at present 6 Catechisms and 6 Prayer Books for the Annates of that persuasion in the Workhouse.

Resolved that they be purchased.

Resolved That the order for Provisions and Necessaries for the last fortnight be this day signed by the Chairman.

I give notice that I will on this day fortnight move that Molasses be substituted for Malt for Breakfast.

Dennis Daly

Provisional Admissions into the Workhouse, and applications for admissions were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Book.

The number of Provisional Admissions confirmed was	22 -
Ditto, disallowed	2 -
The number of Applicants admitted was	13 -
Ditto, rejected	21 - being

women with families whose Husbands refused to come in

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

*W. Luke Chairman*

*Michael Molony  
Clerk to the Guardians*

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*Loughrea* UNION.

RETURN of PAUPERS who were Admitted into, or Discharged from, the Workhouse; and of the number of Sick, and the number Born, or who Died therein, during the Week ended SATURDAY, *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 184*6*

	ADMITTED.							DISCHARGED.					DIED.						
	Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	BORN.		Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	TOTAL.	Males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Fe-males, aged 15 and upw <sup>d</sup> .	Boys under 15.	Girls under 15.	Children under 2.	TOTAL.
						Males.	Fe-males.												
During the Week ended as above,	2	2	4	4	2	"	"	14	2	1	1	"	5	1	"	"	"	1	2
Remaining on the previous Saturday, as per last Return,	46	57	66	64	14	"	"	247	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATIC PAUPERS.										
	OBSERVATIONS in case of any unusual number of these classes of Paupers.																		
TOTAL,	48	59	70	68	16	"	"	261	No. of Paupers in Hospital on the above date.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date.									
Deduct Discharged and Died during the Week ending as above,	3	1	1	1	1	"	"	7	In Work-house, } 7	In separate Wards.	In Wards with other Inmates.								
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,	45	58	69	67	15	"	"	254	In Fever Hospital, } 10	1	"								
									Total, } 25	Total,	1								

Number of Inmates that the Workhouse is calculated to contain, *800*

NEXT MEETING of Guardians to be held on *Saturday* the *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 184*6*

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on *Saturday*, the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *October* 184*6*

PRESENT: In the Chair, *Thos. A. Burke Esq*

Other Guardians:

*Byacinto Clarke*  
*John A. Burke*  
*Robert Scully Esq*  
*Thos. Burke*  
*James A. Burke &*  
*Patrick Shevett Esq*

The Minutes of case Meeting were read and Signed.

The Register Book was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. *1807* to No. *1843*, both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman, and counter-signature of the Clerk.

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

*The Clerk read a second time*  
*Two Notices of intended Marriages received*  
*by him from the District Registrar*



Unpaid Bills 2. Establishment Account.

	£	s.	d.
Walter M. Cornell for Salary to the 29 <sup>th</sup> September last	25	"	"

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

Unpaid Bills 3 Invoice Account.

John Hickey for Meat to 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup>	2	12	6
John Donohue for Soap Candles	4	3	8
To ditto			

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

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read - (this on the first meeting in every month) Number of successful cases -

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

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

The Matron reports that she requires the following viz -  
 Three yards of Canvas for cleaning fire vessels, six bundles of Flannel for mopping and eight Sweeping Brushes  
 Ordered that they be purchased -

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

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

Letter from the Poor Law Commissioners No 20.312 & 46 dated the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst, forwarding a copy of a letter received from the Dublin agent of the New Fire and Life Insurance Office relative to the storing and Manufacture of Wool in Workhouses &c

Letter from Hon<sup>ble</sup> Murray Esq dated the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst intimating to the Clerk that he will attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> November next for the purpose of Auditing the Accounts of this Union

Letter from the Grand Jury Secretary dated the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst requiring the Clerk in pursuance of the Lord Treasurers directions to furnish him with the Names of the respective Townlands in such Electoral Divisions as are situate in more than one Barony

### Notice of Motion

I will on this day fortnight move the propriety of taking into Consideration the making of a new rate

The Board then examined the several Bills due to the 29<sup>th</sup> September last which have been included in the Accounts of said Half year by the Clerk

Provisional Admissions into the Workhouse, and applications for admissions were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Passport Book.

The number of Provisional Admissions confirmed was	-	-	-	-	1
Ditto, disallowed	-	-	-	-	"
The number of Applicants admitted was	-	-	-	-	24
Ditto, rejected	-	-	-	-	1