

Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Adjourned meeting was held today

Patrick Cullkin Esq to be presiding.

Other Commissioners present

Patrick Lyons, Michael C. Shine, J. T. Egan,  
John Cunningham, Edward Carroll Lawrence,  
Bourke and Patrick M. Hugh Esq's

On the motion of Mr Shine it was ordered that a notice be inserted in the local papers inviting tenders from parties willing to act as caretaker over the several rooms in the town Hall the parties tendering to State Salary and tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Captain Hancock was ordered cheque  $20-11-0$  sent due for the town hall plot.

A letter having been read from Mr Edward Brady relative to cost of gas consumed in illuminating the town clock dials,

A discussion ensued as to who should pay the gas consumed in the several rooms of the town hall.

The Secretary of the gas company suggested that the total cost of the gas be paid proportionately by the rooms and that meters be then erected in each room.

The suggestion was adopted, the meters to be erected at the expense of the Board.

Mr Shine having remarked that the Bell of the town clock was not in accordance with the terms of the contract.

It was ordered that Messrs Chancellor and Son contractors be written to informing them of said remark.

The following notices of motions were handed in by Mr Shine.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 86

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at next monthly meeting that an advertisement be issued for a contractor for making a pathway on the Meads.

Michael C. Shine.

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting move that for the future no payment be made to the town clerk for services in connection with elections.

Michael C. Shine.

A letter was read from the Post Master General acknowledging receipt of resolution passed on January 14<sup>th</sup> relative to acceleration of the mails, and stating the matter would have his attention.

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Coulkin Esq. C.S.C. presiding

Other Commissioners present

M. H. Macnamara M. C. Ward, J. A. Egan, M. C. Shine,  
James Kehilly, Patrick McHugh & Lawrence Burke Esqs.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed and the monthly salaries of the Board's officers having been discharged

The following letter was read from Colonel Nolan M.P.

"Ballinacorney 16 February '86

"Dear Sir

I have already called at the General Post Office and represented there to the late Postmaster-General the disgraceful state of the Irish postal and train arrangements. Immediately on my return to London I will again see the new Postmaster General on the subject.

Believe me very faithfully  
"J. P. Nolan"

Patrick Coulkin Esq. C.S.C. Secy.

M<sup>r</sup> Edward O'Donnell offered himself for the office of caretaker of the rooms of the Town Hall at the yearly salary of £6.

M<sup>r</sup> M. C. Shine proposed that M<sup>r</sup> O'Donnell be appointed to the office but getting no second the proposition was not entertained.

The following tender was read from M<sup>r</sup> B. McHugh Town Inspector: Suam March 1 1886

To the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Suam.  
Gentlemen - I wish to offer my services

as caretaker of the several rooms in Town Hall, to keep Board Room and windows thereof clean for the sum of £5 per Annum

I am Gentlemen

Your obedient servant  
B. McHugh.

On the motion of M<sup>r</sup> Patrick McHugh seconded by M<sup>r</sup> J. A. Egan, M<sup>r</sup> B. McHugh's tender was declared accepted.

The following copy resolution from the Glennamaddy Board of Guardians was, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Egan unanimously adopted: -

"That in consequence of the general reduction in rents throughout Ireland owing to the depression of all kinds of agricultural produce and the low price of stock, we hereby place on record our opinion that all mortgagees should give a substantial reduction on the interest on their mortgages, so as to enable the landlords to grant the reductions now sought and needed throughout Ireland; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Municipal Bodies and Boards of Guardians in Ireland asking for their co-operation and support"

M<sup>r</sup> M. C. Ward proposed, M<sup>r</sup> Patrick McHugh seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the following copy resolution from the Dublin Corporation be adopted.

"That having regard to the recent declarations of M<sup>r</sup> Gladstone in reference to the National Claims of Ireland we feel justified in hoping that the new term of power to which he has been called will not pass away until he shall have restored to the Irish people their ancient natural and inalienable right of legislating for the local affairs of their own country. That we believe the re-establishment of our native Parliament would conduce to the peace contentment and prosperity of our country that it would involve no danger to the integrity of the British Empire; and that, by removing a fertile cause of illwill and contention it would for the first time in their history, give a

Fair



Fair chance for the growth of friendly relations between the people of England and Ireland. That we deny and repudiate in the strongest possible manner the allegation that an Irish Parliament would be likely to deal unfairly or oppressively with those who, as regards religious creed or political opinion form a minority of the Irish people. That we hope the ruling classes and the people of England will not suffer themselves to be misled by the highly coloured and enormously exaggerated accounts of Irish disorders which are being spread amongst them but will have the wisdom to turn to good account the present most favourable juncture for effecting a happy settlement of the long standing strife between the two nations.

M<sup>r</sup> P. J. Conway the Boards Solicitor submitted the following letter.

"Dublin February 16, 1886.

To P. J. Conway Esq Solicitor, Quam:

" Sir

In reply to your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> February, we beg to inform you that if you refer to our estimate you will find that the clock contains in every respect the provisions contained therein and which were accepted by your Board. We have also a certificate from Mr Brady who was authorized by your Board to examine and report upon the completion of the work, and he stated in his certificate dated 1<sup>st</sup> August '85 that the illuminated four dial striking clock erected by us in Quam Town Hall has been fitted up in the strict accordance with the tender. Regarding the letter which you refer to, we have every reason to believe that the sound of the bell could under favorable circumstances such as a calm evening, or a gentle wind blowing in that direction be heard at distance mentioned, but you could not possibly expect to hear it so far under all conditions of the atmosphere. We took special pains to make the clock a success, believing it would be an advertisement for ourselves and brought our estimate down to the lowest

price in order to obtain the contract. We met your Board very liberally in matter of extension of time to pay, and now after so much delay has occurred and so many people have spoken highly of the clock we certainly consider it very bad treatment to attempt to make unreasonable complaints when we ask for payment of the account.

We remain, Sir, faithfully yours  
"Chancellor & Son"

After some discussion the matter was ordered to be again referred to M<sup>r</sup> Conway.

On the motion of M<sup>r</sup> M. C. Shine of which he had given due notice, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> J. A. Egan, it was passed that in future the Town Clerk get no extra remuneration for his services in connection with contested elections.

M<sup>r</sup> M. C. Shine according to notice moved that a contractor be advertised for to make a footpath on the Mall between Hyter's Corner and the entrance gate to the Protestant Church. M<sup>r</sup> Mac Namara seconded the motion.

M<sup>r</sup> Lawrence Burke suggested that the Grand Jury be applied to for increase of their grant towards defraying the cost of construction of the footpath.

The Board having adopted the suggestion, M<sup>r</sup> M. C. Shine withdrew his motion conditioned that after the application to the Grand Jury, the Board supplement the Grand Jury grant by whatever sum the contract may require and that the footpath be then made.

The following letter was ordered to be recorded on the Minutes

Church Lane.  
Quam Feb 19 1886

To P. J. Conway Esq. Solr. Quam.

" Sir - In reply to your letter on the point



part of the Tuam Town Commissioners requiring a written undertaking from me to close up with lime and mortar, when required by them, the entrance I have made into the turf market from my premises, I hereby undertake to so close up said entrance when the Tuam Town Commissioners require it."

Your obedient servant  
"Patrick E. Wood"

The Board adjourned to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Adj meeting

There was no business transacted today there not being a quorum in attendance

Adjourned to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Friday March 12 1886

A Special Meeting was held today pursuant to the following requisition:-

We the undersigned request that you will convene a meeting of the Commissioners at your earliest convenience for the purpose of giving our views in reference to the construction of a railway from Tuam to Dunmore.

J. A. Egan

J. A. Egan  
Michael Fahy  
M. H. Macnamara  
M. Co. Shine  
John Cunningham  
Edward Carroll  
Patrick MacKight  
James Robilly

The following Commissioners attended

Patrick Cullen Esq. C. J. C.  
presiding

Other Commissioners present

J. A. Egan, M. H. Macnamara,  
Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy, James Robilly, John  
H. Begley, Edward Carroll and John Cunningham Esq.

Mr Egan proposed and Mr Mac Namara seconded  
the following motion:-

"I beg to propose that we urge upon the grand Jury the advisability of passing the proposed line from Tuam to Dunmore, as we believe it will give much needed employment and be a benefit to the Town of Tuam and that they give a guarantee spread over a large area

The motion was declared lost.

Messrs Egan & Macnamara (2) having voted for it  
And Messrs Lyons, Fahy, Robilly, Begley, Carroll &  
Cunningham (6) having voted against it

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman



Monday 15 March 1886

Adjourned meeting was held today

Patrick Coulter Esq. C.S. Co.

presiding

Other Commissioners present

Patrick Lyons, John MacPhillain, Michael Fahy, M. C. Ward, M. Egan, Lawrence Burke and John Cunningham Esqrs.

Mr Townsend's bill for plan, specification, inspection etc of Town Hall 293.11.3 was submitted and after some discussion the Clerk was ordered to write to Mr Townsend to request him to again inspect the building there being leakages which must be stannched; also to inform him that payment of his bill was deferred till the contract be satisfactorily completed.

Mr Chancellor's bill £105 was the next matter under discussion.

Messrs Fahy, Lyons, and other members of the board having said that in their opinion the bill of the Town Clerk was far from being as good an article as Messrs Chancellor & Son undertook to supply.

The board agreed to offer the contractor through the Board's solicitor £90 in full discharge of the bill, said sum (£90) to be paid in two equal instalments one now, and the other immediately after next October fair of Tuam.

Mr Lyons proposed Mr Egan seconded and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Tuam Town Commissioners take this our earliest opportunity to repudiate and protest against the action of a self-elected & non-representative body as the Galway Grand Jury are in their passing a resolution against Home Rule it being a world-wide well-known fixed determination of the Irish Nation to accept nothing less than their own native Parliament, and until it is restored and all such

The following letters were read in reference to the resolutions passed by the Board at meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> March

"10 Downing Street Whitehall  
March 16 1886

"Sir

I am directed by Mr Gladstone to inform you that he has received the communication from the Tuam Town Commissioners on the subject of an Irish Parliament which you have done him the honour to send him.

I am Sir, your obedient servant  
"G. W. Spencer Lyttleton

"The Town Clerk, Tuam.

"Chief Secretary's Office  
Dublin Castle  
19 March 1886

"Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuam Commissioners of Tuam

I am Sir, your obedient servant  
"G. J. C. Hamilton

"The Town Clerk Tuam

"Ballinacorney Tuam  
18<sup>th</sup> March 1886

"Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge copy of the resolution of your Board drawing attention to the distress felt in Tuam from the want of employment. Until a railroad is run northwards from Tuam I fear that it will be difficult to remove this evil unless the Government could be induced to undertake or facilitate arterial drainage. With regard to the

extraordinary



extraordinary state of the trains and postal accommodation I shall continue to press the subject on the Postmaster-General. I would advise you to forward the names of those gentlemen you would wish examined on the town question to the Chairman Town House Committee House of Commons. I will be in London on Monday and will endeavour to get one or two called immediately. I will not be the Chairman as a Minister is to be put on the Committee

Believe me faithfully yours  
"J. P. Nolan"

"P. Cullin Esq C. J. C."

"House of Commons Library  
March 18 1886"

"Patrick Colwood Clerk of the  
Town Board Tuam"

"Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for sending me copies of the resolutions of your Town Board dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst. With reference to the Tuam and Athenry mails I have already done something in that direction. At the request of Colonel Nolan and in company with him and Mr Sheehy I formed one of the deputation that waited on the gentleman you name in order to urge on him the advisability of improving the mail service between Tuam and Athenry. On the subject of the resolution which aims at the employment of the people by means of public works, I can only say that my strongest desire is and always has been to get remunerative employment for the masses of the people when & wherever it can be done. At the present time we are in a state of suspense, waiting to see what measures may be brought forward by the Prime Minister on Land Reform and Home Government; but if the Tuam Town Board would apply themselves (perhaps I am taking too great a liberty in making this

suggestion) to formulating some definite scheme on which public money could be expended with advantage, I am sure the Irish Party would support it, and certainly I shall not be wanting so far as my exertion or influence may go. As to the resolution on Home Government and the condemnation of those now almost obsolete bodies the grand juries, the patriotic action of the Tuam Town Board deserves the highest commendation and I trust & hope their example will be followed by all the representative bodies in Ireland

Your obedient servant  
Matt Harris.

"House of Commons Library  
March 17 1886"

"Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the honour of receiving the resolution of the Tuam Town Commissioners on the subject of the distress of the labouring classes. I am constantly urging on the authorities the importance of providing legitimate means of livelihood for those who are willing to work. My efforts have not been altogether fruitless since I have had the pleasing duty of representing the borough of Galway, as far as my own constituency are concerned

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,  
"W. H. O'Shea"

"P. C. Wood Esq."

House of Commons  
23<sup>rd</sup> March '86

"Dear Sir

In compliance with the wishes of the Tuam Town Commissioners I called again today at the General Post Office. I was there informed that with regard to the day mail the department had



had entered into a negotiation with the Railway Company, and that they hoped to be able to make an announcement satisfactory to the locality within a fortnight. They also held out some hopes that they would make an offer with regard to the Right of Way but did not express the same belief in its being accepted.

Believe me faithfully Yours  
"J. P. Nolan"

Patrick Cullin Esq. C. S. C.  
Lucan

"House of Commons  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1886"

"Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing a copy of resolution passed by the Commissioners of Lucan which would have been replied to earlier had it not been for illness which has detained me at home for a few days. You will inform the Commissioners that I shall be very pleased to support Colonel Nolan in whatever action is considered the most suitable.

Yours truly  
"P. J. Foley"

"P. C. Wood Esq. Town Clerk"

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Cullin Esq. C. S. C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were  
Mr. C. Ward, Patrick Lyons, Laurence Burke, J. T. Egan,  
Mr. C. Shine and Patrick Mac Hugh Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed and the monthly salaries of the Board's officers having been discharged.

The Chairman having referred to the state in which the Town Hall and clock tower were  
Mr. Egan proposed Mr. Shine seconded and it was unanimously resolved—

"That a skilled builder be appointed to examine and report on the state of the clock tower as we are led to believe it is taking"

Mr. Shine handed in the following notice of motion:—

Lucan, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will propose at the next monthly meeting that an ornamental lamp be erected and lighted at the entrance to the reading room.  
Michael G. Shine.

The following resolution passed at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Lucan, held in the Town Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April:—

Mr. Lyons proposed, Mr. Ward seconded and it was unanimously resolved—

"That we ask the Lucan Town Commissioners to apply to the Government through our Parliamentary Representative Colonel Nolan for a loan on moderate terms for the purpose of erecting water-works in the town and thus giving employment to poor labourers, which is so much wanted at the present depressed time."



Consideration of the foregoing resolution was deferred till Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Board believing it advisable to wait till Mr Gladstone has submitted to Parliament his Home Rule Scheme for Ireland.

The Board adjourned to Monday 12 April

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

The adjourned meeting was held today.

Patrick Cullkin Esq C.I.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John Cummyham, M.C. Ward, M.C. Shine,  
Lawrence Burke, Patrick MacHugh and J. H. Logan Esq.

The resolution relative to water works for the town (read at meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April) having been discussed,

The clerk was ordered to write to Colonel Nolan requesting him to ascertain the lowest rate percent at which a loan may be got from the Government for water works which the Board wish to erect in Suam for the purpose - 1<sup>st</sup> to give remunerative employment to a very large number of labourers who at present are idle and sorely in need; and secondly to provide the towns-people an ample supply of good water for which no householder would grudge to pay a reasonable charge.

Also that the Colonel would bring under the notice of the Local Government Board with a view to obtaining their sanction for holding the new fairs in Suam which the town Commissioners sought some time since to establish.

The Board adjourned. Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Cullkin Esq C.I.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were - Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy, M.C. Shine, M.C. Ward and Edward Carroll Esqs.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and business of finance transacted.

A letter was read from Mr Patrick Clood Town Clerk, thanking the Board for extending his leave of absence and permitting his brother Mr Peter Clood to discharge his duties.

On the motion of Mr Shine the Town Clerk was granted a further extension of a month.

Mr Hugh Town Inspector submitted his monthly report which was read.

Mr Shine considering the financial state of the Board withdrew his motion of which he had given due notice viz "to erect and light an ornamented lamp at the entrance to the news room."

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1886

A special meeting was summoned for today pursuant to the following requisitions:—

We the undersigned request that you will convene a meeting for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. for the purpose of considering the application for the presentments at the coming sessions, and also the financial statement put forward by the press.

Patrick Cullen Esq. J. C.  
No. 4. Mac Namara L.P.S.S. J. C.  
Patrick Lyons J. C.  
Michael Fahy J. C.  
Edward Carroll J. C.  
John F. Begley J. C.  
John Cunningham J. C.  
Michael C. Shine J. C.  
J. A. Egan J. C.

Only the following commissioners having attended, Messrs Patrick Cullen Esq. J. C., Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy and Mr. C. Shine, no business was transacted.

Wednesday May 19 1886

A special meeting was held today pursuant to circular duly issued to consider a statement said to have been made at meeting of Juam Board of Guardians that a deputation from the Juam Town Commissioners had waited on said guardians requesting them not pay the claims made by the local papers for advertising notices re Juam Waterworks and to defend any legal action those papers might institute for recovery of said claims.

Patrick Cullen Esq. J. C. presiding  
The other commissioners present were Mr. C. Shine, John Cunningham, Edward Carroll and Michael Fahy Esq.

After a discussion, Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Cunningham seconded a resolution on the subject which the Chairman refused to entertain.

The following was then handed to the Clerk:—

Board Room  
Juam  
May 19 1886

We the undersigned Town Commissioners being the majority of the Board, <sup>present</sup> protest against the unconstitutional & high-handed action of the Chairman in refusing to put Mr. Shine's resolution this day.

Michael C. Shine.  
Edward Carroll.  
John Cunningham.

An application was read from Mr. Robert Stephens Solicitor, Galway on the part of Mr. Townsend Esq. for amount £93.14.3, for plans and superintendence of Town Hall.

No order was made respecting the application.

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Cullen Chairman.



Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Cullin Esq C. J. C. presiding

The other commissioners present were—  
J. A. Egan, J. F. Begley, James Kibilly and  
Patrick Mac Hugh Esqrs.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
having been read and signed and cheques for  
officers salaries etc ordered.

The following letter was read.

"Ipswich 7<sup>th</sup> June 1886"

"To the Chairman & Ipswich Town Commissioners"

"Gentlemen"

In my last letter to you I had asked  
you for extension of my leave of absence which  
you very considerately granted me & now finding though  
I have thank God been rid of my disease I am  
not sufficiently ~~recovered~~ strong to resume the  
duties of my office. I request a further extension  
at expiration of which I trust I shall not be  
necessitated to trouble you further. Meantime my  
brother Peter Colwood as he has hitherto done will  
act as my deputy you kindly permitting.

"I am Gentlemen  
your obedient servant  
Patrick Colwood"

The extension applied for was unanimously  
granted.

There were two tenders for the contract  
for cleansing the streets: One from Matthias  
Gormally £50; the other from James Kibilly £50.

The amount being considered exorbitant  
—ant it was ordered to re-advertise the contract

A report having been read from  
the Town Inspector P. M. Hugh, suggesting that

the walls of the Shambles etc be white washed.

It was ordered that tenders for the work  
be invited by advertisement.

Reference having been made to safe for  
the books & documents of the Board.

The Clerk was ordered to write to  
Mr Lydon Galway not to make door for small press  
till again communicated with.

Attention having been drawn to a gate  
recently erected at rear of Town Hall by Mr  
Patrick McGuane,

It was ordered that Mr McGuane be  
noticed to remove said gate otherwise the matter  
would be placed in the hands of the Board's  
Solicitor.

The toll farmer not having paid balance  
of his last bill the Clerk was ordered to write  
to his stewards before putting the matter into the  
hands of the Board's Solicitor.

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1886

A special meeting was held today.

Patrick Cullin Esq C. J. C. presiding

The other commissioners present were—  
Patrick Lyons, M. C. Ward, James Kibilly, Edward  
Leavell, Patrick Mac Hugh & John Cunningham Esqrs.

The following resolution proposed by the  
Chairman and seconded by M. C. Ward Esq was unanimously  
passed



passed:—

"That we the Town Commissioners of Lismore, hereby beg to tender our most grateful thanks to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone for his heroic exertions to satisfy the legitimate demands of the Irish people, by granting them Home Rule, or the right to manage their own affairs.

"That we most emphatically protest against the renegade, soi-disant Liberals and Radicals (?) who, in the face of the enemy ran away from their guns, and deserted their noble Chief of a hundred battles nobly fought and won.

"That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in the Sacred Cause of Liberty and Fatherland.

"That we fondly hope it shall be reserved to him to bring to a successful issue the work which, against desperate odds, he has so ably begun; and finally,

"That we look upon the result of the late Home Rule debate as a Pyrrhic victory for the unwholy triple alliance of intachable Tories, reactionary Liberals, and unreliable Radicals."

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

P. Cullin

Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1886

This was the day for the monthly meeting but owing to the fair being held only one Commissioner Patrick Cullin Esq. C. J. C. attended and the business to be transacted was adjourned to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

Monday 12 July 1886

The adjourned meeting was held today

Patrick Cullin Esq. C. J. C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were—

Patrick Lyons. M. C. Ward Patrick M<sup>rs</sup> Hugh Edward Carroll and John Cunningham Esqrs.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed and business of finance disposed of.

Tenders for the cleansing contract were opened and considered.

The tenders were as follows:—

James Nolan's £45; John Farrell's £47; John Mahony's £39; Matthias Gormally's £44.

The Board having concluded that Mahony had not the means necessary to execute the contract satisfactorily, Gormally was asked to reduce his tender to the amount of his previous one namely £40 and having consented to do so he was declared contractor. His tender is as follows:—

Lismore July 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

The Chairman & Town Commissioners of Lismore.

I hereby propose and agree to cleanse & water the streets of the Town according to advertisement for the sum of £40. Forty pounds and I procure for my securities Messrs M. S. Walsh Lismore and Malachy Conneanou Dublin Lismore

(Signed) Matthias Gormally  
p. S. I agree to watering the streets at 5 O'clock in the morning as requested by the Board.

Matthias Gormally  
Mark

Witness P. M<sup>rs</sup> Hugh Lismore

Sureties Malachy Conneanou  
M. S. Walsh



Two tenders for the contract to whitewash the Shambles walls were received and opened from Matthias Gormally £1-17-0 and John Hogan £2 each finding the necessary materials Gormally's tender was accepted.

A bill was submitted from the Gas Company £32 6 0 for the lighting of the Town Clock and rooms of the Town Hall

Deducting £5-6-0 from the amount a cheque was ordered for the balance £27.

An application having been read from Messrs Chancellor & Son for bill due for the Town Clock.

The Clock was directed to write in reply offering on the part of the Board £90 in full discharge of the bill. £50 of the £90 to be paid now and the balance £40 in the end of October next.

Report from the Town Inspector was read in which attention was called to the necessity of getting new lamps to replace 1 1/2 doz of old ones unfit to be repaired.

The meeting was adjourned till Monday 19<sup>th</sup> inst when the question of getting lamps would be discussed. The Board adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullinane Chairman

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1886

Today there attended Patrick Cullinane Esq. M.C. Shine, John Cunningham & James Prohilly Esq.

But there not being a quorum

Mr Shine proposed & it was agreed to adjourn the business to be transacted to the Monthly Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886

No business was transacted today there not being a quorum only R. Cullinane Esq. & John MacPherson J. P. Begley & G. Carroll Esq. attending. Adjourned to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

August 9<sup>th</sup> 1886

Adjourned Meeting was held today.

Commissioners present.

Patrick Cullinane Esq. M.C. presiding  
Lawrence Burke, J. A. Egan, M.C. Shine, Patrick W. Hugh & Michael Fahy Esq.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed and the financial business disposed of.

Tenders for printing from Messrs J. D. Kelly and Francis Carroll were read and considered the tender of the former was £9 that of the latter as follows which was proposed by Mr Fahy seconded by Mr Burke and unanimously accepted.

Given Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886

To the Chairman and Town Commissioners  
Given

Gentlemen,

I propose and agree to do all the printing in connection with your Board (except crane docket) for twelve months from date hereof for the sum of six pounds and ten shillings Sterling.

Your obt. S<sup>t</sup>  
Francis Carroll.

A letter to the Chairman from the Postmaster General was read intimating that negotiations for a new contract for the Mail Service with the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company had at length been



been brought to a satisfactory conclusion and that an improved day mail service on the Guano Branch Line commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1886. had been arranged for.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fahy the Clerk was ordered to write to the District Inspector of Police Mr. J. G. Brooke asking for sanction to remove to the Barrack yard the Town ladders where they could be easily had in case of an outbreak of fire.

Attention having been drawn to the gas contract which was soon to expire it was agreed that a special meeting be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, (Three Commissioners to form a quorum) to arrange with the directors of the Gas Company regarding the Town lighting for the ensuing year.

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

August 13<sup>th</sup> 1886

Special meeting of the Board was held today to arrange with the directors of the Gas Company as to the town lighting for the succeeding year.

The Commissioners present were Patrick Cullin, Michael Fahy and Patrick MacHugh Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Patrick Murphy Esq Director, & John Murphy Sec Gas Company attended.

After the subject had been discussed it was agreed between the Board & representatives of the Gas Company the amount of the current contract about to terminate £77-10-0 be reduced £5 some of the Street lamps not having been lighted on certain nights during the Winter Season.

The Board offered 72-10-0 for the lighting for the lighting of the Street lamps for the ensuing year, which offer Mr. Patrick Murphy Director said he would submit to the other directors of the Gas Company.

The meeting then separated.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1886

A meeting convened by requisition was held today for the purpose of considering letters received from Messrs. Chancellor & Son and Head Constable Lang and of fixing a day for letting the Tolls & Customs for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present were Patrick Cullin Esq C. G. to presiding. Mr. C. Shine, John MacPhelim, Patrick MacHugh, Mr. Fahy & Lawrence Burke Esq<sup>r</sup>.

The letter from Messrs Chancellor & Son was read as follows:-

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1886

Messrs, The Town Commissioners  
Guano

Gentlemen

In reply to the letter of your Acting Town Clerk of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst written on your behalf in reference to our account against you, we beg now to say that we have decided to accept your offer of £50 now & the balance £40 in three months from this date for which latter sum we enclose a bill on you which kindly perfect and return in course of post as we require to make use of it at once. We may mention that we have received letters from several most respectable inhabitants of Guano assuring us that the clock gives entire satisfaction to the community at large and is moreover a credit to our firm, but as we have no desire to have recourse to unpleasantness in collecting our money we have agreed to your proposal.



proposal & will therefore expect to have your  
cheque for £50 in course of post  
yours faithfully  
pro Chancellor & Son  
J. H. Scott

P.S. Kindly return enclosed bill duly accepted.  
We have drawn it at a date so as to suit your  
meeting in November  
L.S.

The Chairman proposed and Mr MacPherson  
seconded:-  
That £50 be now given to Messrs Chancellor  
& Son as first instalment, the balance £40 in Nov-  
ember next in accordance with a resolution passed  
15<sup>th</sup> March last.

Mr Shine moved as an amendment but  
got no seconder:-

"That this Board desire to place on record  
their dissatisfaction with the bell of Town clock  
supplied by Messrs Chancellor inasmuch as it is  
not what they contracted to supply being on the  
contrary useless & apparently cracked & devoid of the  
mellow tone guaranteed. This Board therefore require  
Messrs Chancellor to fulfil the contract by supplying  
a superior bell, and until then refuse to pay any  
money in account for their contract"

The Chairmans proposition was de-  
clared passed and cheque £50 was accordingly  
filled for Messrs Chancellor & Son.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Burke seconded and  
it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Board desire to place on  
record its sincere regret at the decease of  
Mr Colwood late Town Clerk and to express its  
deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased  
and that copies of this resolution be forwarded  
by the Chairman to Mr Colwood & Mrs Maylan."

The Town Inspector Mr MacHugh having  
reported that the occupant of the Town Herald Office,

had not kept the channel & footpath opposite the  
premises swept, in accordance with the Town Improve-  
ment Act  
The Inspector was ordered to do his duty in  
the matter should the law be not complied with  
in future

It was also ordered that Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Septem-  
ber be fixed for letting the Tolls & Customs of  
the ensuing year.

The Pig Fair in May to be held on the Smith  
of the Month.

And to advertise the contract for letting  
& re-letting of rags in such parts of the Town as the  
Chairman may from time to time point out during  
the ensuing year, tenders to be received & considered  
at meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The subjoined letter was read from  
Head Constable Long, in reply to Board's letter  
regarding the town ladders:-

June 11. 8. 86

P Colwood Esq

Sir

In reference to your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> inst, I have  
to inform you that permission to keep the ladders  
in the Barrack yard could not be sanctioned.

I am Sir

Yr obt Servant  
J Long  
H.C.

Mr Shine suggested and it was unanimously agreed  
to that all the books & documents belonging to the  
Board be placed under the Chairmans Charge.

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman.



Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today  
Patrick Cullen Esq. C. J. C. presiding.

The other Commissioners present were.  
Patrick Lyons, J. A. Egan, Michael Fahy,  
J. F. Bigley, Edward Carroll, John Cunningham  
and James Kibbilly Esq<sup>s</sup>.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed and the financial business disposed of.

Tenders for the footpath flagging contract were considered.

From Edward Kenny at 1/8 per square yard and Richard Dunleavy at 2/2 per square yard.

Mr Kenny tender was accepted and is as follows:-

Guam September 6<sup>th</sup> '86

The Chairman & Town Com<sup>s</sup> Guam

I propose and agree to keep the flags in repair and reset new ones supplying mortar and attendance for the sum of 1/8 (one shilling and eight pence) per square yard  
Edward. Kenny.

The following report was read.

To the Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin.

Lisnaboy 16 Aug 1886

"Sir

I have the honour to state for the information of the Local Government Board for Ireland, that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Guam for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1885, and to forward herewith an abstract of same duly

certified by me. I have to report that owing to the illness of the Town Clerk for some months past the accounts have been kept by his brother Mr Peter Edward and the ledger and subsidiary accounts for the year under audit have been posted up by him. I have every reason to be satisfied with the way in which he attended to my directions for closing the account and has submitted it for <sup>my</sup> audit. A loan of £200 has been obtained for completing the Town Hall, and of this £589 has been expended. Taking the loan and the expenditure for building out of the account, it would appear that the Commissioners ordinary expenditure has exceeded their income by between £50 and £60. It would be well for them to see how this can be remedied in the future, as it cannot continue. There will, I am sure, be a revenue from the Town Hall, which appears to have been well constructed and adapted to public entertainments, which will of course be a source of income to the Commissioners. I merely draw their attention to the fact of the excess of expenditure over income, that they may watch carefully both the one and the other and keep out of financial difficulties.

I have the honour to be Sir,  
Your obedient servant  
"J. O'Hara, Auditor"

Mr Egan handed in the following notice of motion:-

"Guam Sep<sup>r</sup> 6 '86

"Take notice that at the next monthly meeting of the Board, I or some member on my behalf will propose that the Town Clerk's salary be fixed at the sum of twenty five pounds per year

Signed "J. A. Egan"

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Cullen Chairman



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1886

For the letting of the Tolls & Customs

A special meeting was held today pursuant to the following requisition:-

We the undersigned Commissioners request that you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 13<sup>th</sup> inst at 12.0.0 noon for the purpose of considering the advisability of inserting all advertisements of the Board in both local papers as heretofore, and to define the scavenger's duties

- M. C. Shine J. C.
- J. Cunningham J. C.
- J. F. Begley J. C.
- E. Carrall J. C.
- James Robilly J. C.
- J. A. Egan J. C.
- M. Fahy J. C.
- L. Burke J. C.
- P. M. Hugh J. C.
- M. H. M. Hamara J. C.

Patrick Coulkin J. C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were.

Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy, M. C. Ward, J. A. Egan, James Robilly, Patrick M. Hugh, Lawrence Burke, Edward Carrall, M. C. Shine, and John Cunningham Esq.

There were two tenders for the Tolls and Customs for year <sup>commencing</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> inst from Mr Lawrence Burke £460 and from Mr Thomas Nolan as follows:-

Guam 13<sup>th</sup> September 1886

The Chairman

The Guam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Guam from the twenty ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty six to the twenty eighth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven as advertised and I offer for same the sum of five hundred and forty pounds Stg. I offer for

My Sureties for

the faithful fulfilment of same William Keepe Dummore Pat<sup>r</sup> Tierney and Jas Tierney both of Belmont.

I am Gentlemen yours obdtly  
Thomas Nolan, Guam

We the undersigned are willing to become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above.

Patt Tierney Belmont  
J Tierney Belmont  
William Keepe Dummore

Ballintleary  
13<sup>th</sup> September 1886

The Chairman

The Guam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I am willing to become surety for Thomas Nolan for the Tolls & Customs of the Borough of Guam from the twenty ninth day of September 1886 to the twenty eighth day of Sept 1887 at the sum of £540

Yrs obdtly  
Daniel Corcoran  
Ballintleary

On the motion of Mr Begley seconded by Mr Carrall, Mr Nolan's tender was unanimously accepted

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded that the Guam Herald newspaper be given the advertisements of the Board for the sum of £2 as heretofore

Michael C. Shine  
John F. Begley

I beg to second the above proposition  
John F. Begley

Mr Lyons moved as an amendment & Mr Egan seconded that Mr Shines proposition be not entertained.

For the amendment Messrs Fahy, Mr Hugh, Ward, Robilly, Egan and Lyons (6)  
Against Messrs Begley, Shine and Cunningham (3)



(3) Messrs Carroll and Burke did not vote.

The amendment was declared carried.

And the meeting separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1884

A special meeting pursuant to the following requisition was held today:—

"Mr Peter Edward Town Clerk pro tem,

"As the undersigned Town Commissioners (at the request of numerous stockholders) require you to convene a meeting of the Town Board for Tuesday next 28<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock for the purpose of considering the question of thoroughly advertising the next October Fair in this town as it appears the date in different public almanacs has been erroneously given

Michael C Shine G.C.

J Cunningham G.C.

John F Begley G.C.

E Carroll G.C.

James Nobilly G.C.

The following Commissioners attended

Patrick Cullen Esq G.C. presiding.

Patrick Lyons, Michael Faly, M.C. Ward M.C. Shine  
John F Begley, Pat Mc Hugh, Edward Carroll, James Nobilly  
Lawrence Burke, and John Cunningham Esq.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded:—

"In as much as the dates of the coming Quare October Fair are erroneously given in Moore's almanac that the proper dates viz, 19, 20 and 21 October be extensively advertised in the following manner:—  
5000 large placards to be posted at the Railway

Stations along the U.G.W & W.L. Railways and at Ballinasloe Fair also through the principal towns in this and the neighbouring Counties also that 3 advertisements be inserted in both local papers and in the "Western News" Ballinasloe also 2 advertisements in "Freeman" and "Irish Times".

Mr Lyons proposed as an amendment and Mr Faly seconded

"That the fair be advertised in "Irish Times" and "Freeman" and the placards as shown by the Chairman, relative to the fair be prominently posted in all places most likely to give publicity to the fair"

There voted for the amendment which was declared carried Messrs Faly, Mr Hugh, Nobilly, Ward, Lyons and the Chairman (6)

Against:— Messrs Shine Carroll, Burke, Cunningham and Begley (5)

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman



# Borough of Tuam

In the County of Galway to wit

Election of five Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam in the County of Galway

Take notice that an election of five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Tuam, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October instant in said Borough in rooms of Messrs Michael C. Shinn, Michael H. MacNamara, Edward Carroll, John Cunningham and Michael Mannion who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.

That every person entitled to vote may nominate himself (if duly qualified) or any other person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number.

That every such nomination must be in writing and must state the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated, with their respective places of abode and description.

That every nomination paper must be signed by the parties nominating and may be in the following form or to the like effect:—

I, the undersigned, of Tuam, in the County of Galway do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough

Surnames	Other Names	Abode	Rank, Profession or Occupation

Signed:—

That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk present on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October instant

Peter Edward

Town Clerk present

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886

Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Coulter Esq. C. J. C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were:—

Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy, John Mac Philipin, Martin Edward James Kehilly, John Cunningham, Thomas A. Egan, Michael C. Shinn, John F. Boyley and Lawrence Burke Esqs.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed and the financial business disposed of.

Mr Lyons handed in the following notice:—

"I shall on this day month propose that this Board do rescind the arrangement with the present Craner relative to the potato market crane and reduce the salary he is now in receipt of to £30 and that the Board do subsequently advertise for an assistant Craner at a salary of £10 a year to attend each Saturday the potato or other market if required."

It was then ordered to advertise for an assistant Craner at the salary above named (£10) applications from candidates to be received and considered at the next monthly meeting.

The following resolutions were unanimously approved of:—

To the Chairman of the Town Commissioners Tuam.

Sir

We have been requested by the Committee of the Woodford Gravel Defence Association to send you the following resolutions which were proposed by Mr Patrick M. Dermott P. S. Esq. seconded by Mr Francis Lully and carried unanimously at a public meeting held at Looscare, on Sunday last the 19<sup>th</sup> inst.

Mr Timothy Clarke in the Chair:

Resolved "That we the tenants on the Mountain property of Lord Colanvicar, having destroyed every vestige



of Colonisation which existed amongst <sup>us</sup> all Colonists elsewhere to do likewise.

Resolved "That we stigmatize as an insult to the manhood and independence of the citizens of Galway, the presence in their Square or Park of the Statue of Lord Dunkellin, brother to the present exterminating and money-lending Marquis, and confidently call upon the citizens of Galway, through their Town Board, to assert themselves and have this long standing nuisance abated."

Resolved "That a copy of those resolutions be forwarded to our County and City Members to the Galway Town Board, the Swan, Soughra, & Ballinasloe town Commissioners."

Signed Timothy Clarke P. S. J. Chairman  
Francis Sully Secretary

Looseane, Woodford, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1886

Mr Egan pursuant to notice proposed & Mr Lyons seconded that the salary of the Clerk to the Board be reduced from £40 to £25.

Mr Shine proposed & Mr MacPhelin seconded as an amendment that the salary be as at present viz £40

There voted for the amendment - Messrs MacPhelin, Ward, Shine, Fahy & Begley (5)

Against Messrs Carroll, Burke, Egan, Lyons and the Chairman (5)

There being a tie the Chairman by his casting vote decided against the amendment.

Mr Shine then proposed as another amendment to Mr Egan's motion that the salary be £35.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the salary of Clerk be thirty pounds (£30) and that candidates for the office of Clerk be invited by advertisement, part of the duties to be the Clerk to attend at the Weigh-house issuing Crane doctets on all market days if required, and applications to be received & considered at next monthly meeting.

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Fullin Chairman

Nomination papers for Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Swan to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886.

I the undersigned Reverend Joseph Cantou of Swan in the County of Galway, being entitled to vote in the election of Commissioners for the Borough of Swan, do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough:

Surname	Other Name	Abode	Rank Profession
Flatley	Thomas	Bishop's Street Swan	Blacksmith

Signed Joseph Cantou C.C.

Swan October 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

The said Thomas Flatley was nominated in like form by Mr Michael Fahy and Mr Martin Dickins.

Glendon Michael Vicar St. Swan, Merchant was nominated in like form by Rev Joseph Cantou, Mr Charles H Blake & Mr Michael Fahy.

Glynn, Martin J. Dublin Road, Swan, Solicitor, was nominated in similar form by Rev Joseph Cantou, Mr Charles H Blake and Mr Michael Fahy.

O'Klanagan John A. Shops Street, Swan, Merchant was nominated in similar form by Rev Joseph Cantou, Mr Charles H. Blake and Mr Michael Fahy.

Silk John, Bishop Street, Swan, Blacksmith was nominated in similar form by Rev Joseph Cantou, Mr Michael Fahy and Mr Patrick McHugh.

Notice of Nominations  
Town of Swan  
Election of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the Town Clerk, do hereby



For the said Town of Suam hereby give notice that the Christian and Surnames of the persons nominated for election as Commissioners for the said Town and Borough of Suam and their respective places of abode and description and the names of the persons nominating them are as follows:—

Surnames	Other names	Abode	Rank, Profession	Names of persons by whom nominated
Gately	Thomas	Bishop St. Suam	Blacksmith	Mr. J. Canten, Mich <sup>e</sup> . Fahy & Martin Doherty
Gleeson	Michael	Vicar St. Suam	Merchant	Mr. J. Canten, C. H. Blake & Mich <sup>e</sup> . Fahy
Glynn	Martin J.	Dublin Road Suam	Solicitor	Mr. J. Canten, C. H. Blake & Mich <sup>e</sup> . Fahy
O'Mahagan	John A.	Shop St. Suam	Merchant	Mr. J. Canten, C. H. Blake & Mich <sup>e</sup> . Fahy
Silk	John	Bishop St. Suam	Blacksmith	Mr. J. Canten, Mich <sup>e</sup> . Fahy & Pat <sup>l</sup> . McHugh

Signed

Peter Clewood

Town Clerk pro tem

The foregoing was duly posted up through the Town on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886

Notice of candidates elected  
Town of Suam  
Collection of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the returning officer for the election of Commissioners for the said Town of Suam hereby give notice that the undersigned persons have been duly elected as Commissioners for the said Town:—

Surnames	Other names	Abode	Rank, Profession or Occupation
Gately	Thomas	Bishop St. Suam	Blacksmith
Gleeson	Michael	Vicar St. Suam	Merchant
Glynn	Martin J.	Dublin Road Suam	Solicitor
O'Mahagan	John A.	Shop St. Suam	Merchant
Silk	John	Bishop St. Suam	Blacksmith

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886

Patrick Cullen Returning Officer

The foregoing were duly posted up the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1886

I Thomas Gately do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the power and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland Act) 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Suam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4-0-0

Subscribed before me this day of 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1886

Witness

Thomas Gately

I Michael Gleeson do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the power and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland Act) 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Suam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4-0-0

Subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1886

Witness

Michael Gleeson

I Martin J. Glynn do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the power and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland Act) 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880.

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the town of Suam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4-0-0

Subscribed before me this 1 day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1886

Witness

Martin J. Glynn

I John A. O'Mahagan do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland Act) 1854, and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the town of Suam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4-0-0

Subscribed before me this 8 day of November 1886

Witness

Patrick Cullen



I John Silk do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the power and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland Act) 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4-0-0

Subscribed before me this day of 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1886

Witness John Silk  
P. Cullinane

Galway County Council Archives



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1886

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Culkin Esq. chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy, John F. Begley, Martin J. Glynn  
Martin C. Ward, Thomas Flattery, Patrick Synnott  
James Mahilly, John M. Sheehan, Thomas A. Egan  
and John Silk Esquires

Minutes of last meeting having been read

Electon of Town Clerk

Proposed by John F. Begley & seconded by Michael Fahy

that Francis Cabell be elected Town Clerk

Proposed by Thomas A. Egan & seconded by James Mahilly

that Peter Cluod be elected

For Francis Cabell

For Peter Cluod

John F. Begley  
Michael Fahy  
Martin C. Ward  
Martin J. Glynn  
Thomas Flattery and  
the Chairman (6)

Thomas A. Egan  
James Mahilly  
Patrick Synnott  
John M. Sheehan  
John Silk (5)

adjourned  
meeting

On the motion of Mr. Synnott

It was agreed that the Cranes Thomas Dunyer  
do accept £30. for the duties of the weigh house  
and the Crane at the square from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
October .86 to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887

Proposed by Mr. Flattery & seconded by Mr. Silk

that William Dwyer be appointed Cranes  
at Potato Market at £10. per year

Proposed by Mr. Synnott & seconded by Mr. Fahy

that John Butler be appointed

For William Dwyer

For John Butler

John Silk  
John F. Begley  
Thomas Flattery  
(3)

Martin J. Glynn  
Michael Fahy  
Patrick Synnott  
John M. Sheehan  
(4)

Proposed by Mr. Fahy & seconded by Mr. Flattery

that Samuel M. Sean's tender be accepted for  
to do the work from the 1<sup>st</sup> day November 1886  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1887 to keep in proper working order  
the Iron pumps water closets & drains of the Town  
Hall for the sum of £10.

Samuel M. Sean

Dales will keep water supply for above closets & drains  
Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy, Thomas Flattery, Patrick M. Hugh  
Michael Gleeson & John O'Hanaghan Esquires

Town Commissioners Office  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Deputy Chancellor  
Shu

Commissioners

I am directed by the Town Commissioners  
to send you herewith cheque for £36. 4. 9 bal<sup>ce</sup> due to  
you for erection of Town Clock &c and will thank you to  
acknowledge same and send clear receipt for all demands

I am Yrs.  
your obedient servant  
Francis Cabell  
Town Clerk



Dublin Nov: 9<sup>th</sup> 1886

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk  
Dublin

Dear Sir

We beg to return the enclosed cheque £36.4.9 and are surprised your Commissioners would be guilty of treating us in such a manner after all the trouble we have been put to in this matter. We beg again to refer you Commissioners to the letter of the acting Town Clerk written on their behalf on the 11<sup>th</sup> August in which they distinctly state they will settle the bal<sup>ce</sup> by giving £40. We must therefore ask you to send this amount per return of post and save further trouble over the matter.

Yours truly  
John Chancellor Esq  
M.S.P.

Town Commissioners office  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1886

Supr. Chancellor Esq  
Genl

In reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst I have to acquaint you that the acting Clerk had no authority from the Board to write you the letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> August and I refer you to his letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October last in which he then takes care of apprising you of deducting carriage according to your agreement. I also beg to remind you of your letter of July. 85 in which you desired the Board to pay carriage on your account, said carriage to be deducted by your directions from the final payment of your contract.

The Board regrets this misunderstanding which they are sure must be most disagreeable both to you and to them.

Yours respectfully  
Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Dublin Nov: 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk  
Dublin

Dear Sir

In reply to you favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst we beg to say again that all agreements regarding the price of the clock were cancelled by the Commissioners themselves through their acting Town Clerk in his letter of 11<sup>th</sup> August in which Commissioners proposed their checks to give £90. in full settlement of the matter. We accepted that offer in order to have the <sup>aff</sup> closed without further unpleasantness and in doing so we took off a sum of £15. We never for a moment imagined that you Commissioners would think of breaking faith with us in this new settlement and we must you to send us the £40. and so end this very unpleasant business.

Yours faithfully  
John Chancellor Esq

Patrick Cullen Chairman M.S.P.

November 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

A Special Meeting was summoned pursuant to the following requisition

Sir

You are requested to convene a meeting of the Commissioners on Monday next the 15<sup>th</sup> inst for the purpose of considering Supr. Chancellor Esq's letter and other letters of importance.

- Patrick Cullen J.C.
- Michael Fahy J.C.
- Patrick Lyons J.C.
- John F. Begley J.C.
- Maister E. W. W. J.C.
- Patrick M. H. J.C.
- Thomas Flaherty J.C.
- Michael G. W. J.C.

I.

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Dublin Castle 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1886

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst in reference to your appointment to the office of Town Clerk of Dublin and to acquaint that his Excellency is advised that his sanction to the appointment in question is not required.

I am Sir

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk  
Dublin

Your Obedient Servant  
R. J. C. Hamilton



Poor Law Office  
Dunelm 13<sup>th</sup> November 1886

Sir

The subject of a sufficient supply of good water for the Town of Dunelm has been brought under consideration of the Board of Guardians of this Union at their meeting on Wednesday last by Dr. Todd Local Government Board Inspector. I am directed to request that the Town Commissioners of Dunelm will be so good as to inform the Guardians if they will consent to become the sanitary authority for the Town instead of the Board of Guardians they the Guardians feeling that the Commissioners are better acquainted with what may be necessary in a sanitary point of view for the Town than the Board of Guardians can be

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
John Morris  
Clerk of Union

Mr. Daniel Corbett  
Town Clerk

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1886

Present. Patrick Calkin Esq. Chairman presiding

John O. Flanagan Michael Fehy Michael Gleason  
Martin J. Glynn and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

ordered that cheque be sent to Mr. Chadwell for £40-

Dunelm Commissioners Office  
17<sup>th</sup> November 1886

Sir

At an adjourned meeting of the Board on Monday last your communication of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst was laid before them and duly considered and after all due consideration of strictly adhering to their resolution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 85 of respectfully declining to take up the sanitary business until the boundary is further extended in accordance with the Act then & other commission copies of this resolution had been ordered to be sent to your Board and to the Local Government Board

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
Daniel Corbett  
Town Clerk

Mr. John Morris  
Clerk of Union

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1886

Election of Chairman for the ensuing year

Present. Patrick Calkin  
Michael Fehy Michael Gleason John O. Flanagan  
and Laurence Bunt Esquires

The object of the meeting was explained by the outgoing Chairman. On his motion the Town Clerk was moved to the chair

Proposed by Mr. O. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Laurence Bunt that Mr. Calkin be elected a Chairman for the ensuing year

was unanimously agreed to  
Patrick Calkin Chairman

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1886

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held this day

Patrick Calkin Esq. Chairman. Presiding

Commissioners present

Michael Fehy Thomas Flattery John Silk  
Patrick M. Hugh Patrick Glynn & Martin J. Glynn Esquires

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and the financial business of the Board disposed of

Dr. Flattery, handed in the following notice of motion

To the notice that I or some other Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting of this Board that a committee be appointed to select a suitable site whereon to build a ball court for the use of the young men of this Town

Signed Thomas Flattery  
Martin J. Glynn



Mr. Glynn, proposed and Mr. Soyars, seconded  
the following ~~motion~~ resolution

That as the Inam Town Improvement  
Commissioners desire to earnestly impress upon the  
Directors and Share holders of the Athlery and Inam  
Railway Company the vital importance and desirability of their  
accepting the offer of the Midland for the purchase of the Athlery  
and Inam Line as we believe that such acceptance would  
be of immense advantage to this Town and vicinity

The above resolution was unanimously approved of  
and a demand that copies be sent to the Secretaries of the Midland  
and Great Western, Waterford and Limerick Railway Companies

Inam Commissioners Office  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 1886

J. W. Green Esq  
Secretary Midland Great Western  
Railway Co. Broad Stone - Dublin

Dear Sir

I beg to transmit herewith  
copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Inam Town  
Improvement Commissioners at their meeting held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst

I am dear Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
James Culkin  
Town Clerk

John D. Murphy Esq  
Sec. Waterford & Limerick  
Railway Co. Waterford

Dear Sir

I beg to transmit  
herewith copy of a resolution unanimously adopted  
by the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners  
at their meeting held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst

I am dear Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
James Culkin

Mr. William Stockwell, tender for painting the gutters of the  
Bridge giving same two coats of best material for £2. 5. 0  
was accepted at £2. 2. 6

Signed on behalf of the Board

The washing place at the Bridge in Bishop Street  
was under discussion the clerk was ordered to report  
the matter to the Medical Officer. Doctor Douling

Inam Commissioners Office

John E. Douling Esq. M.D.

Dear Sir

The washing place  
at the Bridge in Bishop St. was brought under the  
notice of the Board by one of the members and I was  
ordered by the Board to report the matter to you  
and to request that you will take immediate action  
to have the nuisance abated

I am dear Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
James Culkin  
Town Clerk  
Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held this day

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John  
Michael Patrick M<sup>c</sup> Hugh Thomas Flattery  
Lawrence Burke Martin D. Glynn John O'Flanagan  
and Michael Gleeson Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
signed and the financial business of the Board disposed of

Mr. Flattery <sup>proposed</sup> in accordance with his notice of motion  
handed in at the last monthly meeting and Mr. Glynn  
seconded that a committee be appointed to select a suitable  
site whereon to build a Ball Court

The following gentlemen were appointed as members of  
the Committee

Patrick Culkin Patrick Soyars John O'Flanagan Thomas Flattery  
Lawrence Burke Martin C. Ward & Patrick M<sup>c</sup> Hugh



The annexed Communication was received from  
Doctor Douling, relative to the washing place at  
the Bridge in Bishop Street

Eastland House, Suva  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jan'y 1887

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>  
complaining of the filthy state of the surroundings of  
Bishop Street Bridge. I beg to say, I have some months  
ago reported the matter to the Board of Guardians  
for their consideration as Sanitary authority. I am  
certainly of opinion the nuisance should be abated  
and shall draw attention immediately to your report

M. F. Coakett  
Town Clerk  
Suva

Yours faithfully  
John E. Douling, M. D.

I was ordered by the Chairman to write to the Right  
Rev<sup>d</sup> the Lord Bishop of Suva, as follows

Town Commissioners Office  
Suva 14<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1887

My Lord

The attention of the Board has been directed  
to the state of the bushes on the Dublin Road, overhanging  
the foot path, which are most dangerous to be public  
being a great thorough fare for the inhabitants of the Town

On a former occasion my predecessor wrote to you, when  
your Lordship was pleased to give directions to have them  
clipped and for which the Board felt very thankful

I have the honour to be  
My Lord  
Your obt servant  
Gean G. G. G.

The Right Rev<sup>d</sup> the  
Lord Bishop of  
Suva

Town Clerk

The following is the reply from the Lord Bishop  
to the foregoing letter

The Bishop has received Mr. Coakett's letter  
about the trees at Parkmore and it will be attended to  
Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1887

The following Members of the Bell Court Committee  
met on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

Patrick Culkin John O'Flanagan Thomas Hatley  
and Patrick Lyons

They considered the meat sheds the most  
suitable place where to build the Bell Court

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Special Meeting  
By requisition

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Martin J. Glynn John O'Flanagan Thomas A. Egan  
Laurence Buntle Martin C. Ward Michael Fahy  
Patrick Lyons John M. Philpin Michael Gleeson  
and John Silke Esquires

The following is a copy of the requisition pursuant  
to which the meeting was convened

Suva 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb'y 1887

We the undersigned request that you will convene  
a meeting of the Suva Town Improvement Commissioners  
to consider a resolution in favour of the proposed scheme  
for construction of a Railway from Suva to Claremorris

Martin J. Glynn J.C.  
Michael Fahy J.C.  
John F. Begley J.C.  
Patrick M. Hugh J.C.  
Martin C. Ward J.C.  
John Silke J.C.  
Patrick Culkin C.J.C.  
John M. Philpin J.C.  
Michael Gleeson J.C.  
Thomas A. Egan J.C.  
Laurence Buntle J.C.

To  
The Town Clerk  
Suva



Mr. Glynn proposed and Mr. Burke seconded  
the following resolution

Resolved.

That we the Duam Don's Improvement Commissioners strongly recommend the Privy Council to sanction the proposed scheme of Railway from Duam to Claremorris as we are of opinion that its construction would perfect the railway communication between Connaught and Ulster. We desire further to express our opinion that the traffic along the proposed route fully justifies the conclusion that the line will be a profitable one, apart from its utility in filling up what has been for so long a period recognised as the missing link in the Railway system of the West of Ireland

Signed Martin J Glynn  
Lawrence Burke

Mr. O. Flanagan proposed the following as an amendment and Mr. Lyons seconded

I propose as an amendment to the resolution before the meeting that we the Duam Don Commissioners representing the general opinion of the Don's people are strongly opposed to any act on our part that might be taken to assist the Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. in again getting the control of the Duam and Athenry on account of the injury they have done to the trade and markets of this Don, by the excessive rates charged over their system and the vexatious manner generally in which they have worked the line, and that we consider their now coming forward as promoters of the Duam and Claremorris Railway is done merely for the object of influencing Parliament in granting them a renewal of their lease of the Duam line, and not in the interests of the ratepayers on whom they are trying to fix a heavy guarantee for the construction of and payment of dividend from the proposed railway, that we hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to prevent their again getting control of the Duam and Athenry line or the working of the Duam and Claremorris line

Signed John O Flanagan  
Patrick Lyons

A poll was taken which resulted as follows

For the resolution

For the amendment

Michael Gleeson  
John McPhelipin  
Michael Fahy  
Martin C Ward  
Thomas A Egan  
Lawrence Burke  
Martin J Glynn (7)

John Silk  
Patrick Lyons  
John O Flanagan  
Patrick Culkin (4)

Majority in favour of the resolution Three

The clerk was ordered to send a copy of the resolution to the Privy Council

Mr. O. Flanagan proposed and Mr. Lyons seconded that a copy of the amendment be also sent

A poll was taken which resulted as follows

For the amendment

Against

John Silk  
Patrick Lyons  
Michael Fahy  
John O Flanagan  
Patrick Culkin (5)

Michael Gleeson  
John McPhelipin  
Martin C Ward  
Thomas A Egan  
Lawrence Burke  
Martin J Glynn (6)

Majority against the amendment one

By order of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held this day  
Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding  
The other commissioners present were



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held this day  
Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Sarsfield Danl. Michael Fahy,  
John O'Flanagan & Patrick M'Hugh Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed  
and the financial business of the Board disposed  
of.

The Board then adjourned to Monday  
the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Sullivan Chairman

adjourned } Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1887  
meeting } Patrick Culkin Esq. C. D. C. present

In consequence of the non attendance of the other members  
the meeting stands further adjourned to next monthly meeting

Francis O'Connell  
Town Clerk

The following telegram was received from  
Francis O'Connor Esq. C. D. C. Ennis

Ennis 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1887

To. Town Clerk Duane

Did Commissioners take possession  
of Hall before September 1885 if so, what date mine reply

Reply. To. Francis O'Connor Esq

Commissioners held meetings in Lower Room from 1<sup>st</sup>  
June 1885 did not get possession till September  
following.

Francis O'Connell  
Town Clerk

To. Town Clerk Duane

Let me know by return post if defects  
shown in building before first 1<sup>st</sup> July 1886 and any other  
information

Francis O'Connor

Town Commissioners office

Duane 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1887

Francis O'Connor Esq. C. D. C.

Dear Sir

In reply to your telegram  
I beg to say that the Commissioners took up the building on the  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1885 and that Mr. Priddy who had charge of the Town  
Clerk reported to the Commissioners previous to that, the existing  
state of the Tower and wrote to the architect Mr. Donnell to that  
effect, the Town Clerk also wrote by directions of the Chairman  
complaining of the several leakages and the unfinished state of the  
building and got no reply. Mr. Donnell did not come here  
until after he received Mr. Donnell the Town architect's report  
of the unfinished state of the building, particulars of which have  
already been supplied to you

I am dear Sir

Yours obt servant  
Francis O'Connell  
Town Clerk

Special  
meeting }

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. C. D. C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy John Sill Martin C. Ward  
Thomas A. Egan & Patrick M'Hugh Esquires

Having received telegram from Mr. Conway Vol. to the  
Board in which he suggested the desirability of convening a  
special meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering  
Mr. Conway's letter Mr. O'Connor's report plan and specification of  
building and after due consideration the Board was unanimous  
in directing the Clerk to write to Mr. Conway to submit  
a case to imminent Council



Donna Commissioners office  
Duan 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1887

P. J. Conway Esq.

Dear Sir

Acting on your telegram of yesterday a special meeting was convened for 12. O. C. noon today. The following members attended the Chairman Mr. Cullkin Mr. Fahy Mr. Silke Mr. Ward Mr. Egan & Mr. McHugh. At which you letter, Mr. O'Connor's report plan and specifications, was considered, and which of the careful consideration, the Board were unanimous that you would submit the case to Council, and they believe that Mr. O'Connor has made a good case.

The Chairman thought well of having the enclosed documents taken from the minutes and sent for your consideration. Any further information you require he will be happy to send you.

The Commissioners are most anxious about the case.

I am dear Sir

Your obedient servant

Francis C. Ward

Donna clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Cullkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy, Martin J. Glynn, Laurence Bumble  
Patrick M. Hugh, Thomas Hutton & John O'Flanagan Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed & the financial business of the Board disposed of

The following letter was read from Mr. Ward

Patrick Cullkin Esq. e. s. e.

Duan March 7<sup>th</sup> 1887

Sir

I beg to place my resignation before the Board this day, as I do not intend to act as a member any longer

I beg to place my resignation before the Board this day, as I do not intend to act as a member any longer

I am dear Sir  
Respectfully yours  
Martin C. Ward

Mr. Glynn proposed and Mr. O'Flanagan seconded that the clerk be directed to write to Mr. Ward to reconsider his decision

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Glynn and seconded by Mr. Fahy

That we the Duan Duan's Improvement Commissioners hereby place on record our entire disapproval of the high handed action of the Government in removing from the Shrievalty of Waterford Sir Thomas Esmonde, whose only crime has been his unceasing and untiring efforts, to promote the interests of the tenantry of Ireland.

Signed

Martin J. Glynn  
Michael Fahy

The clerk was ordered to send copies of the above resolution to Sir Thomas Esmonde and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland

The Board then adjourned to Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Donna Commissioners office  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 1887

Martin C. Ward Esq. D. C.

Sir

Your letter of resignation having been read at meeting of the Board today, it was unanimously resolved to ask you to reconsider the matter with a view that you would withdraw the letter and continue a member of the Board. All the members present desire you never do so, and will should you determine otherwise deeply regret it.

I am Sir, Your obedient servant  
Francis C. Ward  
Donna clerk



Duam Commissioners office  
Duam 7<sup>th</sup> March 1887

Sir Thomas H. G. Esmond Bart

Sir

Have been directed by  
my Board at its meeting to day, to forward you copy  
of resolution as hereunder passed unanimously

Have the honour to be  
your obedient servant  
Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Duam Commissioners office  
Duam 4<sup>th</sup> March 1887

The Right Hon J. A. Balfour M.P.  
Chief Secretary for Ireland

Sir,

I herewith beg to send you  
copy of resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the Board  
held on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst

Have the honour to be  
your obedt servant  
Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman present

In consequence of the non attendance of the other members  
the meeting stands further adjourned to next monthly meeting

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Special Meeting  
By requisition

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan Michael Gleeson Patrick Lyons  
and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

The following is a copy of the requisition pursuant to which  
the meeting was convened

J. Francis Corbett Esq  
Town Clerk

Sir,

We the undersigned request that you  
will convene a meeting of the Duam Town's Improvement  
Commissioners on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst for the purpose of protesting  
against the brutal conduct of the authorities in Galway, and also  
to consider a resolution adopted by the Galway Grand Jury  
relative to the state of the Country

Signed.	Patrick Lyons	D.C.
	Patrick M. Hugh	D.C.
	Martin J. Glynn	D.C.
	Michael Gleeson	D.C.
	Thomas Gladdy	D.C.
	John Silke	D.C.
	James Mahilly	D.C.
	Patrick Culkin	E. J. C.
	John M. O'Sullivan	D.C.

Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Gleeson seconded the  
following resolution

Resolved

We the Duam Town Commissioners at a special  
meeting called for the purpose, enter our protest against the action  
of the Galway Grand Jury in passing a resolution relative to the  
state of the Country, we emphatically deny that there is any  
increase of crime, on the contrary we hold that the Country  
is unexceptionally free from crime and outrage and we deny  
the right of such a self constituted non representative body to  
put forward such a resolution which we consider a libel on  
the peaceful inhabitants of the Country

Signed Thomas A Egan  
Michael Gleeson

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Lyons  
and seconded by Mr. M. Hugh

Resolved



Has the Down Commissioners of the Borough of Down take  
this as our earliest opportunity to protest against the arrest  
of Rev. Father Keller, which we look upon as an insult  
offered to all Catholics. we also hail with unbounded pleasure  
Father Keller's conduct whose noble example still further  
strengthens the bonds of friendship between priest and people  
thus adding fresh vigour to our National aspirations, which  
we shall never cease until we have free and happy homes  
we also condemn in the strongest manner the brutal  
murder of poor hunka by the police, to the relatives  
of the deceased we tender our sincere sympathy

Signed Patrick Lyons  
Patrick McHugh

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Egan  
that the elect be ordered to send a copy of the  
foregoing resolution to the Rev. Father Keller  
and also to the Marquis of Salisbury and to the  
Chief Secretary for Ireland

Down Commissioners office  
Down 21<sup>st</sup> March 1887

Rev. dear Sir

Have been directed by my board at its  
meeting to day, specially convened for the purpose to send  
you herewith copy of resolution passed unanimously  
Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presided

I am Rev. dear Sir  
Yr. Obedient servant  
Patrick Culkin  
Down Clerk

Down Commissioners office  
Down 21<sup>st</sup> March 1887

To, The Most Hon. the Marquis of Salisbury  
20 Arlington Street  
London, W.

My Lord Marquis  
it please your Lordship. I by direction of  
my board. The Down Down Improvement Commissioners  
ack to you, copy of resolution adopted by them at their meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.  
I have the honor to be My Lord Marquis  
Yr. Obedient servant  
Patrick Culkin  
Down Clerk

Down Commissioners office  
Down 21<sup>st</sup> March 1887

The Right Hon. J. & Balfour M. P.  
Chief Secretary for Ireland

Sir

I have with beg to send you  
copy of resolution passed unanimously at a special meeting  
of the Board convened this day

I have the honor to be  
Yr. Obedient servant  
Patrick Culkin  
Down Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held to day

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John O'Hanaghan Thomas A. Egan John M. Philpin Thomas Hatley  
John Silk Michael Fahy Laurence Burrell  
Martin J. Glynn and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed  
and the financial business of the Board disposed of

Proposed by Mr. Fahy and seconded by Mr. M. Philpin  
and unanimously agreed to that Doctor Douling be elected a  
member of this Board in room of Mr. Martin C. Ward, resigned

The changing of the Pig Fair from the 10<sup>th</sup> of May to the day previous  
the 9<sup>th</sup> was under discussion, it was ordered that 300 placards  
be got for that purpose

Mr. Glynn drew the attention of the Board to the Ball  
Court which was deferred until Mr. Conway sol. to the Board  
confer with the landlord Mr. Higgins



On the motion of Mr. Egan it was arranged that a Committee of the whole board meet on Friday next at the hour 1. o'clock P.M. to try and get a more suitable place for the weighing Machine and if they did not succeed that tenders be invited for erecting a weigh house in the square

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr. Flattery seconded the following resolution

We the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners hereby protest in the strongest possible manner against the measure of coercion proposed by the present Government. We are of opinion that the state of our country in no manner justifies the action of the Government as it now exists in a more peaceable state. We look upon it in no other light than as a sort of relief Bill to assist rack-renting Landlords in the collection of impossible and unjust rents

Signed Martin J. Glynn  
Thomas Flattery

It was unanimously resolved that the clerk be ordered to send copies of the above resolution to the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, Right. Hon. W. E. Gladstone M.P., Hon. Geo. Sturt M.P., and Comr. J. P. Nolan M.P.

The following letters were received and read

Chief Secretary's office.  
Dublin Castle  
10<sup>th</sup> March 1887

Sir

I am directed by Mr. Balfour to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. respecting the removal of Sir Thomas Esmonde from the shrievalty of Waterford

Yours obediently  
J. Woods

J. Corbett Esqr.  
Town Clerk

House of Commons  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1887

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 7<sup>th</sup> enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the Inam Town Commissioners relative to my suspension in the Waterford shrievalty. You were much complimented

by the action of the Inam Town Commissioners in this matter and will ask you to kindly convey to them the expression of my sincere thanks. I would have acknowledged the receipt of the resolution before now, but that for the last week I have been unwell and unable to attend to business

I am dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
Thomas H. Gordon Esmonde

J. Corbett Esqr.  
Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman

Adjourned  
meeting

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1887

Patrick Calkin Esqr. Chairman and  
Martin J. Glynn Esqr. were in attendance, in consequence of  
not having a quorum there was no meeting held

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1887

Special Meeting. Convened by the following requisition

We the undersigned request you will convene a meeting of the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners to consider Mr. Concanon's letter relative to taking proceedings for rent of Fair Green

Martin J. Glynn J.C.  
Patrick Lyons J.C.  
Patrick Calkin C. J.C.  
Michael Fahy J.C.  
Thomas Flattery J.C.  
Patrick McHugh J.C.  
Thomas A. Egan J.C.  
James Whilly J.C.  
Michael Heeson J.C.  
John F. Berkeley J.C.  
John Silk J.C.

To.

The Town Clerk  
Inam

Present — Patrick Calkin Esqr. Chairman  
Lawrence Burke and Thomas Flattery Esqrs



There not being a quorum there was no meeting held

The Chairman ordered that the following notice be inserted in the Duam News

### Notice to Contractors

The Duam Town Commissioners invite tenders and specifications for the erection of a red brick weigh house in the square with a cut stone base at least three feet over the foundations. The work to be fully completed in one month from the date of the tender being declared. Said tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board. The lowest or any tender need not be accepted

By order

John Bevir  
Town Clerk

The following communication having been received from the Clerk Dublin Corporation a special meeting was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to consider it

Town Clerk Office. City Hall  
Dublin 19<sup>th</sup> April 1887

Sir,

I am directed by the Corporation of Dublin to request you will bring under the consideration of your Board the following Resolutions unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin, held yesterday, to consider the provisions of the Criminal Law (Ireland) Amendment Bill

Resolved. That we the Municipal representatives of the Citizens of Dublin in Council assembled, hereby express on their behalf as well as on our own, our indignation and astonishment at the introduction into the House of Commons of an Irish Crimes Bill of such a despotic character that if passed into law, it will annihilate civil liberty in Ireland. We protest in the face of the civilized world against the conduct of the Government of England a Country that has for years proclaimed itself the propagandist of civil liberty all over the world, in now endeavoring to pass this atrocious penal law for the purpose of suppressing the rights and liberties of the people of Ireland. That Ireland having been for the last thirty five years subjected to the worst system of Government as regards her material interests of any Country in the civilized world, our people are now threatened to be persecuted with a

penal as bad as the worst of those passed during the eighteenth century, against such a system we again solemnly protest

That the action taken by the Council this day be forthwith communicated to the Premier, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Parnell the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the High Sheriff and the Members of this Council now in Parliament and that copies thereof be forwarded to the Municipal and other representative Bodies in Ireland

I am Sir  
your obedient servant,  
John Bevir  
Town Clerk

The meeting consisted of

Patrick Cullin Esq. Chairman presiding  
Martin J. Glynn Laurence Burke Patrick McHugh  
and John Silk Esquires

Mr. Glynn proposed and Mr. Burke seconded the adoption of the aforesaid resolutions which was unanimously agreed and ordered to be inserted in the minutes

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

I John E. Dowling M.D. do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880.

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rented to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £40

Subscribed before me this Sixth day of June 1887 (Signed)

Witness

John Bevir

John E. Dowling M.D.

Patrick Cullin C. C.



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1887

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today  
Patrick Calhoun Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John F. Begley Laurence Burtle John Silk  
Michael Fahy Thomas A. Egan & Patrick McHugh Esquires

The minutes of the previous were read and signed  
and the financial business of the Board disposed of

The creation of the night house was under discussion  
the notice inviting tenders for same being insufficient it  
was agreed that Mr. Donnan, prepare plans and specifications  
for which Mr. Fahy proposed and Mr. Begley seconded that  
he be paid £1. it was then proposed by the chairman and  
unanimously agreed to that a committee of the whole board  
do meet on Friday next the 6<sup>th</sup> inst for the purpose of  
considering the plan and specifications

The proportion of Dog Tax that the petty sessions clerk  
is supposed to wage to the credit of the commissioners was  
under discussion, the clerk was ordered to write to Mr.  
O'Shaughnessy the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks  
with the view of ascertaining from him the scale under  
which such tax is apportioned

After which the following <sup>letters</sup> ~~communications~~  
were received and read

House of Commons  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Gladstone to acknowledge  
with his cordial thanks the receipt of the resolution, which  
you have done him the honour, to transmit to him on behalf  
of the Town Commissioners

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
E. A. Spencer Esq. M.P.

Francis Corbett Esq.

House of Commons  
21<sup>st</sup> April 1887

House of Commons  
21<sup>st</sup> April 1887

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the  
resolution of the Town Commissioners against the Cowen  
Act proposed by the present Government, when I have an  
opportunity of speaking on the measure. I shall urge the  
argument which the resolution embodies, that Ireland ~~is~~ as  
exemplified by the Duam district is in the most peaceable  
condition and in no way wishes for or requires such drastic  
legislation

Believe me  
Faithfully yours  
J. P. Nolan

The  
Chairman Duam Duam  
Commissioners  
Duam

After the reading of the foregoing communication the  
meeting <sup>was</sup> adjourned to Monday next the 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
Patrick Calhoun Chairman

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1887

Present.

Patrick Calhoun Esq. Chairman

There was no other member in attendance

Adjourned } Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1887  
Meeting }

In consequence of the non attendance of the  
members, the meeting stands further adjourned to Monday  
the next the 16<sup>th</sup> inst

John Silk  
Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Chairman

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1887

Adjourned } Present  
Meeting } Patrick Calhoun Esq. Chairman

John F. Begley and Laurence Burtle Esquires



There not being a quorum the meeting was not held and was further adjourned to Monday next the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

Francis Collett  
Town clerk

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1887

Adjourned } In consequence of the non attendance of the  
meeting } members the meeting was further adjourned  
to next monthly meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Francis Collett  
Town clerk

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held today  
Patrick Cullin Esq. Chairman presiding  
The other Commissioners present were

John O'Hanrahan Thomas A. Egan John E. Donling M.D.  
Michael Fahy and Lawrence Burke Esquires

Mr. John E. Donling having signed his declaration  
took his seat as a member of the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting <sup>were</sup> read and  
signed & the financial business of the Board disposed of

Oning to an omission in the placards inviting  
tenders for the street cleansing &c the contract  
was ordered to be re-advertised, and that the  
Contractor be required to give two solvent sureties  
with their consents in writing to join in a bond for  
the due performance of the contract to the satisfaction  
of the chairman for the time being

The following letters were read

Dublin Castle 9<sup>th</sup> May 1887

Sir

In order to explain the matter referred to in your  
letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst it is necessary to enter into the following details  
Salaries of P.S. clerks were originally composed of ~~three~~  
(1) Fees &c. produce of stamps (2) sums payable in respect of fines  
(3) Poundage on Dog Tax

Until the passing of the P.S. clerks  
Act 1881 (44 & 45 vic c 18) salaries were revised triennially  
and raised or lowered according to the rise or fall of receipts  
for Fees, Fines & Dog Tax in each district. That act (sect 1)  
abolished revision & provided that salaries should not be reduced  
below the amount fixed at appointment or any time during the  
tenure of office. It contained a further provision (sect 2) under which is authorized  
the deduction from the surplus Dog money payable to Local authorities of the sum  
by which the moneys (arising from Fees, Fines and poundage on Dog Tax) from which  
available for clerks salaries fall short of the amount of those salaries

It is obvious that the sum to be deducted from  
surplus Dog money in order to make up clerks salaries would be increased  
(1) by additions to salaries (2) by falling off in receipts for Fees &c

As these causes have operated to increase  
the deductions (a) In 1881 soon after passing of the Act a system of increments  
to clerks salaries was created by the Lord Lieutenant, the effect of which has  
been to increase thereby about £9,000 a year (b) There has been from 1880  
to the present time a falling off in receipts for Fees & fines. The totals for the last  
three years have been for 1884 £43,000 for 1885 £38,800 for 1886 £36,000

The result of the two causes has been to necessitate increased  
deductions from the surplus Dog money payable to Local authorities all over  
Ireland, the sums deducted being added to the moneys available for clerks  
salaries from Fees, Fines and poundage on Dog Tax in order to make up  
these salaries

The effect of these deductions on Duam has been to reduce  
the surplus Dog Tax payable to that Town

In 1885 in respect of Dog Tax	in	84)	£ 3. 19. 4
In 1886	"	85)	£ 2. 10. 0
In 1887	"	86)	£ 1. 2. 4

The amount of surplus paid to Duam in 1880 before the passing  
of the Act was £6. 3. 9. The receipts for Dog Tax in Duam for 1884  
was £17. 2. 0. for 1885 £15. 8. 0. for 1886 £13. 6. 0

In conclusion I beg to say that a step has been taken in the  
only direction which the existing state of the law permits to diminish  
the charge for clerks salaries by an order of His Excellency, the Lord  
Lieutenant of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1886 reducing the scale of  
salaries of clerks appointed after that date

Francis Collett Esq.  
Town clerk  
Town Commissioners Office  
DUAM

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
M. Martille  
for Registrar



Dublin Castle  
10<sup>th</sup> May 1887

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. I beg to inform you that upon referring to the returns in this department, I find that a moiety of the fines for drunkenness in the Town of Duam is paid to the Constabulary & the remainder to the Town Commissioners

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

M. Martine

pr. Registrar

The Town Clerk  
Duam

The Chairman proposed & Mr. Fahy seconded that the clerk be directed to insert the foregoing letter on the minutes was unanimously agreed to.

The clerk was also directed to write to Mr. P. J. Gannon Clerk Petty Sessions, to request that he would furnish the Board with returns of the Dog Tax and fines for drunkenness within the Borough for the last three years.

After which the Board adjourned the meeting to Monday next the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullinan Chairman

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1887

Patrick Cullinan Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John O'Flanagan John F. Begley Laurence Burke  
Michael Fahy & Patrick M. Hagh Esquires

Tenders for cleansing Contract were opened  
There were two tenders as follows

Thomas Nolan £47.10 and John Flaherty £43.10=  
John Flaherty's tender being informal

Mr. Fahy proposed and the Chairman seconded that Thomas Nolan's tender be accepted

was unanimously agreed to. The tender is as follows

Duam 13<sup>th</sup> June 1887

The Chairman  
The Town Commissioners  
Duam

Yrs

I propose and agree to to do and become Contractor for the cleansing & watering of the streets and Lanes within the Town from the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1887 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1888 according to a contract for the sum of £47.10 and I offer as my securities for the faithful fulfilment of same Mr. Michael Le Shine Duam and Mr. Patrick Leeson Duam

I am Gentlemen

Your obt

Thomas Nolan Duam

We the undersigned will become sureties Thomas Nolan for the above

Michael Le Shine

Patrick Leeson

Mr. O'Flanagan brought in on the notice of the Board the unsanitary state of the river at Mr. Blake's store and at the little Mill and after some discussion on the matter headed in the following resolution

I propose that the opening to the river at Mr. Blake's store and at the little Mill near Mr. Sugden's House be temporarily closed during the present dry weather and that the pump be removed from Mr. Blake's to the Curragh entrance to the river. was unanimously agreed to

Signed John O'Flanagan  
Michael Fahy

The clerk was directed to communicate with the sanitary authorities as follows

Town Commissioners office

Duam 14<sup>th</sup> June 1887

Sir,

Attention having been called at the meeting of my Board on Monday last to the outbreak of typhoid fever in this Town I was directed to request that you would bring under the notice of your Sanitary Board tomorrow, the necessity of cleansing the river from the Curragh factory to the Mill pond at the Bridge in Shop Street, which part of the river is at present in a condition dangerous to the public health



I am Sir  
Yrs. Obedient servant  
Graw Colett  
Town Clerk

Mr. John Morris  
Clerk of the Council  
Dublin

The Board then adjourned

Patrick Calkin Chairman

### Notice to Contractors accepting or cleansing the streets

Take notice that the Dublin Town Improvement Commissioners will at their monthly meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June next receive and consider proposals from parties willing to contract for the sweeping cleansing and watering of the streets and lanes within the Town and removing the Manure and loose stones therefrom for 12 months from the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1887 to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1888. The extent of the streets to be cleansed is as follows viz. The Square Bishop Street to the end of the dead wall, Shop Street as far as Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Donnell's Garden wall, Dullinadaly Road as far as the Fair Green Gate, Ballygoanoy Road as far as Mr. Rishworths Wool Store, Galway Road as far as the Church Gate, Vicar Street as far as Church View House, Dublin Road as far as the Concert Gate, and the foot paths on both sides as far as Mr. Benke's Gate, Circular Road, The Mall, Stable Lane, Sawpit Lane Church Lane, Chapel Lane, Egans Lane, and over the Bridge as far as Mr. Rishworths Stores, the new Potatoe Market place and all Flagways, Parcments and channels in front of Ruins and unoccupied spaces

Sealed tenders endorsed  
Tenders for cleansing, enclosing the names of two salient parties with their consents in writing to join in a bond for the performance of the contract to the satisfaction of the Chairman for the time being will be received in the letter box of the Board Room up to the taking of the Chair on the above named day

By order

Graw Colett, Town Clerk

Commissioners Office Dublin  
June 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1887

In consequence of the non attendance of the members  
the meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst

Graw Colett  
Town Clerk

Adjourned } Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1887  
Meeting } Patrick Calkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John O'Hanaghan Michael Gleeson James Mahilly John Silk  
Patrick M<sup>r</sup> Hugh and Michael Fahy Esquiro

The following letters were read

Petty Sessions Dublin  
13<sup>th</sup> June 1887

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication demanding that I should supply you with certain Returns for the information of the Dublin Town Commissioners viz. "The Comparative of Returns such as these, for so long a period as three years, would entail considerable trouble and involve no small share of expense, and under the circumstances, perhaps you would be good enough to inform me in the first place, who would defray the expense, and in the second place, under what statute and by what authority your Board is empowered to demand such Returns

I am Sir  
Yrs. faithful servant  
P. J. Gaunon  
C. P. J.

Dublin Castle  
20<sup>th</sup> June 1887

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. I beg to say that as it does not appear to form part of the duty of a clerk of Petty Sessions to furnish the returns sought by the Dublin Commissioners of Dublin, I am not in a position to direct the Clerk to do so. I beg to add that there is no scale of charges which would enable me to say what would be a fair payment for making out



Such returns, in case he undertook the task

I enclose a statement showing the amounts for Dog Tax in Duam for the years 1884. 1885. 1886 and giving such information as the returns made to this Department enable me to furnish with respect to fines for Drunkenness within the Borough of Duam for each of those years. If the Commissioners desire a detailed statement of the cases in which the fines were imposed & if they will signify their desire to inspect and make extracts from the order books for that purpose

I shall be happy to submit their request to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, who has power under 14 & 15 vic. c. 93 sec 5. to permit an examination of the books, in cases which require or justify such examination

I am

Yours

Branis Corbett Esq  
Town clerk  
Duam

Your obedient servant  
R. J. Humphreys

Duam Petty Sessions

Year	Amount of Dog Tax						Should be	Paid to Commissioners	Lodged in Bank
	Levied			Paid to Commissioners					
1884	17	2		3	19	4	1. 14. 4		
1885	15	8		2	10		3. 19. 4		
1886	13	6		1	2	4	2. 10. 0		
+ 1. 2. 4 is for year 1887									

Year	Amount of Drunkenness Fines						Lodged in Bank
	Paid to Comrs			Paid to Constabulary			
1884	15	12	3	15	12	6	1884 16 .. .. 4/9
1885	12	7	9	12	7	9	1885 13 11 3 Lodged in
1886	11	9		11	9		1886 10 2 9 excess of returns

N.B. There are no means in this Department of ascertaining the amount of fines imposed for drunkenness within the Borough N. 2. presumably shows the amount of such fines which were paid, as it appears the constabulary prosecute in all such cases at Duam, so that all sums received in respect of them become payable in moneys to the constabulary and the Town Commissioners. The Return N. 2. is taken from accounts rendered to this Department by the clerk of Petty Sessions

There was a letter read from Mr. Thomas Nolan (Toll Farmer) asking the Board for an abatement in his rent for the present year Falls & Customs The

consideration of which was deferred

The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Harris as follows

Duam Commissioners Office  
Duam 13<sup>th</sup> July 1887

John Harris Esq C E

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to remind you of your promise of sending Plans & specifications for weigh House. He desires me to request that you will let him have them at your earliest convenience

Yours respectfully  
Branis Corbett  
Town clerk

The Board has adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. C E present

Not having a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 8<sup>th</sup> inst

Branis Corbett  
Town clerk

Special meeting  
by requisition

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Martin J Glynn James A Egan John O'Hanaghan  
John E Douling M.D. Patrick M. Hugh John Sill  
and Michael Gleeson Esquires.

The following is the requisition pursuant to which the meeting was convened



We the undersigned request you will convene a meeting of the Duane Drain Improvement Commissioners on Friday next the 5<sup>th</sup> inst for the purpose of considering Plans & specifications of weigh house

Signed Patrick Cullen J.C.  
Patrick Lyons J.C.  
Michael Fahy J.C.  
John J. DeGlay J.C.  
James Mahilly J.C.  
Michael Gleeson J.C.  
Patrick M. Hugh J.C.

To.  
The Town Clerk  
Duane  
2<sup>nd</sup> Augt 1887

After some discussion on the matter the clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Harris to say that the design was approved of and to request that he would send specifications accordingly providing a fire place and stating that they would wish the work to be completed within a month from date of contract

The meeting then adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Adjourned Monthly Meeting } Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1887  
Patrick Cullen Esq Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John O'Flanagan Thomas Flaherty John Sill Michael Fahy  
Martin J. Glynn & Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and the financial business of the Board disposed of

There were two tenders for printing and advertising one from Francis Carroll for £6.10 and the other from John McAdams for £4.15.0, Mr. Glynn proposed

and Mr. O'Flanagan seconded that John McAdams tender be accepted, which was unanimously agreed to, the following is a copy of the advertisement in existing tenders

Take notice that the Duane Drain Improvement Commissioners will at their next monthly meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August next receive and consider proposals from all parties willing to do all the printing and advertising in connection with the Board (except Crane docket) for twelve months the lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

Sealed tenders endorsed tender for printing & advertising will be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the closing of the chair on the above named day

By order

John Sill  
Town Clerk

Commissioner office 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1887

The following letter was read from Mr. Harris

Dublin August 6<sup>th</sup> 1887

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday and regret to say I shall not have time to draft & get a copy of specification by Monday next and to do so, I shall require the plan of weigh house to refer to, but will let you have plan & specification complete for contract in two days after receipt of the former. I fear you will not get any contractor to complete the work in so short a time as one month, nor do I think you would get the work done in a satisfactory manner in so short a time - I would suggest two months as the limit.

Yours faithfully  
John Harris

J. Corbett Esq  
Town Clerk  
Duane

Mr. O'Flanagan proposed and Mr. Flaherty seconded that the following members be appointed a committee

Mr. Cullen Mr. Fahy Mr. Flaherty Mr. Egan Mr. DeGlay Mr. Glynn  
Mr. Bussell Mr. O'Flanagan & Mr. M. Hugh

To. revise the rate scale of tolls charged in Duane and if found advisable to exempt certain articles now subject to tolls and add to schedule articles which are now admitted to the market free

After some discussion on the matter the further consideration was referred until Thursday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. The clerk was



was directed to notify to each of the above members that they were so appointed and to request their attendance on that day.

The clerk was also ordered to write to the secretary of the Gas. Company as follows

Duam Commissioners office  
Duam 9<sup>th</sup> August 1887

Sir,

I write by directions of my Board to inform you that they request the Directors of the Gas Company to meet them on Thursday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 O.C. noon in the Town Hall to arrange the lighting of the Town lamps and clock for the ensuing year

Your obedient servant  
John Clerk

John Murphy Esq  
Sec. Gas. Co.  
Duam

After some discussion as to the attendance of the Cranes it was ordered that the Assistant Crane should in future attend at the hours specified namely on all market days 7 O.C. and on week days at 8 O.C.

The meeting was then further adjourned to Thursday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and the clerk was ordered to convene a special meeting of the members of committee for that day.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1887

Special meeting of Committee to arrange and revise the schedule of bills for the ensuing year.

Present. Patrick Cullen Esq. chairman presiding

John O'Flanagan Thomas Flattery John F. Begley  
Lawrence Bourke Patrick McHugh Michael Fahy  
and Martin J. Glynn Esquires

Ordered that 300 placards be got for Sept Fair and that a special meeting be convened for Wednesday next the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Special Meeting } Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1887  
by requisition }

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held. The chairman and Mr. McHugh were the only members present. The meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.

John Clerk

The following is the requisition pursuant to which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned request you will convene a meeting of the Duam Town Improvement Commissioners for the purpose of adopting the revised schedule of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and also to arrange with the Directors of the Gas Company for the lighting of the Town lamps for the ensuing year

P. Cullen Esq. J.C.  
Patrick Lyons J.C.  
M. Fahy J.C.  
John F. Begley J.C.  
D. A. Egan J.C.  
James Whilly J.C.  
Michael Gleeson J.C.  
Patrick McHugh J.C.

Sir,

The Town Clerk  
Duam

Adjourned special } Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1887  
meeting }

The only members that attended were Mr. McHugh and the chairman. There not being a quorum the meeting stands further adjourned to Monday next the 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

John Clerk

Adjourned special } Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1887  
meeting }

Patrick Cullen Esq. chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Martin J. Glynn Thomas Flattery Patrick McHugh  
Michael Gleeson John F. Begley & John O'Flanagan Esquires



Ordered to advertise the letting of the Dells & Customs for the ensuing year to come off on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> sept next

Ordered to have 200 Posters printed & distributed directing the attention of buyers and sellers that the Pig Fair is to be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September next on the eve of the sheep and cattle Fair

Ordered to advertise and invite tenders to be received at the monthly meeting of the Board on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> September next for the erection of the weigh House

The consideration of arranging with the Gas Company for lighting of the Town lamps & clock for the ensuing year was further advanced owing to the non attendance of any of the Directors

After careful consideration of the revised schedule of Dells and Customs it was unanimously adopted

The Clerk was directed to notice Mr. Nolan the Contractor that if he did not remove the occupying etc. deposited in several places within 3 days from date of this notice that the Town Inspector was empowered to employ men & horses to have it removed at expense

~~The meeting then adjourned~~

~~Adjourned until next meeting of the Board~~

~~Attest~~

The following letter was read from Mr. McAdam

Hence office, Duam  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 1887

J. Corbett Esq

Dear Sir

Mr. Kelly has written me to say that he will not be bound by the contract given on the Board and refusing to allow the work to be done

I am yours for the party  
J. McAdam

The meeting then adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held today Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John P. Begley J. E. Douling M. D. Martin J. Glynn  
Michael Fahy John Silk Michael Gleeson Patrick Lyons  
Thomas A. Egan and John O'Hanaghan Esquires

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and signed

The financial business was proceeded with and disposed of

The auditors report was read as follows

Your Commissioners of Duam  
Report on account  
29<sup>th</sup> September 1886

Sanctory  
15<sup>th</sup> July 1887

Sir

I have the honour to report for the information of the Local Government Board for Ireland that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Duam for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1886 abstract duly certified is herewith sent

The Board is aware that the Town Hall of Duam was burnt down, and has been rebuilt and to supplement the amount recovered from the Insurance Company a sum of £800 was advanced by the Board of works as a loan

In anticipation of that loan the National Bank had advanced certain sums, which were pressed for by the Contractor for the rebuilding of the Town Hall, and in the last account submitted for audit, I passed a certain amount charged for interest on such advances, but I had no intention that it should be taken as a precedent for allowing interest on overdrafts. I have therefore disallowed and struck out of this account under audit £119.6 charged by the Bank as interest on overdraft to 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1886 without sanction. There is a further charge made for interest by the Bank in the current account and it is for the Local Government Board to consider whether taking into account that 'extrus' has followed in closing the Building account, and a last instalment of cost of Town Clock has been settled, interest to June 1887 can be allowed



If the Board allows this it should be distinctly understood that any further sum thus charged will be disallowed

The financial state of the Town Commissioners affairs is most unsatisfactory. Their revenue is derived almost exclusively from the proceeds of the Polls, which are farmed, and do not now produce within £200 a year of the amount derived from them 5 or 6 years ago

The total available income from all sources for 1886 including an arrear of Polls of 1885 was £569, while the expenditure for the same period was £738. Showing an excess of expenditure over income of £169

Even allowing for the extras in the Building account and the cost of Town Clock, the Commissioners expenditure is considerably in excess of the ordinary income

Their expenditure must therefore be cut down and their attention must at once be drawn to this necessity

The present Town Clerk has been appointed since my last audit, and I am quite satisfied with the way in which he has closed the accounts of the late Town Clerk and has submitted them for me for audit

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant  
D O Horra  
Auditor

To  
The Secretary  
Local Gov. Board  
Dublin

The following letter was then read from the Board's Solicitor

Dublin 2nd Sept 1887  
14 Wellington Quay

Dear Sir,

After the best consideration the Local Government Board can give to the request of the Town Commissioners, that Colonel Horra should be desired to sanction the payment of interest to the National Bank on the Commissioners overdraft the Local Government Board have come to the conclusion that they are powerless to do so, as it would not be legal

But as it appears by your last letter that the reconstruction of the Town Hall cost a sum of £1776, while the Town Commissioners had only £1350 to meet it, made up of the £800 loan and £550 received from the Insurance Co. they are prepared to consider an application from you Board, duly convened by notice, for liberty to apply to the Board of works for a further loan of £400, and such application must be

accompanied by certificates from the Architect and Contractor that the building actually cost the £1776 stated in the letter referred to

The Town Clerk  
Inam

Yours truly  
P J Conway

A discussion thereupon ensued in the course of which it was suggested that steps be taken to dispense with the services of the Local Government Board auditors and <sup>that</sup> the National Bank be appointed as Treasurer at a certain salary to compensate for interest on the Commissioners overdrafts from time to time.

Further consideration of the suggestion was adjourned to next meeting of the Board

There was but one tender that from Mr Thomas <sup>Egan</sup> ~~at~~ £80 for the contract to build a new weigh House according to Plans & specifications and it being considered high, the clerk was desired to readvertise the contract in the Inam News and Galway Vindicator, tenders to be considered at meeting to be held on Monday the 12th inst.

The following is a copy of the advertisement

#### Notice to Builders

Tenders are invited for the erection of a Poll and weigh House in accordance with Plans and specifications prepared by Mr J. Harris & Co. Architect which can be seen at the Town Hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tenders to be delivered to us on or before the 12th inst up to the taking of the chair. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted

By order

Francis H

Town Clerk

The following proposal was accepted from Mr. Wm. Stockwell

Inam 5th September 1887

To,

The Chairman and Town Commissioners Inam

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to paint three Schedule Boards and letter same with all additional lettering required to the satisfaction of the Board for the sum of three pounds and to making three new Boards for all of which I accept in full the sum of £4. 10. 0

William Stockwell  
Painter



The following letter was read from the Contractor for  
repairing the Town clock in repair

Inam sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

Dr.

The Chairman Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that a new oil cloth is  
required to cover the works of the Town clock as the one you  
ordered last year is worn into shreds. During the last  
wet days the rain poured in through the door and down over  
the works of the clock, and will continue to do so as the great heat  
of the summer has opened the gaps which the wet made for the last  
two years - I respectfully beg leave to suggest to get a piece  
of lead strapped round the door on the outside under the beams  
which will have the effect of preventing the water from entering  
at all, and will not cost much, two or three pounds

Your obt.

E. Brady

The Board ordered that the oil cloth be provided

The Board then adjourned to Monday next the 12<sup>th</sup> inst

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> sept 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Maister J Glynn Michael Fahy John O'Hara John Lawrence Bussell  
Thomas Flattery John F Begley Thomas A. Egan Patrick M. Hugh  
John Silk Michael Gleason & John E Donling M.D. Esquires

There was only one tender for the Tolls & Customs of the  
 ensuing year which was from the present Toll Farmer  
 Mr. Thomas Nolan who offered £425. This sum being  
 considered too low, it was ordered to advertise the Tolls and  
 Customs again. tenders for same to be received and  
 considered on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Contract to build the weigh house was ordered  
 to be re-advertised <sup>tenders</sup> for same to be received and  
 considered on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas Flattery Michael Fahy Thomas A. Egan  
and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

There was only one tender from Mr. Thomas Egan  
 at £78. for Contract to build a weigh house it being  
 considered too high the erection of it was deferred till  
 next spring and an order ~~was~~ made <sup>that</sup> the present  
 weigh house be put in thorough repair

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thomas A. Egan  
 and seconded by Mr. Michael Fahy

That we take this our first opportunity of meeting to protest against  
 the brutal and cowardly action of the Police in minding defenceless  
 people at Mitchelstown, and we believe they were wounded on to do  
 so by the aesthetic Injunt, Balfour, and his satellites, and that we  
 express our warmest sympathy with that sterling patriot  
 Mr. Wm. O'Brien M.P. in his prison cell

The Clerk was ordered to send copies of this resolution to  
 the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to Mr. Wm. O'Brien M.P.

The meeting then separated

Special Meeting for the letting of the Tolls & Customs

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1887

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Lawrence Bussell Patrick Lyons  
Patrick M. Hugh John Silk & John E. Donling M.D. Esquires

There was only one tender for the Tolls & Customs  
 before the Board that of Mr. Nolan the present Toll Farmer  
 for £450.

Mr. Fahy proposed and Mr. Bussell seconded and it  
 was unanimously agreed to that Mr. Nolan's tender be accepted



The tender is as follows

Duanu 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1887

The Chairman

The Duam Inua Commissioners

Gentlemen.

I propose and agree to let the Falls & Customs of the Borough of Duam from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887 to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1888 according to advertisement

offer for same the sum of £450. v. o. I offer for my services for the faithful fulfillment of same William Hieffe Dunmore Patrick <sup>Sierney</sup> and John Tierney both of Belmount

Yours obedt servt  
Thomas Nolan

We the undersigned are willing to become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above

Pat Tierney Belmount  
J. Tierney Belmount  
William Hieffe Dunmore

The following was also attached to the tender

September 26<sup>th</sup> 1887

The Chairman

The Duam Inua Commissioners

Gentlemen

I am willing to become surety for Thomas Nolan for the Falls & Customs of the Borough of Duam from the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1887 to the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1888 as advertised for the sum of £450.

I remain gentlemen  
Yours obedt servt  
Daniel Corcoran  
Ballinterry

The following is the advertisement referred to in Mr. Nolan's letter

The Falls & Customs of the Borough of Duam to be let on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept next from 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1887 to 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1888

The terms of payment to be as follows. The Fall Farmer to pass his bills signed by two solvent sureties for the amount of his Contract. The first of said bills for £150. to be made payable on the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct next and the balance of the Contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1888

The second on the 10<sup>th</sup> March the third on the 10<sup>th</sup> May the fourth on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and the fifth one the 10<sup>th</sup> September in same year. The tenders and sums offered to be in writing signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, will be received in the letter box of the Boardroom up to the toppling of the chair on the above named day. A guarantee society will be accepted as security. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender. The Contractor or tenant ~~is~~ declared will have to fulfil the conditions required by the Board and to pay half legal expenses which will be explained by the Clerk

The amended schedule of the Falls & payable within the Borough can be seen on application to the Clerk.

Possession will be given on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept next

By order of the Commissioners

Francis Corbett

Duanu clerk

Commissioners office  
August 29<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr. Fahy proposed and Mr. Bourke seconded the following resolution

Having heard with regret that Mr. John Glynn has ceased his connection with the Duam News and is about leaving Duam, we desire to place on record our high opinion of him as a reporter and journalist and to bear testimony to the accurate reports he has always furnished of our meetings and to his uniform courtesy to every member of this Board

Signed

M. Fahy  
Laurence Bourke

~~The meeting then separated~~

~~Signed on behalf of the Board~~

~~Chairman~~

The chairman brought under the notice of the Board the action of the auditor in not allowing interest on overdrawn drafts and suggested that the Bank be allowed some remuneration for acting as Treasurer to the Board

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Keltier Chairman



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1887

The usual monthly meeting was held to day

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas A Egan John Silk  
Martin Glynn & Patrick M. Myles Esquires

The minutes of the preceding having <sup>been</sup> read and signed.

The financial business of the Board was adjourned until this day next the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Chairman Mr. Culkin proposed & Mr. Fahy seconded that the National Bank be paid a sum of Ten Pounds per year as Treasurer to the Board which was unanimously agreed to.

Proposed by Mr. Glynn and seconded by Mr. Egan

That we the Duam Drain Improvement Commissioners respectfully request the Post Master General to favourably consider at his earliest convenience the influentially signed Memorial recently forwarded to him calling for a night Mail Train to Duam as we are strongly of opinion that the requirements of this important Town and District urgently demand same

Signed  
Martin Glynn  
J. A. Egan

The clerk was ordered to send a copy of the above resolution to the Post Master General

Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Fahy seconded that this meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Eduard Brady officer of this Board

The meeting then separated

Borough of Duam

In the County of Galway to wit

Election of Five Commissioners for the Borough of Duam, in the County of Galway

To the Notice

That an election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Duam, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October instant in said Borough in room of Messrs Patrick Culkin Thomas A Egan Patrick Lyons John F Beagley and Laurence Burke who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election

That any person entitled to vote may nominate himself (if duly qualified) or any other person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number

That every such nomination must be in writing and must state the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated with their respective places of abode and description

That every nomination paper must be signed by the parties nominating and may be in the following form or the like effect

I the undersigned of Duam, in the County of Galway do hereby nominate the following person as a proper <sup>person</sup> to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough

Surnames	Other names	abode	Rank. Profession

Signed

That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town clerk on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, Inst.

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1887

John Culkin  
Town Clerk

Copies of the foregoing were duly posted up on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1887

attended } Patrick Cullin Esq. C.D.C. presiding  
meeting }  
The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas Flaherty Thomas A. Egan  
Michael Gleeson and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

After the financial business of the Board was disposed of.  
Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Fahy seconded, that a printed notice be posted on the Town Hall that no toll be charged on chickens until after they are sold, and that the Town Inspectors see that this is carried out.

The Board ordered that Mr. O'Connell give estimate of the necessary repairs of the clock tower and other works connected with the Town Hall.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

The following nomination papers were handed in

Town of Inam

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Inam to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1887

Nomination Papers

The undersigned Michael Fahy of Inam in the County of Galway, being entitled to vote in the election of Commissioners for the Borough of Inam do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough

Surnames	Other names	abode	Rank, Profession Occupation
Begley	John F.	District Inam	Grocer

Signed  
Donegal this 10<sup>th</sup> day Oct 1887 Michael Fahy

Begley John F. Inam Grocer, was also nominated by Michael C. Shine and Patrick M. Hugh in like form

Dunke Laurence, Inam. Farmer, was nominated by Patrick M. Hugh and Patrick Cullin in like form

Cullin Patrick, Inam. Merchant was nominated by Thomas A. Egan Patrick M. Hugh and Patrick Lyons in like form

Egan Thomas A. Inam. Grocer was nominated by Michael Fahy and Patrick M. Hugh in like form

Lyons Patrick M. Inam. Merchant was nominated by Thomas A. Egan and Patrick M. Hugh in like form

Shine Michael C. Inam. Merchant was nominated by Martin S. Walsh John F. Begley Michael P. Harty and Michael C. Shine in like form

Notice of nomination

Town of Inam. Election of Commissioners

The undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Inam hereby give notice that the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated for election as commissioners for the said Town and Borough of Inam, and their respective places of abode and description and the names of the parties nominating them are as follows

Surnames	Other names	Place of abode of persons nominated	Description of persons nominated	Names of persons by whom nominated
Begley	John F.	District Inam	Grocer	Michael Fahy Michael C. Shine Patrick M. Hugh
Dunke	Laurence	vicar St Inam	Farmer	Patrick M. Hugh Patrick Cullin
Cullin	Patrick	Shop St Inam	Merchant	Thomas A. Egan Patrick M. Hugh Patrick Lyons
Egan	Thomas A.	Dublin Bro Inam	Grocer	Michael Fahy Patrick M. Hugh
Lyons	Patrick	Shop St Inam	Merchant	Thomas A. Egan Patrick M. Hugh
Shine	Michael C.	The square Inam	Merchant	Martin S. Walsh John F. Begley Michael P. Harty Michael C. Shine

Notice



# Notice

Notice is hereby given that the above election will be held in the Town Hall Duam on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October inst

Polling Booth to open at 8 o'clock A.M. and closed at 8 o'clock P.M.

Signed

John F. Kelly

Town Clerk

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1887

The foregoing notice was posted up outside the polling place and in the Market square

Special meeting } Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1887  
By requisition }

Patrick Cullen Esq. C.D.C. presiding

The

other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas Flaherty Laurence Burke  
and Michael Gleeson Esquires

The following is the requisition pursuant to which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned request you will convene a meeting of the Duam Duam's Deputation Commissioners for the purpose of protesting against the insult offered by the authorities to all the corporate bodies in Ireland at the recent trial of the Lord Mayor of Dublin

Patrick Cullen	C. D.C.
Patrick Lyons	J.C.
Patrick M. Hugh	J.C.
Michael Gleeson	J.C.
John E. Douling	M.D. J.C.
James Whilly	J.C.
John F. Beyley	J.C.
Thomas Flaherty	J.C.
John Sill	J.C.
J. A. Egan	J.C.
M. J. Glynn	J.C.
M. Fahy	J.C.

To  
The Duam clerk

Duam

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1887

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Burke

That we record our indignant protest as an Irish corporate body at the disgraceful and illegal action of the Ministers of the Castle in insulting the insignia of the city of Dublin on the occasion of the recent trial of the Lord Mayor when ancient charters and Privileges conferred on the Lord Mayor of Dublin were rudely interfered with and set at naught and dishonoured

Signed

Thomas Flaherty

Laurence Burke

The Clerk was ordered to send copies of the above resolution to the Prime Minister the Chief Secretary Lord Mayor and William O'Brien Esq. M.P. The Freeman's Journal United Ireland and the Nation Duam News Duam Herald

The meeting then separated

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1887

The election of Commissioners was not held to day said election was adjourned to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct inst by the advice of the Duam's Solicitor that the notices given of the candidates nominated was too short as it should have been posted in the public places of the Duam two clear days before the holding of the election in accordance with the act of Parliament bearing on the ~~the~~ matter

The following notice was then posted up

# Notice

Notice is hereby given that the above election has been adjourned from the 15<sup>th</sup> inst and will be held pursuant to adjournment in the Town Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October instant

Polling will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct and Polling Booth will open at 8 o'clock A.M. and close at 8 o'clock P.M.

Commissioners office

15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1887

John F. Kelly

Town Clerk



Special meeting convened for the purpose  
of appointing a returning officer

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1887

Michael Fahy Esq. J.C. presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E. Donlin M.D. Martin J. Wynn  
John M. Philpott and Michael Gleason Esquires

Mr. Fahy handed the following proposition

I propose that Thomas Flattery Esq. J.C. be appointed  
returning officer to preside at the election of five  
commissioners for the Borough of Duam at the  
Town Hall Duam at 8 o'clock A.M. on Saturday  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. - seconded by Doctor Donlin

Signed M. Fahy  
John E. Donlin M.D.

At a special meeting of the Duam Town's Improvement  
Commissioners held in the Town Hall this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1887, it was proposed by Mr. Fahy seconded  
by Doctor Donlin and unanimously resolved that  
Mr. Thomas Flattery do preside as returning officer  
at an election of five commissioners for the Borough  
of Duam on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October inst. at  
the Town Hall Duam at the hour of 8 o'clock A.M.  
the term of office of Patrick Cullen Esq. late  
Chairman having expired.

In accordance with the foregoing the following  
notice was posted outside the polling place also  
in the market square

Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Take notice that at a meeting of the Duam Town's  
Improvement commissioners this day held in the  
Town Hall, it was unanimously resolved by the  
members present that Thomas Flattery J.C. do  
preside as returning officer on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
inst. - at 8 o'clock A.M. in the Town Hall at an  
election of five commissioners for the Borough

of Duam, and the said Thomas Flattery J.C. will  
preside thereat accordingly, the term of office of  
Patrick Cullen late Chairman of the Board having  
expired.

Dated and signed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1887

To

John Flattery  
Town Clerk  
Town Hall Duam

All persons concerned

The following resignation was received from Mr. Burke

In deference to Father O'Connell's wish I hereby  
withdraw my candidature for the election of Commissioner at the  
Duam Town Board.

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1887.

Laurence Burke

Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The following parties having been nominated for the office  
of Town Commissioners for the Borough of Duam namely  
John F. Beyley Laurence Burke Patrick Cullen Thomas  
A. Egan Patrick Lyons and Michael C. Shine, which  
election was to have taken place 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1887 at the  
Town Hall Duam, and Laurence Burke having sent to  
me as returning officer his written resignation and  
withdrawal as a candidate, I therefore hereby declare  
that the said John F. Beyley Patrick Cullen Thomas  
A. Egan Patrick Lyons and Michael C. Shine are  
duly returned and elected as five commissioners in  
the room of the five commissioners who went out by  
rotation

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1887

Thomas Flattery  
Returning Officer

I John F. Beyley do solemnly declare that I will  
faithfully and impartially according to the best of my  
skill and judgment execute all the powers and  
authorities reposed in me as a commissioner by  
virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town  
Councils and Local Boards Acts 1880.

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam  
to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or a portion of £400 = 0  
Subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb 1888

John F. Beyley

Witness Michael C. Shine



I Patrick Cullen do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1887

Witness *[Signature]* Patrick Cullen

I Thomas Egan do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1887

Witness *[Signature]* T. Egan

I Patrick Lyons do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888

Witness *[Signature]* Patrick Lyons  
Martin J. Flynn  
c. &c.

I Michael Collins do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1887

Witness *[Signature]* Michael Collins

I Lawrence Burke do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authority reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 5 day of Dec 1887

Witness *[Signature]* Lawrence Burke



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1887

In consequence of there not being a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Town clerk

adjourned monthly meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1887

Patrick Culkini Esq. C. J. presiding

The other commissioners present were

John O'Flanagan Michael Fahy Martin J Glynn  
John Silk and Michael C. Shine Esquires

Mr. Fahy proposed and Mr. Glynn seconded that Mr. O'Flanagan takes the chair

Mr. Culkini and Mr. Shine having signed their declarations took their seats as members of the Board after which

Mr. O'Flanagan vacated the chair and proposed and Mr. Glynn seconded that Mr. Culkini takes the chair which he did

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and signed and the financial business of the Board disposed of.

The following resignation was read from Mr. Nobilly

Dublin Road  
Dublin Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1887

Francis Corbett Esq.  
Town clerk

Dear Sir

As I find I cannot devote sufficient time to the duties of a Commissioner, I hereby resign my seat at the Board

Faithfully yours  
James Nobilly

Mr. Shine proposed that Mr. Nobilly's resignation be accepted which was unanimously agreed to

Mr. O'Flanagan proposed and Mr. Fahy seconded that Mr. Lawrence Dunne be elected a commissioner in

room of Mr. Nobilly was unanimously agreed to

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Glynn

Resolved. That we the Inam Town Commissioners hereby unanimously express our horror and indignation at the cruel conduct of the Irish executive in using their infamous instrument the coercion act to strike down a political opponent in the person of William O'Brien M.P. and we tender that noble Patriot our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his Prison cell

Signed Michael C. Shine  
Mr. J. Glynn

Copies of the foregoing resolution was ordered to be sent to Mr. O'Brien Charles & Parnell Prime Minister Mr. Gladstone and the Chief Secretary the Inam Herald & Inam iters

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Glynn and seconded by Mr. O'Flanagan

That we the Inam Town's Improvement Commissioners having learned that a scheme for procuring a supply of pure water for our Town is at present before the Poor Law Guardians desire to express our entire approval of same and we trust that the Guardians may be able to carry said scheme to a successful conclusion

Signed M. J. Glynn  
John O'Flanagan

ordered that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Board Guardians

The clerk was ordered to write to the Secretary of the Bellard Club with a view of bringing under their notice the unsanitary state the windows attached to the Bellard room are in

The members of the Board present at this day's meeting were appointed a committee to arrange with the Gas Co. for the lighting of the Town lamps and clock tower

Mr. Shine handed in the following notice of motion

To be notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting move that schedule Board be again revised with a view to taking off the additional tolls recently imposed Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Michael C. Shine



The following letter was read from the Tall Farmers

Dublin 11<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Mr Francis Corbett

Dona Clerk Duam

Sir

I hereby give you notice that I require of you to have those placards taken down that you have caused to be posted on Donu Hill, which placards refer to the Bill of Chickens. Shall you not comply with this notice, I shall have to take action in the matter.

Respectfully yours

Thomas Nolan

Tall Farmer

The following Communications were read and ordered to be inserted in the minutes

Comick or Suir mion

29<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Sir

I am to send you to be laid before your Board the subjoined copy of resolution adopted by the Guardians of this Union at their meeting on this date.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. Mullins

Clerk of Union

To

Each Donu Clerk

in Ireland

Copy referred to

Resolved, that this Board views with horror and shame the inhuman treatment of Mr. Wilfred Blunt and his charitable wife - the Hon Lady Anne Blunt at Woodford by the present miserable and barbarous Government through its responsible officials, and direct the attention of the civilized world to the fact that such an outrage, especially on ladies, deserves the condemnation of every man and woman who is not a monster in human form.

Mansion House, Dublin

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1887

Dear Sir

The Lord Mayor asks me to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Commissioners of Dublin at a

Special meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst relative to the utterly unconstitutional attacks recently made by the present Tory Government upon the freedom of the Press and the rights of public meetings as well as the insult offered to the Municipal Corporation of Dublin on the occasion of the members of that body accompanying His Lordship to the Police Court.

For this and many others similar resolutions which daily reach the Lord Mayor he feels extremely grateful and he can only hope that the evidence which they afford of the spirit of our people and their representations may induce our rulers to turn aside from the brutal and futile course upon which they have embarked.

Believe me

very truly yours

W. J. Denny

Francis Corbett Esq

Dona Clerk

Duam

General Post Office

Dublin 30<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Duam Duam Improvement Commissioners I am directed by the Postmaster General to inform you that the question of substituting a train service for the existing car service for the conveyance of the night mails between Duam and Athlone has been carefully considered and it is found that not only would the cost of such an alteration be out of all proportion to the revenue derived from the correspondence afforded, but also that no improvement would result from the change, the present hours of the post being an arrival at Duam at 3. A.M. and a departure at 9.15. P.M.

Under all the circumstances of the case Mr. Rankin does not consider that there is sufficient reason for disturbing the existing arrangements.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. E. Barnes

Francis Corbett Esq

Signed on behalf of the Board

W. J. Denny  
Chairman



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1887

Election of Chairman for the ensuing year

Present - Patrick Cusker Michael Fahy John O'Flanagan  
Michael E. Shine John McPhillipin and Martin Glynn Esquires

The object of the meeting was explained by the out-going  
Chairman, in his Motion the Town Clerk was moved to the Chair

Proposed by Mr. Cusker and seconded by Mr. O'Flanagan  
that Mr. Glynn be elected Chairman for the ensuing year

was unanimously agreed to

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Flanagan and  
seconded by Mr. Shine

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are hereby offered to our late  
Chairman Patrick Cusker Esq. for so worthily and impartially  
presiding over our body for the past three years and that we tender  
him our congratulations for the zeal he brought to bear in the  
discharge of his duties, and the care with which he watched  
over the interests of the Town during his years of office, and we  
hope that he may be long spared to assist with his keen  
business instincts and sound common sense in our deliberations

Signed members of the Board

*M. O'Flanagan*  
Chairman

At a public  
meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1887

John E. Dooling Esq. M.P. J.C. Presiding

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Michael E. Shine John McPhillipin  
Patrick McHugh

There were two tenders for keeping in repair the Town pumps  
water closets urinals & Lavatories for twelve months

One from P. French sum for £10. and the other from  
Peter Maher at £10..

Mr. Maher's tender was accepted on condition of his  
finding security for the due performance of his contract which he did

Copy of tender

Gas works  
November 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

Gentlemen

I propose as per advertisement to keep in order the  
pumps urinals Lavatories & water closets, including pumping  
water for £10. or by the Commissioners pumping water to cistern  
for the sum of £8.

I,

Yours respectfully  
Peter Maher

The Chairman Town Commissioners  
Dublin.

Copy of agreement is as follows

We the undersigned agree to become sureties for the due performance by  
Peter Maher of his contract to keep in repair the urinals Lavatories and  
water closets including pumping water to the Town Hall

Dublin 21<sup>st</sup> November 1887

Signed

John Murphy  
John Byrne

The following is a copy of the advertisement

Tenders are hereby invited from <sup>persons</sup> competent to repair and so keep  
the Town pumps and water closets urinals and Lavatories of the  
Town Hall for twelve months also to procure during same period  
a full supply of water for the cisterns of said Town Hall the  
contractor himself to find all materials

Tenders to be received in the letter box of the Board  
room up to the taking of the Chair on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> inst. The lowest  
or any tender will not necessarily be accepted

By order

*Wm. Corbett*

Town Clerk

Commissioners office Dublin 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1887

attention having been directed by the Clerk to the  
appell lodged against the same Tax

The Board requested that Mr. Cusker appear on their  
behalf to prosecute said appeal



The Board ordered that contracts for painting and advertising and also that for regulating and keeping in proper order the town clock be once advertised in the *Quam News* and *Quam Herald*

It was also agreed on the suggestion of Mr. Shine that the necessity of putting protection bars on the upper windows of the ~~temperance~~ <sup>board</sup> room be brought under notice at next monthly meeting of the Board

ordered also that the clerk submit a statement showing the financial state of the Board

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1887

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

John A. O'Hanrahan Esq. Presiding

The other commissioners present were

Thomas A. Egan Michael C. Shine Lawrence Bin St  
Patrick Oulkin John Silk Michael Fahy John M. Phelpin  
& Patrick M. Hush Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business was adjourned

There were three tenders for flagging

one from Patrick Donnelan @ 2/6 per superficial yard Richard Donnelan @ 2/4 per do (both of which were informal) one from John Kenny @ 1/10 per square yard to dress & set new flags to raise & reset old @ 1/- per square yard

After some discussion as to adjourning the contract a decision was taken the voting was as follows

In favour	Against
Culkin 1	Shine 1
Fahy 1	Silk 1
M. Phelpin 1	Egan 1
3	O'Hanrahan 1
	4
	majority 1

After which John Kenny's tender was accepted

Subjoined is copies of advertisement & tender

The *Quam Town Improvement Commissioners* will at their monthly meeting 5<sup>th</sup> day of December next receive and consider tenders from persons competent and willing to set new flags raise & reset old flags in foot paths within the Borough for 12 months from date of acceptance, and tender of per square yard, the lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

In all tenders entered a tender for flagging including the names of two salient sureties, with their consent in writing for the due performance of the contract will be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the taking of the chair on the above named day

By order  
Commissioners office *Quam* 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887  
John A. O'Hanrahan Town Clerk

Copy of tender

Carton *Quam*  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887

The Chairman & Commissioners  
*Quam*

Sir

I hereby propose and agree to set the flags in the foot paths within the Borough of *Quam* for twelve months from date, on the following terms, flags to be supplied by Commissioners to dress & set new flags at 1/10 per square yard to raise & reset old ones at 1/- per square yard. Spring water & attendance

I am Sir  
Yours obt. svt  
John Kenny

We the undersigned are prepared to become sureties for the due performance of above contract

Signed

Richard Kilgus off  
Patrick Murphy



There was but one tender for printing & advertising from  
Mr Richard Kelly, Duam Herald for £20. which was considered  
and was marked read

There were two tenders for the Town clock Contract  
from John E Brady at £10. and from Drapth Lee for  
£10. considered too high and an order made to advertise

The following resolutions were proposed and recorded  
and unanimously adopted

Proposed by John A O'Flanagan Esq and  
seconded by Michael C Shine Esq

Resolved. That the Duam Town Commissioners at this our first meeting since  
the much regretted death of the very Rev W J Canon Bourke D.P.  
do solemnly beg to tender to our colleague Mr M Phelpin and his family  
our sincere condolences in their sad bereavement, and to express  
our sense of the loss the Country has sustained in the death of so  
sterling a patriot and so learned a divine

ordered that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to

Mr M. Phelpin Rev W J Canon Bourke & Mr John M. Phelpin  
Duam News & the Duam Herald

Proposed by Michael C Shine Esq and  
seconded by John M. Phelpin Esq.

Resolved. That we Town Commissioners of Duam hereby condemn  
in the strongest manner the action of the Government in imprisoning  
the Patriotic Lord Mayor of Dublin and we beg to tender him  
in his prison cell our sincere sympathy and take this  
opportunity of expressing our admiration of his conduct

ordered that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to the

Lord Mayor of Dublin the Dublin Corporation the  
Chief Secretary Prime Minister W. E. Gladstone & C. S. Parnell

Proposed by Michael C Shine Esq and  
seconded by Thomas A Egan Esquire

Resolved. That we the Town Commissioners of Duam  
elect and raising the National and unani mous feelings  
of the inhabitants of this town, hereby express our sympathy  
with Mr John O'Donnell and appreciate the action of

Mr Michael P. Hosty in persisting with his misapprehension  
and that we approve and endorse the action of the Duam House  
and National League in this matter

ordered that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to  
Rev J John O'Connell Michael P Hosty & John O'Donnell

Proposed by Thomas A Egan Esq and  
seconded by John O'Donnell Esquire

That in the future all documents and books in connection  
with the Commissioners be placed in the safe Town Hall  
and also that a stand be got for the copying press and that the  
press be used for all important letters

Proposed by Patrick Culkin Esq and  
seconded by Michael Fahy Esquire

That this Board direct the Town clerk to give a statement of accounts  
from September 1876 when the Chairman of the day paid off the claims  
of the Duam of the Presentation Cement and a balance each year  
struck with the Chairman's name attached to present date  
Board room 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887

Mr. Shine withdrew his notice of motion in reference to  
revision of the schedule of tolls adopted at meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> Augt last

Attention having been drawn to the fact that the toll Farmer  
had not yet lodged with the Treasurers balance of his bills due of  
£90. it was agreed if he did not pay £50. on or before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
and remain due £40. not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. that legal proceedings  
be taken for the recovery of the debt

Mr. M. Phelpin's account was under consideration Mr.  
Fahy proposed & Mr. O'Donnell seconded that the Chairman Mr Glynn  
Mr. Culkin & Mr. Shine be appointed a committee to settle  
the disputed account between the Commissioners & the Duam  
News.

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> inst

The above committee met on the evening of this day and  
subjoined is their recommendation

Board Room  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887

We the committee appointed by your Board, having carefully



Examined and considered the Bill furnished by the  
Irish News for a printing, have come to the conclusion  
that a sum of 250 pounds is sufficient to discharge  
same and we accordingly recommend that said sum  
be paid to the proprietors of the Irish News in full  
payment of his account up to and including Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Signed  
M. J. Glynn, Chairman  
of Committee  
P. Curran  
Michael E. Shinn

I consent to the above recommendation

John M. Philpin

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin Glynn

Chairman

Special Meeting  
by requisition

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1887

Mark J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael E. Shinn Patrick McHugh John A. O'Hanrahan  
John E. Donohy M.D. Michael Gleeson John Silke  
Michael Fahy & Patrick Curran Esquires

The following is the requisition pursuant to which  
the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you will  
convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
at 12.1. O'Clock noon for the purpose of transacting the financial  
business of the Board and any other business that may be  
necessary to be done

M. J. Glynn J.C.  
John M. Philpin J.C.  
Michael E. Shinn J.C.  
P. Curran J.C.  
John A. O'Hanrahan J.C.

To  
The Clerk Town Commissioners  
Dunam

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

The financial business of the Board was then disposed of

There were two tenders for the contract to wind up  
the Town clock for one year

One from Joseph Sen for £10. The other from John  
E. Brady & S. both tenders having been considered too  
high, it was agreed to give £6. where upon Mr Sen for  
with drew and Mr. Brady accepted the Board's offer and  
was directed to send in his proposal to that effect with  
the names of two solvent sureties for the due performance  
of his contract

The following communications were also read

The Presbyterian Church  
7<sup>th</sup> December 1887

Mr. Francis O'Connell

Town Clerk, Dunam

Dear Sir

I have received with very great  
satisfaction copy of resolution adopted by your Board endorsing  
the action of the Town House and National League in reference  
to the threatened eviction of Mr. John D. Donnell by Mr. Hosty  
nothing could add greater weight to the already important and  
unanimous resolutions of the House and National League con-  
demnatory of Mr. Hosty's action than his outspoken declaration  
of so intelligent a representative and so patriotic a body  
as the Town Commissioners. It places Mr. Hosty's  
action in this deplorable business absolutely outside the  
pale of justification and puts himself in an unenviable  
position of antagonism to the publicly expressed opinion  
and feeling of the people of Dunam town and county. I think  
the Commissioners have performed a public service in  
supporting a principle, which appears to me to lie very  
close to the root of the general interests of the community. I trust  
that Mr. Hosty will still before it is too late, see his way  
to give a just and reasonable settlement such as the  
public judgment and feeling demand

I remain dear Sir

Yours faithfully  
M. O'Connell

A.S.M.



Clerks office Ballinashel Union  
14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1887

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Board of Guardians to hand you the following copy of a resolution adopted at their meeting on yesterday with a request that you will kindly lay same before the next meeting of your Board

Yours faithfully  
R. S. Gill  
Clerk of Union

Mr. Brown proposed and Mr. Reedy seconded

Resolved, that we the Guardians of the Poor of the Ballinashel Union condemn the barbarous and inhuman conduct adopted by the Government and the Prison officials of Bellinamore Goal towards Mr John Manderville

That we regard the torture to which he and Mr O'Brien M. P. have been subjected as properly intended to lead the people into rebellion

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Manderville Clonilla Mitchelstown Co. Cork and to the different Public Bodies in Ireland

To each Clerk of Union and Town Clerk in Ireland  
Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Flynn

Chairman

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1887

Present

Mr Shine Mr. Caldwell & Mr O'Flanagan not having a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 19<sup>th</sup> inst

Thomas A. O'Connell Town Clerk

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1887

Here were present

Mr. Foley Mr Shine Mr M. Phelpin & Mr O'Flanagan not having a quorum the meeting was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board

Thomas A. O'Connell

Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Flynn

Chairman

The following is a copy of report made by the Committee appointed to revise the schedule of tolls

To the Inam Town Commissioners  
Gentlemen

In pursuance of your order of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. the committee appointed on that day met on the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. (all the members being present except Mr J. U. Egan) to consider and revise the schedule of tolls, and now submit for your approval and confirmation the schedule as carefully revised by them, keeping in view the interest of the public and at the same time avoiding any reduction that might lessen the annual value of your present revenue for the tolls - your committee hope that the changes they have made will rather increase your income by equalizing the tolls, and lessening some that appeared to press unduly on certain classes - The committee beg to offer the following suggestions which they hope will meet your approval as calculated to facilitate the transactions taking place in your Fairs & Markets - 1<sup>st</sup> That the pig fairs for the future, be held on the day previous to the ordinary fairs - 2<sup>nd</sup> That an enclosure be provided at the Fair Green for stray sheep and cattle on fair days, to be placed in charge of a man responsible to the Commissioners - 3<sup>rd</sup> That a stop be put to the habit at present existing, of charging the huts and cloths of people paying custom, and that instead, a receipt be given on payment of toll - 4<sup>th</sup> That your Town Inspector be directed to see that no irregularity or overcharge on the part of the Toll collector be allowed, and that where he finds that such occurs, that he immediately make a report to the Chairman for the true being - That new schedule Books (3) properly and legibly printed be provided, with notice to the public to make complaint of overcharges &c. to your Inspector, that printed copies of the schedule, of convenient size for distribution and posting, be provided, and that copies of same be placed in the different wool and other public stores thro' out the town - 5<sup>th</sup> That your Inspector be empowered to order the removal of standings, where interfering with the business, or a cause of annoyance to people resident in the town - The committee include Turp, Timber, and Game as common duties fairly subject to toll, but wish to have your opinion on the matter before putting them in the schedule. They also suggest including Butts, Spins, Cucumbers &c, from which the toll farmers at present receive tolls altho, not included in the schedule list.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Patrick Lenthin. Chairman  
John A. O'Flanagan Hon. Secretary



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1888

The usual monthly <sup>meeting</sup> ~~business~~ of the Board was held today

Martin J Glynn Esq. chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael C Shine Patrick Culkin John E Douglas M D  
John A O'Hanagan Patrick McHugh and Michael Fahy Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board disposed of

It was agreed that the chairman wait on Mr. Conway  
Solicitor to the Board relative to the bye laws to be  
framed for the Borough

The Town Inspectors was ordered to get a suitable  
frame for the weighing machine for the purpose of weighing  
live stock

Proposed by Mr O'Hanagan & seconded by  
Mr. Culkin that a safe be procured for the books and  
other documents belonging to the Commissioners

The following letter was read from Mr. John O'Donnell

The Square  
Dunam 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 87

Mr. Francis Collett  
Town Clerk

Dear Sir

I beg gratefully to acknowledge  
your favour of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing copy of resolution  
adopted by your Popular and patriotic Town Commissioners  
sympathising with me and condemning the cruel and harsh  
conduct of my landlord Mr. Hostry in serving me with a  
writ of Ejection. I don't owe him any rent or anything else  
nor does he claim it, but his evident object is to drive me  
out of business not caring what become of myself and family  
in order that he would monopolise the trade I have establish-  
-ed next door to him. Kindly convey to the members  
of your respected Board my most sincere thanks for their  
independent and discriminating action in this distress-  
-ing case

I remain  
yours faithfully  
John O'Donnell

The following is copy of advertisement of Mr. Brady's Tender

Take notice that the Town Inspectors Improvement Commis-  
-sioners will at their meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> day of December  
next receive and consider tenders from persons willing  
and competent to mind regulate and keep in proper order  
the Town clock for a period of Twelve months from said  
9<sup>th</sup> day of December. The lowest or any tender not  
necessarily accepted. Sealed tenders endorsed  
Tender for keeping the Town clock in proper order  
enclosing names of two solvent sureties with their  
consent in writing for the due performance of the contract  
will be received in the letter box of the board room up  
to the taking of the chair on the above named day

By order  
Francis Collett

Commissioners office Dunam  
7<sup>th</sup> December 1887

Town Clerk

Copy of Mr. Brady's Tender

Dunam December 9<sup>th</sup> 1887

To  
The chairman and Board of Town Commissioners  
Gentlemen

I propose and agree to mind regulate and  
keep lighted each night the Town clock for the sum of £6-  
-0-0 for 12 months. I give two solvent sureties whose assent  
is under.

John E Brady

We the undersigned consent to become Mr. Brady's sureties  
for the due and faithful performance of aforesaid contract

Signed P. J. Gannon Dunam  
James J. Boyley Dunam

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr. Culkin

Board room Dunam Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at our next meeting  
move that this Board dispense with the services of the Local  
Government auditor in as much as we cannot afford to pay  
£7-7-0 annually out of our overtaxed funds and that a  
Local auditor be appointed at the fee allowed by  
the act £1-1-0

Signed Patrick Culkin



The meeting was then adjourned to this day next ~~the~~  
~~the~~ the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn Chairman

adjourned } Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1888  
meeting }

Present

Doct<sup>r</sup> Douling Mr Shine  
and Mr. Culskin not having a quorum the meeting  
was further adjourned to Monday next the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

adjourned } Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1888  
meeting }

Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael C Shine John A O'Hanaghan  
John E Douling M.D. Michael Cleson Patrick W. Hugh Esquires

The clerk was ordered to send copy of the  
Schedule of Rates and Customs to Mulvey & Blake Esq  
clerk of the Peace Galway.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn Chairman

Special meeting convened for the purpose of  
preparing an address and appointing a deputation  
to represent the Duam Town Commissioners at the  
Morley & Ripon reception in Dublin

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1888

Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Michael C Shine  
John Sisk & Patrick Culskin Esquires

Mr. Lyons having signed his declaration took his  
seat as a member of the, after which the following  
propositions were handed in

I propose that the chairman of the Board  
and Mr. Lyons & C be requested to proceed to Dublin  
to represent the Duam Town Commissioners at the  
Morley and Ripon reception

Signed Michael C Shine  
P Culskin

I propose that the chairman of the Board be asked to  
prepare an address of welcome to the Marquis of Ripon  
and Mr. John Morley and present same on behalf of  
the Commissioners

Signed P. Culskin  
John Sisk

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn Chairman



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Culskin John E Douling M.D.  
Michael O Shine Thomas A Egan  
Michael Fahy & Michael Gleeson Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and the financial business of the Board disposed of

Mr. Culskin, notice of motion to dispense with the Local Government Board auditor which was to come on today, was owing to not having Council's opinion, postponed to next meeting

The Mill Farmers bill £2.8.0 for hire of men engaged by him for the October Fair was adjourned to next meeting

The clerk was directed to communicate with the secretary of the Gas. Co. and to request that they direct to meet the Board at its next meeting to arrange the lighting of the Town lamps and clock

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine & seconded by Mr. Culskin and unanimously adopted

Resolved, that we the Town Commissioners desire to express our sincere sympathy with our colleague Mr. John A O'Flanagan and the members of his family in their great affliction caused by the lamentable demise of the late Mr. John Byrne.

The Board adjourned to Monday next the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Adjourned } Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1888  
meeting }  
In consequence of the non attendance of the members the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst

Francis Corbett  
Town clerk

Adjourned } Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1888  
meeting }  
There being no members in attendance the meeting was further adjourned

Francis Corbett  
Town clerk

Special meeting } Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1888  
by requisition }  
Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John A O'Flanagan Patrick McHugh Michael Fahy  
John E Douling M.D. Thomas A Egan Patrick Culskin  
and Michael O Shine Esquires

Mr. Begley having signed his declaration took his seat at the Board as a member of the Board

The following is the requisition pursuant to which the meeting was convened

J. M. Francis Corbett  
Town clerk

We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you will convene a meeting for Thursday next 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering the bye laws intended to be put in force by the Board, also the subject of procuring a loan to discharge the liabilities of the Board and other matters of importance

Martin J Glynn J.C.  
Patrick Culskin J.C.  
John A O'Flanagan J.C.  
John E Douling M.D. J.C.  
Michael O Shine J.C.

Town Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1888



The following letter was read from Mr. Flanagan

Duam  
July 8th 88

Dear Sir

Will you convey to my brother Commissioner the grateful thanks of Mr. Bynne's family and my own for their kind words of sympathy in the great affliction it has pleased God to visit us with

I am Dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
Robert Flanagan

J. Corbett Esq  
Town Clerk

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. O. Flanagan and unanimously adopted

We the Duam Town's Supremacy Commissioners hereby offer to the Rev. Michael O'Connell our sincere congratulations on his promotion to the Presidency of the College of St. Saviour's, while it is with feelings of sincere regret that we lose him as administrator still we cannot but rejoice at his advancement and we feel grateful to our venerated Archbishop for this recognition of Father O'Connell's well known abilities

ordered. That the Town clerk learn from Mr. Rish worth the number of carts of timber weighed from the 29th Sept. 87 to 25 March. 88 with a view of allowing the full sum of 3rd per cent for same

ordered. That the Town clerk write to the Local Government Board to enquire how the excess charge £7.7.0. assessed on Duam Town Commissioners, as in their opinion of the Board £2.2. is sufficient for the few hours occupied in the audit

That the Chairman call on the Managers of the National Bank and inform him that he has been appointed Treasurer by the Board by resolution 30 Oct. 87 at £10 - per year

The Chairman to call on Mr. Conway Sol. to the Board about the lease of the meat shambles to see what can be done

The following notice of application for loan was handed in

I beg to propose that an application be made to the Board of works for a loan of £400

Signed J. A. Egan  
Mich. J. J. J.

That the Board's solicitor take steps to have the by-laws confirmed, which are as follows

1. That the owners or vendors of all dead meat, whether fresh or salted shall expose same for sale in the meat shambles or melouse provided for the sale of meat, or within their own premises, and not on the public streets, foot paths, or bye ways of said Town of Duam

2. That the owners or vendors of fish shall expose same for sale in the shambles, or melouse provided for the sale of fish only and not on the public streets, foot paths, or bye ways of the said Town of Duam

3. That neither Meal flour nor bran shall be exposed for sale on the streets, foot paths, or bye ways of said Town. The vendors of such commodities shall however, be at liberty to expose same in the meat shambles, provided there may be sufficient space therein for the purpose

4. That neither Hay Straw Turnip Manure nor seaweed be exposed for sale nearer to the Market Square than Kilgarriff's Lane in Bishop St. in said Town of Duam

5. That the vendors of Fruit and Lin Ware shall expose their merchandise around the Town Hall only and not in any other portion of the streets foot paths or bye ways of the said Town of Duam

6. That no vendor of any commodity whatsoever shall be permitted to place any stand in front of the doorway of any dwelling house or shop in Duam so as to interfere with the free ingress and egress to and from such dwelling house or shop



7<sup>th</sup> Any person violating or committing a breach of the foregoing bye laws shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings

Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Fahy seconded as follows

That the letter read from Mr. Egan Builder in reference to chimneys Iona Hall for a specification be deferred to next monthly meeting and to get a competent man in the mean time to examine chimneys

The following communications were read from the Board of Guardians

Poor Law office  
Inam 10<sup>th</sup> July 1888

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to transmit to you the enclosed copies of Reports received from the Medical Officers of Health of the Inam Dispensary District having reference to the sewerage of the Town of Inam with a request that you will be so good as to submit these reports to your Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. The Guardians as the Sanitary Authority being desirous to have the Town put in proper sanitary order deem it right to consult the Commissioners in the matter. They (the Commissioners) being so much better acquainted with the course and nature of the sewers than the Guardians, that what they may recommend as to opening, cleaning &c the sanitary Authority will be prepared to carry out to the extent of their legal powers

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
J. Morris  
Clerk of the Union

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Clerk Board of Commissioners  
Inam

Gentlemen

Inam July 8<sup>th</sup> 1888

In accordance with your instructions I beg to advise you that the sewers of the Town ought now to be properly cleaned out, it is far safer to open them up at this season of the year than in summer and any small refuse left will be washed away by the rains of Spring, thus having the sewers clear for the summer season

I would suggest your getting a Contractor to carry out the cleaning subject to the sanction of Mr. Fox your Sanitary Officer

I remain Gentlemen  
Your obedient servant  
James Egan Junor  
Consulting Med Off of Health  
Inam Union

The Sanitary Authority  
Inam Union

Eastland House Inam  
8<sup>th</sup> July 1888

Gentlemen

Accompanied by two of the Town Commissioners I yesterday visited several openings made in the main drains of this Town and from their condition in shop street and in the square there is about 18 inches of a deposit of sewerage matter. I think it advisable before the warm weather sets in to have a general cleaning of all the sewers made, and this helps in a great measure to prevent the annually recurring visitation of Zymotic Fevers and other Zymotic (or preventable) disease epidemics in the Town and its neighbourhood

Yours faithfully  
John E. Doulin  
Med Officer of Health

Messrs. Shinn, Dr. Doulin, Mr. Caldwell and the Chairman were appointed to inspect sewers &c and have a report to send to Board of Guardians

Signed in behalf of the Board  
Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1888

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Board was held to day  
Martin & Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Michael O'Shane John E. Donling M.D.  
John H. Flanagan John Sill Patrick M. Hugh  
and Michael Gleason Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed  
and the financial business of the Board disposed of

Annexed letter was read from Mr. M. O'Connell President of St. Jarlath's College

St. Jarlath's College Dublin  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1888

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter conveying to me  
the resolution of your Board congratulating me on my appointment  
to the presidency of this college. I appreciate very highly these  
congratulations and beg you will convey to the Chairman and Members  
my warmest thanks for this kind expression of regard. I am glad to think the  
Dublin Town Commissioners for intelligence  
ability, and disinterested devotion to the interests of their fellow citizens  
are not second to any similar body in Ireland. I consider an  
expression of opinion coming from so intelligent and representative  
a body of great weight and authority. I am proud to be the re-  
cipient of such an expression of friendship and commendation.

I shall ever remember with grateful pleasure that when on  
a memorable occasion my action might be open to misap-  
prehension, the Commissioners spontaneously came  
forward and set the seal of their approval and sanction  
to my conduct in the matter. I feel greatly gratified in  
having been in any way so intimately associated  
with them, and now in withdrawing from this closer  
relation them, I beg to offer them my best wishes and regards.

Yours faithfully  
M. O'Connell, President

M. F. Clarke, Town Clerk

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board

Dublin 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1888

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland  
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. respecting  
the sum payable by the Dublin Town Commissioners for the  
annual audit of their accounts, and in reply to your enquiry  
on the subject. I am to state that the amounts estimated for the  
auditors attendance and travelling expenses, and the preparation  
of the abstract and report in each case from the basis on which  
the assessment is determined. The Board have it in contemplation  
to revise previously to the making of the next assessment the amounts  
at present fixed from the several Towns in Ireland for the purpose  
of recovering His Majesty's Exchequer the cost of auditing their  
accounts, when making such revision the representation  
contained in your communication will receive due attention  
but the assessment made for the year ended August 1886 cannot now  
be altered, and the Board trust that the Town Commissioners of Dublin  
will be good enough to forward the sum refused to without delay

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
Thomas A. Attorney  
Secretary

To  
Barrister at Law Esq.

Mr. Nolan the Farmer came before the Board and declined  
to pay balance due for tolls or take 3<sup>d</sup> per cent for timber sold to  
Mr. Rishworth.

Ordered that Mr. Conway Sal. to the Board be directed to take  
proceeding against Mr. Nolan & his sureties

The Toll Farmer complained about a crane being given by  
the Cranes to Mr. Fitzgerald, the Cranes was directed not to do  
so in future without an order from the Chairman or the Board

The Toll Farmers bill £2. 8. for men employed at the October  
Fairs was refused

Mr. Brady was cautioned to stop the clock some in better  
order for the future

Mr. Shine having mentioned about the Town Sarcos the Clerk  
was directed to inform the Guardians that they wish the work  
done by contract and that the sewer at Waterlode be run into  
the sewer at Mr. McDonnell's

The Chairman referred in complimentary terms to the action of the  
Constabulary at the late fire in Shop Street. The Clerk was directed  
to write to the District Inspector expressing the thanks of the Commissioners  
and also to send copies to the Inspector General & Co. Inspector



The Clerk was directed to have Counsel's opinion recently obtained inserted in the minutes

The Board's attention having been called to the safe it was agreed to have it embedded in its place in the wall the Chairman was requested to employ Mr. Egan to do so

The Chairman mentioned to the Board that he had directed Mr. William Silk to make an enquiry to weigh Cotton in compliance with act of Parliament, which was approved of

The Board's Sol. and the Chairman were requested to see Mr. Mousend Sol. as regards the amt due to him

Case on behalf of the Inam Inam's Improvement Commissioners

Dacry's are duly constituted under the Inam's Improvement (Ireland) Act of 1854 and are as such, owners of the Tolls and Customs of the fairs and Markets of the Town of Inam which are rent in this year to a Toll farmer at a sum of £450. There is no special Borough rate struck in Inam so that all outgoings are paid from the rent referred to See lease herewith sent

There is a tobacconery near the Inam not immediately outside the Borough boundary the property of a Mr. Rishworth. In the purchase of whom trade large quantities of timber from outlying districts pass through the Inam to the factory and are there weighed by Mr. Rishworth's private scales without paying any toll to the Commissioners or their Toll farmer

The accounts of the Inam Commissioners were audited for a great many years by an auditor appointed by the Commissioners themselves until at years ago a Local Government Board Auditor notified his intention of coming to audit the Borough accounts and has since acted in that capacity at an annual expense to the Borough fund of £7.7.0 and as an additional objection to a Government Auditor he disallowed, in taking the last account a payment made by the Commissioners to the National Bank their Treasurer, for interest due on over draft made by Inam in a case of urgent necessity, which if practicable, makes it most desirable that the National Bank should be constituted the Treasurer of the Borough fund at a salary in lieu of interest on over draft

Council will please to answer the following queries in reference to the foregoing facts

1. Can the Inam Commissioners impose a toll on timber passing thro' the Inam to Mr. Rishworth's factory and if so by what proceeding & is Mr. Rishworth justified in so weighing timber in his own scales and if not can proceedings & as where suit be instituted against him

2. Can the Inam Commissioners dispense with the services of the Government Auditor and if so in what way, and appoint a private individual for that purpose as formerly

3. Can the Inam Commissioners legally appoint the National Bank as Treasurer for the Borough fund paying the Bank a salary in lieu of interest on over drafts. And Council will please advise Inamists generally

Copy opinion

1. I have not seen any copy of the Charter or act of Parliament by which the Tolls to which the Inam Commissioners are now entitled, were originally granted, but I assume that the Tolls are fair and Market Tolls and can only be levied within the limits of the Borough. I do not think the Inam Commissioners can impose any toll on goods passing thro' the Inam whether going to Mr. Rishworth's factory or any where else. The Tolls to which the Inam Commissioners are entitled are fair and Market Tolls and not Tolls such as might be levied by the owner of a bridge or lands for the privilege of passing over it or them. Any attempt to levy Tolls on goods merely passing through the Inam would appear to be illegal.

2. The Local Government Board (Ireland) Act 1871 (34-35 vic 109) provides in section 11 that the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the governing Body of any town in Ireland (except Cork, Kildenny, and Waterford) shall be audited and examined by a Government Auditor and the Inam Commissioners cannot in any way dispense with the services of the Government Auditor

3. I think the Inam Commissioners may give a salary or allowance to the National Bank for discharging the office of Treasurer to the Commissioners under the 59th Section of the Inam's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 the Inam Commissioners are bound to appoint some Bank to act as their Treasurer, but with this, the provisions of the Commissioners' Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the appointment and accountability of the officers of the Commissioners are incorporated and the 65th Act of the



Last mentioned Act enables the Commissioners to pay such salary or allowance to their Treasurer as they shall think reasonable. I do think the provision in the 59th sect of the Act of 1854 as to the appointment of a Bank's Treasurer is inconsistent with the power which enables the Commissioners to give salaries and allowances to their officers

410 Fitzwilliam Place  
Dub 31<sup>st</sup> 1888  
Edward J Benley

I have now had an opportunity of reading a copy of the Bill granting the Falls and am clearly of opinion that no tolls can be imposed on timber passing through the Town

Dub 7<sup>th</sup> 1888  
E J Benley

Signature on behalf of the Board  
John E Donley M.D.  
Chairman

Special meeting }  
By Adjournment }  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1888  
Martin Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John E Donley M.D. Michael Ashine Michael Fahy  
Thomas Huddy Patrick Cullen Patrick Lyons & John Silk Esquires

The following is the resolution pursuant to which the meeting was convened

Dublin 26<sup>th</sup> March 1888

Sir,  
We the undersigned request you will convene a special meeting on Thursday next the 29<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering what further steps will be taken as regards the mills on the Falls & the other sites

Martin Glynn J.C.  
Michael Fahy J.C.  
Michael Ashine J.C.  
P. Cullen J.C.  
John Freyley J.C.  
Patrick Lyons J.C.

To  
Mr James Corbett  
Town Clerk

The following resolution was proposed by Doct<sup>r</sup> Donley and seconded by Mr. Cullen

Resolved. That we the Duam Town Commissioners beg to be felicitated with much respect to tender to the family of the late Mr. E. Dwyer Gray our sincere sympathy & condolence with them on his lamented death & to express our heartfelt sorrow that Ireland the Irish Party & Irish Journalists have met with such a loss

Ordered that copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mrs. Gray -  
Signed John E Donley M.D.  
Patrick Cullen

Passed unanimously

M. J. Glynn. Chairman

The following arrangement was come to with the Fall Farmers

I agree to accept a sum of £25- in full for all claims I have against the Duam Town Commissioners or that I may have in the future in regard to the revised schedule of Falls.

I also agree to pay £40. of the debt now due by me at once and the balance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1888

I also agree to pay the costs of the proceedings against me before Monday next

In the event of my failing to carry out the above arrangement in all its details the Commissioners are to be at liberty to continue the legal proceedings against me

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1888  
Thomas Huddy  
M. J. Glynn. Chairman

Signature on behalf of the Board  
John E Donley M.D.  
Chairman

signed  
The number of loads of Timber received at the Council from 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1887 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 88 is 713 loads



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1888

In consequence of the non attendance of the  
Members the meeting was adjourned to Monday next 9<sup>th</sup> inst

Frank White  
Jona Clerk

Adjourned  
Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1888

Martha J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John E Donoghue M.D. Thomas Flattery Michael Fahy  
Patrick Lyons John F Keegan Patrick Mc Hugh + Robert O'Hanrahan  
Esquires

The minutes of the previous <sup>meeting</sup> were read and signed and  
the financial business of the Board disposed of

The following communication from the Local Government  
Board was read

Local Government Board  
Dublin 29<sup>th</sup> March 1888

Sir

Adverting to their Circular of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1873 on the  
subject of the arrangements made with reference to the remuneration  
of the Poor Law Auditors, by whom the accounts of the governing  
Bodies of Towns in Ireland are audited, under the provisions  
of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, the Local Government  
Board for Ireland have determined that the proportion payable  
by the Town Commissioners for the year ending in August  
last is £4. 5. 0 and they request that in accordance with  
the directions of the Lords of the Treasury, under the  
Sixth Section of the Local Government Board (Ireland)  
Act, the amount may be remitted to the Bank of Ireland,  
to be placed to the credit of the account of the Local Government  
Board

An extract from the Local Government Board Act  
relating to this subject is subjoined

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
Thomas A. Mooney  
Secretary

To the Clerk to the  
Town Commissioners  
Dublin

Extract from the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act,  
1872 (35 + 36 Vic., c. 69)

Sec. 6. From and after the passing of this Act any Auditor  
of Poor Law unions in Ireland who shall be appointed to audit  
the accounts of other public Bodies in addition to the accounts of  
the Boards of Guardians of Unions, shall not receive for that  
duty remuneration beyond the amount of his yearly salary,  
any enactment to the contrary notwithstanding, and every such  
enactment is hereby repealed, and the number of such auditors  
and the amount of their salaries shall be such as the Local  
Government Board shall determine from time to time with  
the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's  
Treasury, provided always that the Local Government Board  
shall from time to time ascertain and determine what proportion  
of the salaries paid to the said auditors should be charged  
in respect of the audit of the accounts of such public Bodies  
respectively, and the amount so ascertained in respect of each  
such Body shall be payable by such Body, and shall be  
paid accordingly to such Bank or to such person as the said  
Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct

The following resolution was unanimously adopted

That we the Town Commissioners respectfully request the National  
Board to make Dublin one of the Local centres where the evening examinations  
of Male & female teachers will be held, as at present it is highly  
inconvenient for the teachers from this portion of Galway County  
to have to go long distances to present themselves

We are prepared to give the Board the use of <sup>the</sup> Town Hall  
& any other accommodation we can afford for the purpose of holding  
such examinations

Ordered that the Town Clerk be directed to give Hugh McHugh  
contractor of the Meat Shambles & Potato Market, notice that  
his services will be dispensed with at the expiration of next  
quarter and that the Town Inspector be directed to take  
charge of same in future

Mr. John Brady's resignation as contractor for winding  
and regulating the Town Clock was accepted

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Martha J Glynn  
Chairman



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1888

Present, Patrick Cullen Thomas Flaherty  
Lawrence Burke John A O'Hanrahan  
Michael Fahy & Thomas A Egan Esquires

The meeting was adjourned to Monday next  
the 14<sup>th</sup> inst

Francis O'Connell  
Jura Clerk

Adjourned } Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1888  
Meeting } Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Cullen Michael O'Shine John E Douling M.D.  
Thomas A Egan Michael Fahy Thomas Flaherty  
Patrick M. Hugh & John A O'Hanrahan Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
signed & the financial business of the Board disposed of

The following communications were read

Pembroke House  
Upper Mount St. Dublin  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1888

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with warmest thanks the unanimous  
note of sympathy passed by the Down Town Commissioners  
and conveyed by you to me on the death of my husband

I am Sir  
Yours very sincerely  
Carrie Dwyer Gray

Francis O'Connell Esq  
Jura Clerk. Inam

Clerk's office Ballinashel Union  
18<sup>th</sup> May 1888

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to forward you the  
subjoined copy of a resolution adopted at their meeting on yesterday  
with a request that you will be good enough to lay same before

The next meeting of your Board

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
R. J. Hill  
Clerk of Union

Copy of resolution

Resolved, That we the Guardians of the Poor of Ballinashel  
Union do hereby deprecate and condemn the scandalous conduct  
of the seasonal Crown Solicitor for the County of Galway, Mr. James  
W. Blake at Mosaford on Monday last, in stating in public Court  
that two disreputable Emancipemen were as respectable as the  
Reverend and patriotic pastor of Doonry, the Rev. Patrick Egan P.P.  
and that their evidence, in which they openly contradicted each other,  
was more reliable than the evidence of that distinguished clergyman  
and that he beg to attract the attention of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland  
and Her Majesty's Attorney General to this language of Mr. Blake,  
and hereby declare that we will have no confidence in the administration  
of Law or Justice in this country as long as its conduct is entrusted  
to an official capable of such utterances.

And that copies of this resolution be forwarded to His  
Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Right Hon. the Attorney  
General, and the Rev. Patrick Egan P.P. Doonry, and that the  
Clerk be directed to send copies of the foregoing resolutions to all the  
Public Boards in the County of Galway

The following resolution was proposed by Michael O'Shine Esq  
& seconded by John E Douling Esq M.D. and unanimously  
adopted

That we beg to express publicly our deep regret  
at the much lamented death of Mrs James Finnan a lady so  
distinguished for many qualities endearing her to all who had the  
pleasure of her acquaintance and wish unanimously to express our  
condolence with her bereaved relatives in her sad and premature  
demise.

a copy of which was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Finnan

On the motion of Mr O'Shine, the following members were appointed a committee

To take into consideration the advertising of the seeing out  
of the Town and arranging what way same is to be done  
and also to consider the erection of the weigh House  
and arranging about the Down Clock

M. J. Glynn C. J. O.  
John A O'Hanrahan J. O.



Patrick Cullen J.C.  
John E. Donling M.D. J.C.  
Michael E. Shine J.C.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1888

Meeting of }  
Committee } Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other members present were

Patrick Cullen John E. Donling M.D. & Michael E. Shine Esquires

The committee recommended the following report  
1 weigh house

Committee recommend board to advertise for tenders to  
build weigh house, on plans prepared by Mr. Harris  
They further recommend the the elevation of Town cross  
to be deferred

2 sea-caging

The committee recommend the sea-caging to be  
advertised in three sections as follows

Sec. 1

Bishop Street to end of dead wall. The square to Mrs. D.  
M. Bunkie's. The entire of shop st. water slide & Dullmaduly  
to Fair Green Gate. Forster place, old road & Ballysuddy  
to Rishmuth's stores, and the footways on both sides

Sec. 2.

High Street & Galway road, to Church Gate. Chapel Lane  
Egan's Lane & or bridge by little mill to Rishmuth's stores  
Church Lane. San pit Lane. The Mall & stable Lane

Sec. 3

Dublin Road to Convent Gate and footways both sides to  
Lawrence Bunkie's Gate. Circular Road. Vicar Street

from Mrs. D. M. Bunkie's to Church view House New  
Patric Market

Town clock

The committee having considered Mr. Seufers report  
in Re. the Town clock unanimously recommended that  
Messrs Bensons may be at once requested to examine  
the clock & to submit an estimate, what the probable cost  
of repairing same would amount to

Signed Martin J. Glynn Chairman  
John E. Donling M.D. J.C.  
Patrick Cullen J.C.  
Michael E. Shine J.C.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn

Chairman

Subjoined is Mr. Seufers report

Dublin May 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

To Chairman & Commissioners

Gentlemen

The Town & Town Hall clock requires

the following repairs

A new pipe is required to carry away the  
water that comes down from the fox trough the spindle otherwise to be secured  
outside on the roof tops of Town the Town requires to be secured on the bottom  
and also a portion of the Town directly below the Town rests to keep out the rain  
the portion of the Town where the dials are erected requires to be whitened  
which would be a great saving of gas. The plank which holds the weights  
requires immediate attention the plank is never dry & half of it is cut away  
which had no right to be done. The screw backing up to the dials requires  
to be repaired and the whole Town properly cleaned out

The clock requires the following

The whole of the clock to be taken to pieces and cleaned a new screw and key  
to be made to set the external hands, the present rod that leads from the clock  
up to the dials, I consider it too heavy and it loses a great deal of its power  
the rest of the wheels requires to be taken to pieces and cleaned and properly  
re-set as they are not fitted up they may they ought to be all hour and minute  
wheels requires to be re-set freed and set to their proper depth which is a very  
different job. all hour & minute & the set of bevel wheels are not fit  
for clock work and as long as they are left there the clock never will be a  
true time keeper one hour wheel & four minute wheels have broken down  
owing to the very bad material used in the manufacture all the above wheels



Should be either of hard brass or gun metal all hour & minute wheels are perfectly rusty also some of the pinions of the striking train and also rusty. The 11 dial requires to be made water proof & painted 2 of them are opal and muffed glass and 2 of them are opal and plain plate glass. The clock goes at present 8 minutes per day slow. I have to make it 11 minutes fast every night when I uncorking the gas, and go at least 3 times during the day & make it fast about one minute each time in order to keep it any way fair during the day. I was compelled to get a wrench to regulate the gas, for which I enclose bill.

Yours truly  
J. Leufer

P.S.

I also require the drop hole to be changed it this at present in the wrong place as whatever dirt you carry in on your boots it is bound to fall into the works of the clock when going up to the dial.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1888

Present.

Michael Fahy Patrick Cullen & John E. Donlin  
M.D. Esquires.

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

James Corbett  
Town Clerk

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1888

Adjourned }  
Monthly Meeting } Martin D. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding  
The other Commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas A. Egan John A. O'Hanaghan  
Branche Burke & Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed & the financial business of the Board disposed of.

The following communications were read

Mrs. Lyra presents her compliments to the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Duam and desires to express on behalf

of herself & the relatives of the late Mrs. J. M. Kinane sincere thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy contained in their resolution forwarded to her this evening.

Sydney Bay Duam May 17<sup>th</sup> 1888

Duam 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1888

Sir

With reference to the resolution passed by the Duam Town Commissioners on 9<sup>th</sup> April suggesting the propriety of holding the daily examinations of teachers of this district in Duam instead of in Ballyhanna I am directed by the Commissioners of National Education to inform you that they regret they are unable to accede to the request to change the Centre for Teachers' Examinations from Ballyhanna to Duam as suitable examination rooms well furnished are ready & available at Ballyhanna.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
D. Schane. D.S.

J. Corbett Esq.  
Clerk to the Town Commissioners,  
Duam

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the erection of Weigh House and scavenging of the Duam was adopted.

It was agreed to advertise (in both local papers) and to invite tenders for the erection of the Weigh House and the cleansing & watering of the streets, which is divided into three sections.

After some discussion on Mr. Leufer's report of the Town or Town clock, the following members were appointed a Committee to inspect same and to have power to call in a skilled man and to make an order for whatever repairs they consider necessary.

John A. O'Hanaghan  
Thomas A. Egan  
Patrick M. Hugh

The annexed letter was read from Mr. Harris

Dunelm. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1888

Dear Sir

In reference to your letter respecting the proposed to raise the ancient Irish cross by forming a base of the weigh house. I consider the plan quite feasible but the



Structure would need to be of dressed masonry similar to that of the Town Hall and would cost at least £200. and the accommodation required in the weigh House would necessarily make the structure so large as to be out of all proportion as a base for the elegant detail and symmetry of the cross. I would suggest that as it may be found necessary in connection with the water supply to the town to provide drinking fountains and troughs in the Market Square it would be more appropriate to have such as a base of the cross rather than the weigh House and the total expense need not be much greater.

I return to Galway tomorrow & shall be glad to hear from you again on the subject.

I am  
Dear Sir  
Yours very truly  
Jno. Harris

Glynn Egan  
C. J. C.  
Inam

It was agreed that three additional fairs be established one on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> April & 6<sup>th</sup> August and the 9<sup>th</sup> of May for Horses and Pigs.

Ordered that the July Fair be advertised as a Lamb Fair in both local papers & the Freeman's Journal and that 300 posters be got for circulation.

The consideration of Mr. Stockwell's letter regarding the painting of the board room walls was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

The Local Government Board wrote stating that in pursuance of the provisions of the 34 & 35 vic. cap. 109 sec. 28 the commissioners should give six weeks public notice of their intention to borrow and subsequently pass a resolution relative to same as required by sec. 28 of said act.

The following notice was ordered to be inserted in the Freeman's Journal

34 & 35 Victoria, Cap. 109 sec. 28 and 47 & 48 vic. Cap. 77 and section 4

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the above mentioned Acts of Parliament it is proposed by the Queen's Own Improvement Commissioners to borrow from the Board of Works in Ireland, with the

Sanction of the Local Government Board (Ireland) a sum of £400, for the purpose of paying the necessary outlay for the completion of the Town Hall, being a permanent work, situated in the Town of Inam, Barony of Clare, and County of Galway, to be used by them for Municipal purposes.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1888

James Bennett  
Town Clerk

Proposed by Mr. Thomas A. Egan & seconded by Mr. Michl. Fahy

That this board do borrow from the Board of Works a loan of £400, for the purpose of paying the necessary outlay attendant on the completion of the Town Hall being a permanent work and that due notice of same be published in the Freeman's Journal pursuant to the provisions of the Act 34 & 35 vic. Chapter 109 Section 28 part 1

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1888

Signed

T. A. Egan  
M. Fahy

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Martin J. Glynn

Chairman



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Martin Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan John B Douling M. D. Michael Fahy  
Patrick Lyons John O'Hanaghan Michael A Shine  
Laurence Burke Michael Gleeson Patrick Caldwell  
John M. Shepley and Patrick M. Hagh Esquires

The financial business of the Board was disposed of

There were two tenders for the erection of the weigh  
House one from Mr. Thomas Egan at £78. & the other  
from Mr. John Henney at £75.

Mr. Shine proposed & M. O'Hanaghan seconded  
that Mr. Henney's tender be accepted

Doct. Douling proposed & M. Fahy seconded  
that Mr. Egan's tender be accepted

After some discussion on the matter

Mr. Lyons moved as an amendment that both  
tenders be rejected & that the contract be re-advertised

For the amendment

Ajants

Gleeson  
Lyons  
Douling 3

Caldwell  
Burke  
Shine  
O'Hanaghan  
Fahy  
Egan 6

Majority 3

There was then a division taken on the highest  
or lowest tender

For lowest tender Mr. Henney's

Caldwell  
M. Shepley  
Gleeson  
Burke  
Shine  
O'Hanaghan  
Egan

For highest tender Mr. Egan's

Fahy  
2 Douling

Majority 5

Mr. Henney was declared contractor subject to a  
penalty of £10. for every week the contract after the specified  
time for completion has elapsed continues unfinished

The tender is as follows

Cartoon

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1888

The Chairman

James John Commissioners

Sir

I hereby propose and agree  
to build the new weigh House in the Market Square of Tralee  
according to Plans and Specifications supplied by Mr. Harris & C<sup>o</sup>  
I supplying all materials and labour, and every other thing necessary for  
the due performance of the contract, and subject to the inspection of the  
Architect, or any person he may appoint to inspect said work during  
its progress, and its final completion, for the sum of seventy three  
pounds Sterling. I further agree to complete the work in a specified time  
that is ten weeks from date of contract and will ask no instalment  
of money on account until the work is complete.

I offer as my sureties Mr. Patrick Murphy and  
Mr. Richard Kilgarriff

John Henney

We the undersigned agree to be come sureties for the due  
performance of the above contract

Signed

P. Murphy  
Richard Kilgarriff

at Tralee 2<sup>nd</sup> July .88

There were two tenders for the cleansing and sweeping of the  
streets, one from Edward Monaghan for the three divisions  
at £45. or £18. for each separate division and one from  
Mathias Gormally for No. 3 division at £18. for which they  
afterwards accepted £15. for each division

After some discussion on the matter it was agreed  
that Monaghan gets No. 1 + 2 divisions and that Gormally  
gets No. 3 division at £15 each

Both parties gave the following securities

For Edward Monaghan

We consent to act as sureties for the due performance of the within



Contract to 30. being the consideration money to be paid to the said Edward Monaghan for the cleansing of numbers 1 & 2 divisions

Signed

Thomas Murve  
Martin Griffin

For Matthias Gormally

We the undersigned agree to become sureties for the due performance of the within Contract the sum of £15. not £18. being the consideration money to be paid to Matthias Gormally for the cleansing

Signed

Edward Carroll  
Michael Walsh

The following report was read from the Committee appointed to inspect the Town Hall Tower & Clock

Duam

June 26<sup>th</sup> .88

To the Chairman

Duam Town Commissioners

Sir

The Committee appointed at your last monthly meeting to inspect the clock tower, and report upon its condition have done so and now give you the result of a careful examination of the clock and tower.

We commenced our inspection at the top of the tower, and found a slight leakage thro the rane pipe, the water falling on the bell and dropping on to the clock works below down. The four upright beams forming the framing of the top of Cupola are already showing signs of decay, owing to the constant moisture

On examining the Louvers surrounding the bell we found them so constructed as offering very little resistance to the rain while helping to confine the sound of Bell, and we recommend their reconstruction

We found the beam supporting the weights which are very heavy sitting from the constant dropping of water on it, and in missing room for the passage of the weight ropes this beam was most improperly cut through two thirds of its breadth and is now gradually splitting up from this cut and in its present state we consider it very dangerous both to the clock works underneath and to persons passing

into the lower reading room, as should it give way the weights will fall to the ground floor

The Dials require cementing in the divisions of the glass and round their circumference, and repainting the floor or a main portion of the works requires to be made airtight, present traps to be closed and new one opened at opposite side of tower, with present arrangement all the dust falling from feet of persons passing up to light the gas falls on the works.

The arrangement of the lead round the lower portion of Cupola we consider most defective as it has been carried through the wall to the inside acting as a conductor for the water, on the day of our visit the water was coming over the lead in large quantities and dashing on to the clock works with considerable force.

The night passage requires to be enclosed for its whole length to prevent dust ascending to the works, and also to lessen the present draft of air on the gas jets

Mr. Soufer pointed out to us what he considers defects and faults in the works originally, but he thinks it would be a waste of money to do anything to the works till the tower itself is made thoroughly staunch and weather proof.

If this is done, speaking as now experts we are of opinion, that a very moderate outlay would put the clock in good working order

We are Sirs

Yours faithfully

J A Egan  
Patrick Hugh  
John A O'Hanaghan

The clerk was ordered to send a copy of Mr. Soufer's report to Messrs. Chancellor & Son, and was also directed to communicate with Father Rouayne of Mountbellew as regards the spiral stair case he has for sale

Ordered that placards be got and posted up inviting tenders to be received at next monthly meeting for painting the board room. Tenders were also invited for the repairs of the Potato Market Gate

The following resolution proposed by Mr. Gleeson and seconded by Mr. M. Hugh was unanimously adopted

We the Duam Town's Improvement Commissioners condemn in the strongest possible manner the brutal and cowardly action of the Government in an unjustly



Impressum that fearless advocate of our people's  
rights, honest John Dillon

Copies of the resolution to be sent to John Dillon  
her Majesty's prison Dundalk. The Chief Secretary  
Mr. Parnell and Cecil Nolan

The following is copy of advertisement for  
sweeping and cleansing of streets

Take notice that the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners  
will at their next monthly meeting on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> July receive and  
consider proposals from parties willing to contract for the sweeping  
cleansing and watering of the streets and lanes within the town and  
removing the Manure and loose stores therefrom for 12 months from  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1888 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1889. The streets and lanes  
are divided into numbers one, two & three divisions, separate  
contracts must be entered into for each division

#### No. 1. division comprises

The entire of Bishop street to the end of dead wall opposite  
Mr. John Dore's house. The square to Mrs. D. M. Bunker's. The entire  
of Shop street, water lane and Sullivan's Hill to Fair Green  
gate, Foster place and road and a Ballypaddy road to Kishmalk  
stone and the foot paths on both sides of the aforesaid streets

#### No. 2. division comprises

High Street and Galway road to Church gate. Chapel Lane,  
Equin Lane and over bridge by little Mill to Kishmalk stone  
Church Lane, Saupit Lane. The Male and stable Lanes  
and the footways on both sides of said streets

#### No. 3. division comprises

Dublin road to Convent gate and footways on both sides to  
Lawrence Bunker's gate. Circular road near street from  
Mrs. D. M. Bunker's to Church View house. New Potatoe  
market also the footways on both sides of said streets

The Inam Inspector is to superintend the carrying out  
of each Contract and should the streets in any one of the three  
divisions above set out be not properly and sufficiently  
cleansed or watered he is to have power to employ men to do  
the necessary work. and the expense incurred shall be  
deducted from the amount of the Contract

All flag ways, Pavements and Channels in  
front of shops and unoccupied places must be swept  
and all crossing kept particularly clean

Sealed tenders endorsed. Tenders for cleansing No. 1.  
Division (or No. 2. or 3. division as the case be) enclosing  
the names of two solvent sureties with their consents in writing  
to join in a bond for the due performance of the contract  
to the satisfaction of the chairman for the true being will  
be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the  
taking of the Chair on the above named day

By order  
G. M. Corbett  
Town Clerk

Commissioner office Inam  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Flynn  
Chairman



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day  
Michael J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

John E. Donling M.D. Patrick Cullen Thomas Flaherty  
John F. Begley Patrick M. Hugh John Silk Esquires

The financial business of the Board was disposed of

There was but one tender for the repair of the Potatoe Market  
gate from Messrs John Burke & Patrick Flynn £ 4. 10. which was  
considered too high, and the Chairman was asked to see  
Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Donnell in reference to same

There was but one tender for painting of the Board Room  
Down Hall from William Stockwell, which is as follows

Bishop Street  
Inam Augt 6<sup>th</sup>. 88

To the Chairman & Jna Commissioners

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to do  
all the work of painting, varnishing, & Board Room  
Down Hall according to specification for the sum of £ 9. 15. 0  
Myself supplying all materials and attendance

William Stockwell

and offer as my sureties  
Signed

Patrick O'Leary  
Michael Gaggins

I undertake to complete contract within one month from  
9<sup>th</sup> Augt under a penalty of one pound per week after the  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept

Witness  
William Stockwell  
his  
Wm

Accepted  
M. J. Glynn  
C. J. C.

The following report was read from Mr. Harris

To the Inam Down Commissioners

Gentlemen

In accordance with your instructions I have made a careful  
examination of the clock tower and other portions of the Town Hall  
(as suggested by some of the Commissioners) and I beg to submit the  
following reply and recommendations

### Clock Tower

I found all the joints of belfry tower framing open, which may be  
attributed partly to shrinkage and to want of painting, and to prevent  
the water logging and rotting the timber it will be necessary to have all  
joints calked in white lead and on account of the exposure to the sun  
on all sides it ought to be painted every year inside and outside

To prevent the drip from the pipe of weather cock it will be necessary to  
fix a bell shaped cap round a spindle at top of pipe to be soldered tight. To  
prevent the rain being blown down on the clock work, it will be necessary  
to form a lead flat above the level of cornice or a dial, channeled with gutter  
formed all round, having pipe outlets on each side, and pipes for bell wires  
with joints soldered tight, and trap door in centre, the lead on outside cornice  
to be turned up inside and dressed close against wall with cement fillet

The panes (which it would be impossible to make quite weather proof)  
could then be removed and cast iron grilles substituted which would allow  
the full sound of the bell to be emitted. The glass in the clock dial also  
requires refitting so as to make the joints as close as possible but not to  
butt against each other or be cemented, which would cause the glass to break  
from want expansion room when the gas is lighted. There should be grooves  
or gutters formed at bottom of dials on inside to receive the condensed water  
with pipe outlets carried outside and turned down and flattened at end  
to prevent draught. The beam carrying clock weights has been so cut  
and split as to render it dangerous and a new beam necessary, but both  
this and the beams and joists of floor carrying clock ought not to have been  
built into the walls at all as they are sure to rot at the end, but stones  
have rested on stone or cast iron corbels - and as I am informed by the  
clock master in charge that the clock will have to be taken in pieces  
for repairs and cleaning, I would strongly recommend that these corbels  
be inserted while there is an opportunity. To prevent the dust from floor  
dial chamber falling out on the clock work, I would recommend that a  
new floor of tongue and groove boarding be substituted for the present  
one which has wide open joints, the trap door in this and clock chamber  
floor should be on the same side to prevent this necessity of entering  
the clock works and the danger of dust falling on same, and a new ladder  
should be provided. To provide against the danger of the pendulum weight  
falling through the ceiling boards which is only 1/2 inch thick, a piece of 1 1/2  
inch board should be securely screwed to joists and the space between  
same and pendulum filled with saw dust, the weights should be  
enclosed from top to bottom (the heavy striking weight down to ground floor)  
with timber casing and filled with saw dust to a height of 3 feet at  
bottom of both, to prevent accident from the weights falling and to prevent  
the dust rising to the clock works and the draught to the gas jets.



Board room and reading room &c. The dampness of the walls near ceiling, I attribute to the water draining down out of the gutters and under the slates, probably from not having sufficient fall to the down pipe or a partial stoppage from want of cleaning, also the rain being blown from top of cornice under the gutters. To remedy this an apron of lead should be secured to rafters close under the slates close under the slates passing under the gutters and dressed down over edge of cornice. The gutters and iron ridge creaking also all the external wood work requires repainting very badly. To remedy the smoking of the chimneys I would recommend that patent gas valves in iron case to be fixed on each flue with cement capping. The leakage near floors in walls of billiard room &c. I attribute to the damp rising from the foundations and to remedy this it will be necessary to form a drain below the level of the foundations on outside - on entering the Library and H. C. I perceived a very strong odour of sewer gas for want of ventilation and I would strongly recommend that two patent exhausting ventilators be inserted in the roof. To prevent the rain water being blown in window sashes, also the condensed water from inside running down the wall a groove should be formed in timber sill inside lined with lead and having an lead pipe. I would suggest as a communication between the ground floor and platform in hall or boardroom that an iron cord screw stair be fixed in the recess in the lower reading room, so it could be partitioned off to form an extra retiring room with the door direct from the entrance and an ordinary straight stair to the platform. As I understand the Commissioners intend painting the walls inside, I would recommend that they adopt the patent washable distemper colour which is cheaper and quite as good for the purpose as paint - or a dado about 4 1/2 feet high might be painted and the upper portion distempered.

I remain  
Gentlemen  
Your obedient servant  
John Harris

P.S. Kindly excuse this rough copy as I have not time to get a fair copy made before the mail leaves tomorrow.

The following communications were read from Mr. Chancellor's son

Dublin, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr. Erskine, Town Clerk  
Dublin

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your favour of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing a letter from a newspaper, dated 19<sup>th</sup> inst. addressed to your Chairman & Commissioners and signed by

J. Searfer - It is not to be wondered at that the clock is in such a state when it was so neglected and left at the mercy of the rain and damp. It would be utterly impossible for the clock to keep anything like correct time under the circumstances and no clock could give any sort of satisfaction that would be allowed to get into such a state, we greatly fear that whoever had charge of the clock either neglected it or did not understand how to treat it. If your Commissioners decide to have it properly examined, cleaned and put in thorough working order we shall be glad to furnish you with an estimate for doing same.

Several statements made by Mr. Searfer are quite inaccurate & we shall if you wish go into <sup>them</sup> fully on the subject.

Yours faithfully  
Chancellor's son

Dublin, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr. Francis Erskine  
Town Clerk, Dublin

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. we beg to say, as the clock of your clock we regret it has been allowed to get into such a deplorable state, which we are fully satisfied has been caused by the negligence and inattention of the person in charge of it. The clock should have been carefully reviewed from time to time and the movement kept regularly oiled to protect it from the rain and damp. From our long and practical experience in the manufacture of turret clocks we are quite certain the clock in your town hall would be a first class time keeper, and would give every satisfaction to your Commissioners and the general public, as it did when first erected, provided it were properly and skilfully attended to, and as we have made and erected a great number of the same style of clock we can safely say yours is the only complaint we have received regarding a clock of your size in not giving satisfaction and keeping correct time. And we are certain if the clock be carefully examined, cleaned and put into good going order by practical turret clock maker and properly and regularly wound by a competent man it will give your Commissioners every satisfaction.

With regard to what your watch master says about the connecting rod leading up to the dial, we beg to state it is not too heavy for the long lead and would that if he has to do + we can safely say that he is altogether wrong in the statement he has made. For if it be the same rod that was supplied by us there would be no advantage in changing it, owing to the long lead from the movement to the dial works, in fact a lighter rod would be of no use in this case. There is ample power in the clock to keep it in proper time.



While overcoming any weight or friction caused by present road  
Mr. Seifer has taken the liberty of expressing his opinion  
regarding the material used in the dial wheels, but perhaps he  
does not take into consideration that gas takes great effect  
on brass, which under the action of gas corrodes with redignis  
and is liable to rot and so to pieces. His statement regarding  
the material used in the dial wheels is therefore quite erroneous  
as our long experience has taught us to use the material in  
every case best adapted to the circumstances.

Yours faithfully  
Chaucella R. M.

The enclosed letter was read from Mr. Shine

In answer  
Aupt 6<sup>th</sup>, 88

Dear Mr. Glynn

As I will be unable to attend the Commissioners  
meeting to day. I wish you would say that from a conversation had  
with Mr. Harris C.C. I am totally opposed to the brick at present  
being used in connection with the building of weigh house, I am  
in making the contracts carry out. <sup>the Engineer's specification fully</sup> Though I supported Mr. Kenny  
in getting the contract being the lower tenant. Still consider it would be  
a gross dereliction of duty if we did not make him carry out the  
contract to the entire satisfaction of our Engineer.

Yours faithfully  
Michael O'Shea J.C.

Mr. O. Glynn Esq. C.C.

The following communication was read from the Clerk to the Town Commissioners  
Ballymena

Wellington Street  
Ballymena 1888

Sir,

At a public meeting, held in the Town Hall here, on  
Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> inst. to consider the question of terminable  
Leases of House property in town. was directed to forward  
you a copy of the following resolution with a view to your  
Board taking similar action

Yours truly  
James Curwith

Proposed by Mr. Hugh Rainey seconded by Mr. Blayney Adair  
and carried with acclamation

That this meeting is unanimously of opinion that every

legitimate means should be adopted to press upon the  
Legislature the necessity that exists for extending to Leaseholders  
and tenants in town the same security as has been given to  
Agricultural holdings, that terminable leases should  
become leases in perpetuity, and upon the termination of  
terminable leases the right of renewal should be vested  
in the lessee, and the price to be charged for the ground  
fixed by a competent tribunal

Mr. Cullin proposed and Mr. M. Hugh seconded that the  
above resolution be adopted and inserted in the minutes  
was carried. Doct. Douling dissenting.

There was a tender for making a new cut from John Faly  
for the sum of £6.10. which was not accepted

It was ordered that either of the Contractors (whichever)  
the streets who repairs the old cut may have the use of it

The Clerk was ordered to write to the secretary  
of the Gas Company to say that they would wish to  
meet the directors at their meeting to be held on  
Monday next 13<sup>th</sup> inst. in reference to the lighting  
of the Town lamps & clock for the ensuing year

The whole Board was appointed a committee  
to meet on Monday next the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. to revise the  
schedule of tolls and to arrange about the letting of  
the tolls & Cuestons for the ensuing year

The meeting was then adjourned  
to Monday next 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

John J. Ryan  
Chairman







Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1888

Adjourned. Meeting for the purpose of arranging the Gas lighting contract of the Town lamps & clock for the ensuing year

Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E Donling M.D. Patrick Cusker Michael C Shine  
Michael Dohy Patrick Lyons Thomas Hatley & Pat<sup>r</sup> McHugh Esqrs

James M<sup>r</sup> Donnell and Patrick Murphy Esquires Directors  
and John Murphy Esq. Sec. Gas Company were also present

The Town Inspector having read a list of lamps not lighted during the past two years

It was agreed that a sum of £10. 0. 0 be deducted from bill furnished £96. 8. 3 leaving a balance of £86. 8. 3

The lighting contract for the year 1888 to 1889 terminating on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. 89 to be for the lamps £77. 10. 0 as per Minutes of August 1885 £10. for the clock to be fully lit until 10. 30 every evening and one set all night if found serviceable if not to revert to ordinary lighting of clock at £7. 10. 0.

A deputation was appointed to ascertain if the single light would be sufficient to illuminate the dial all night

The meeting then adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Martin J Glynn Esq Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E Donling M.D. Patrick Cusker Patrick Lyons  
Michael C Shine & Thomas A Egan Esquires

The financial business of the Board was disposed of

After some discussion relative to taking proceedings against the Tall Farmer for the outstanding bal<sup>ce</sup> of £70 due by him it was agreed that he be given time till next Fair day 10<sup>th</sup> September

The following was read from Mrs Neucome addressed to Mr. Shine

Yamenie July 26<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Sir

My first emotion on reading in the Duam Herald and Duam News of the generous tribute you paid to the memory of my beloved Sister, the late Mrs James Shinan at a meeting of the Town commissioners, was heartfelt thanks to you and the other gentlemen who so kindly responded to it, but the depressing news of her sudden death so stunned me, I felt unable to compose myself sufficiently to assure you and them that it will be my constant pleasure to pray you may all be spared for many years a similar bereavement though sorrow can be soothed by the stern hope that the virtues of the departed have deserved the esteem of those amongst whom life began and ended, while tendering my grateful recognition, kindly convey the same sense of obligation to the members of the race committee who have also testified their respect and the proprietors of both local Journals for their kindly mention of the worthy representative of our name in dear old Duam

I am dear Sir

Yours truly  
Matilda Neucome

M. C. Shine Esq J.C. Duam

The following notice of motion was handed by Mr. Shine

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting propose that the resolution fixing the charge for the use of the Town Hall for Dramatics at £1. 6. 0 for the first night and 15/6 per night afterwards be used in the future tariff  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888  
Michael C Shine

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Special Meeting } Martin J Glynn Esq. C.D.C. presiding  
by requisition }  
The other Commissioners present were

John E Donling M.D. Patrick Culkin Michael Costine  
and John F Begley Esquires

The following is the requisition concerning the meeting

We the undersigned request you will convene a meeting  
of the Board for Friday next at the hour of one o'clock to  
consider Mr. Harrison's report about the Town Clock Hall  
dated sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

Signed Michael Costine D.C.  
John E Donling D.C.  
Patrick Culkin D.C.  
Thomas A Egan D.C.  
Patrick Szymo D.C.

To

Mr. Francis Cahill  
Town Clerk

Ordered that the Clerk be directed to write to Messrs. Chamberlain  
& Sons to send down a man to make an estimate of the  
expense of pulling the Town Clock in for repair

The following tender was read from Mr. William Sturtevant

Dated sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

To the Chairman & Town  
Commissioners

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to paint inside  
of windows in oak and varnish same to clean & varnish 3 doors  
paint and grain skirting in oak for the sum of £3.10.

Accepted at £2.15.0

William Sturtevant

M J Glynn C.D.C.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> sept 1888

Special meeting for the letting of the Tolls & Customs

Patrick Culkin Esq. in the Chair

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Costine John F Begley Thomas Flattery  
Patrick Szymo Thomas A Egan John Silk & Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

There were two tenders one from Thomas Nolan for £570.  
the present Toll Farmer and one from Thomas Silk for £505.  
which were considered too low

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Egan and  
seconded by Mr. Begley

I propose that the board readvertise the Tolls as I consider  
the tenders too low

Signed

Thomas A Egan  
John F Begley

The meeting was adjourned to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1888

Adjourned }  
meeting } Martin J Glynn Esq. C.D.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Culkin John E Donling M.D. Michael Fahy Mich. Costine  
John A O'Hanaghan Thomas A Egan and John M. Philpin Esquires

There were two tenders for the Tolls & Customs one from Mr. Thomas  
Nolan the present Toll Farmer for £550. and one from Mr.  
Thomas Silk for £620.

Mr. Silk's tender was unanimously declared accepted accepted  
subject to the approval of the Board's Sol. Mr. Conway, as regards  
the solvency of the sureties offered.

The tender is as follows



Duam sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. 88

To the Chairman & Commissioners

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to give the Duam Town Commissioners the sum of £620. 0. 0 for the Tolls and Customs according to advertisement from the 29<sup>th</sup> sept. 88 to 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 89 and agree to pay £150. of amt on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 88 and the balance of contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. 89 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on 10<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> on 10<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the fifth on the 10<sup>th</sup> September in the same year, and offer as my sureties, whose consents in writing are annexed.

Thomas Sill's Duam

We the undersigned agree to become Thomas Sill's sureties, for the due performance of above contract.

John Foster Care Kagh

Peter Sill's Curteen

James Sill's Mau

Witness  
John Foster

Accepted at £620. subject to the approval of the Board solicitor as regards the solvency of the sureties offered.

M. J. Glynn Chairman  
24<sup>th</sup> sept 1888

The following is the advertisement referred to in Mr. Sill's tender

The Tolls & Customs of the Borough of Duam to be let on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September next, from the 29<sup>th</sup> sept 1888 to the 28<sup>th</sup> sept 1889

The terms of payment to be as follows - The Toll farmer to pass his bills joined by two solvent sureties for the amount of his contract. The first of said bills for £150. to be made payable on the 24<sup>th</sup> October next and the balance of the contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. 1889 the second on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, the fourth on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the fifth on the 10<sup>th</sup> September in same year.

The tender and sums offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties willing to become sureties will be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the taking of the Chair on the above named day. A guarantee society will be accepted as security. The contractor must provide any extra man required by him for fairs &c. He will also be required to meet his bills strictly on the day they mature, otherwise both himself and sureties will be proceeded against by the Board's solicitor without further notice. The commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender.

The contractor or tenant shall have to fulfill the conditions required by the Board, and to pay half

legal expenses which will be explained by the Clerk.

The annexed schedule of the Tolls &c. payable within the Borough, can be seen on application to the Clerk. possession will be given on the 29<sup>th</sup> September next. The tender will be considered on condition that the parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whoever may be appointed by them as to the solvency of the sureties.

By order of the Commissioners

James Corbett

Commissioner's office

Duam & Co

Duam 23<sup>rd</sup> Augst 1888

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin Glynn

Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Martin Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E. Donling M.D. John F. Begley Michael Le Shire  
Patrick Leulhin John Sill's Patrick M. Hugh Thomas Flitney  
Lawrence Ruse John M. Shepin Michael Glason  
John A. O'Hanrahan & Thomas A. Egan Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of.

The auditor's report was read as follows

John Commissioners of Duam  
Copy of auditor's report

To the Secretary

Local Government Board  
Dublin



Senaboy  
15<sup>th</sup> sept 1888

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Local Government Board for Ireland, that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Inam, for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1887, abstract of which duly certified by me is herewith forwarded. The Commissioners must find some way of bringing their expenditure down to their income, as if the Balance a gain to them at the Bank increases, instead of diminishing, and the Treasurer will not certainly continue to countenance overdrafts, as I have been obliged to disallow the interest he has charged on this, as in last account.

The Town Clerk submitted the account for audit in a clear and satisfactory manner, and his books appear to have been well kept, and regularly posted. I would recommend that the cheques be in future drawn to "order" instead of "bearer".

I am Sir  
Yours obt. servt  
J. H. H. H. H. H.  
Auditor

To the Secretary  
L. G. Board

Mr. Shines notice of motion relative to the present charge for use of the Town Hall for theatricals, was under <sup>discussion</sup> consideration.

It was agreed that the charges in future be as follows

one pound & 1/- if the Hall is taken only for one night, if more than one night 15/- for the first and 10/- for each night afterwards

John Butler and John Devoy were appointed enumerators for the Sheep & Cattle fair days @ 10/- each per day

The following letter was read from Mr. Harris

Galway  
sept 29<sup>th</sup> 88

To the Town Commissioners  
Inam

I hereby certify that Mr. John Henry the Contractor for the new house has executed work to the value of thirty five pounds (£35.) which amt he is entitled to be paid

John Harris Esq  
Architect

a cheque was filed for Mr. Henry for the above amt

The following letter was read from Mr. Wm. Stowell

Inam Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 88

To the Chairman and  
Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

Having been called upon to send you a specification for painting stair case of Hall, I send same to you. To clean down walls and prepare damp portion on staircase window, to give walls two coats of linseed oil and make good all cracks, brackets and to paint walls in oil colors three coats with dado of darker shade there upper portion of walls and stencil to divide both shades. The work to be done to the satisfaction of the Board

William Stowell. Painter

All doors to be grained in oak stair rail to be varnished window to be painted

Accepted at 11.

M. J. Glynn

etc

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next the 5<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shree Chairman

Borough of Inam  
In the County of Galway, to wit

Election of Five Commissioners for the Borough of Inam  
in the County of Galway

Take notice

That an election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Inam on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, instant, in said Borough in room of Messrs Michael Fahy Patrick M. Harty John E. Donoghue M. D. Lawrence Binde & John M. Phelan who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for reelection. That every person entitled to vote may nominate



himself (if duly qualified) or any other person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number  
 That every ~~such~~ <sup>such</sup> nomination must be in writing and must state the christian names and surnames of the persons nominated with their respective places of abode and description

That every ~~such~~ nomination paper must be signed by the parties nominating and may be in the following form or to the like effect

I the undersigned of Duam, in the County of Galway do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough

Surnames	other names	Abode	Rank profession or occupation

Signed

That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October instant - dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1888

Francis Corbett  
 Town Clerk

Copies of the foregoing were duly posted up on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst 20

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1888

Adjourned  
 Meeting

Present. John E. Donling M.D. Esquire

There not being a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 15<sup>th</sup> inst  
 Francis Corbett  
 Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Notice of Nominations

Town of Duam. Election of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Duam, hereby give notice that the christian names and surnames of the persons

nominated for Election as Commissioners for the said Town Borough of Duam, and their respective places of abode and description and the names of the persons nominating them are as follows

Surnames	other names	Place of abode of Person nominated	Description of Person nominated	Names of persons by whom nominated
Johny	Michael	Shop St Duam	Drapery	Patrick Culkin
Mr. Hugh	Patrick	High St Duam	Shop Keeper	Patrick Culkin
Donling	E. John	Eastland Row	Medical Doctor	Patrick Culkin
Bunke	Laurence	Vicar St Duam	Farmer	Michael Shine Patrick Culkin
Mc Philipin	John	Shop St Duam	Newspaper Proprietor	Patrick Culkin

Signed.

Francis Corbett. Town Clerk  
 Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1888. Copy of the foregoing was duly posted up

Notice of Candidates Elected

Town of Duam. Election of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the Returning Officer for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town of Duam hereby give notice that the undersigned persons have been elected as Commissioners for the said Town

Surnames	other names	Abode	Rank profession or occupation
Johny	Michael	Shop Street	Drapery
Mr. Hugh	Patrick	High Street	Shop Keeper
Donling	E. John	Eastland Row	Medical Doctor
Bunke	Laurence	Vicar Street	Farmer
Mc Philipin	John	Shop Street	Newspaper Proprietor

Signed.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1888 Michael Shine per Returning Officer

The foregoing were duly posted up on the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1888



I Michael Fahy, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1889

M. Fahy

Witness

Michael O'Hara

I Patrick McHugh, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888

P. McHugh

Witness

Michael O'Hara

I John E. Dowling M.D. do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the <sup>powers</sup> authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 88

J. E. Dowling M.D.

Witness

Michael O'Hara

I Laurence Burke do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 88

Laurence Burke

Witness

Michael O'Hara

I John MacPhelim do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 15 day of October 1888

John MacPhelim

Witness

Richard O'Leary



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1888

Adjourned }  
Meeting } Martin D. Glynn Esq. C.D.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Cusack Michael Gleeson John A. Hanagan  
John Silk Michael & Spine John M. Philpin  
John F. Bejler & Thomas Flattery Esquires

The following letter was read from the Moroney  
Release Committee

57 Francis Street Dublin  
24<sup>th</sup> September 1888

Dear Sir

Amused we beg to hand you copy of a resolution  
proposed, spoken to, and unanimously adopted at a great Meeting  
Demonstration of 60,000 Citizens of Dublin held in the Phoenix  
Park, on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, presided over by the Right Hon. Thomas  
Sexton M.P. Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Our Committee request you will bring this matter  
before your Board, with the object of their giving due consideration  
to the subject

Yours faithfully

M. P. Hayam  
W. J. Shields  
J. P. Foy  
Wm. D. M. Sean

Copy of resolution proposed and spoken to on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. 1888, at a public meeting held in the Phoenix Park,  
Dublin and unanimously adopted

Resolved. That we, the inhabitants of the City and County  
of Dublin, in public meeting assembled, protest against  
the continued imprisonment of John Moroney, of Dublin, without  
trial, as unconstitutional; an outrage on the  
liberty of the subject; and calculated to bring the adminis-  
tration of Justice into contempt.

We therefore demand his immediate and unconditional  
Release, and further we call on Parliament to take such steps  
as shall deprive the Judicial Bench of this power of imprisoning  
indefinitely for contempt of Court, and that copies of this resolution  
be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. W. E. Gladstone, and the  
Lord Lieutenant.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted and  
ordered to be inserted in the minutes

The following letter was read from Mr. Suffer

Bishop Street the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1888

Estimate for the Chairman and Deans Iron Commission  
for repairing and cleaning Iron Clock

All works to be taken down except the frame, the whole  
clock to be thoroughly overhauled and the following repairs to be  
done to same. To supply new set key, new set screw, and  
several other screws required, to secure the set hands as to keep  
firm and to repair maintaining power as to keep clock going during  
winding and secure the crutch to keep to keep the clock from getting out  
of its balance in winding or setting, all hands to be stiffened at the back  
so as to prevent rough weather from keeping the clock going slow and to  
make all balances heavier if required, to connect the hammer with the  
hammer tail below with strong wire instead of wire line, the latter short  
stretches and then does not give the full lift to the hammer, the frame to  
be repainted, also, all iron work with oil colours, the dials to be  
made weather proof and repainted, but not refitted as Mr. Harris  
proposed, the latter would make it a great deal more expensive  
and danger in breaking some of the pieces taking them out to refit  
the clock and the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Board  
for the sum of ten pounds £10.

A scaffolding to be erected by your Board for taking  
down and refixing the hands. Should your Board decline to get the  
hands done as proposed the clock will be repaired for the sum of  
Eight pounds ten shillings £8.10 - if the latter be accepted the dial  
wheels cannot be taken down. I shall be glad to give your Board  
any further information if required.

Joseph Suffer

Accepted at £10.

M. D. Glynn  
C.D.C. 15/10/88

3 dozen placards was ordered to be posted up to invite tenders  
from contractors to execute repairs to clock tower pursuant to  
Mr. Harris specification and subject to his approval, to be  
received at next monthly meeting.

The clerk was ordered to send some of the notices  
to Mr. Harris and to Mr. Broderick, Attorney



The Clerk was also ordered to prepare notices for presentments to be applied for at the next special sessions to be held in Duam on the 20th November next to make a footpath from Mr. Quinn's Gate, to Chapel Lane and from the junction on the Dublin Road passing by the <sup>then</sup> Cemetery to the West House Wall

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr. Shine

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting propose that the Clerk's salary be increased to what the former Clerk was getting.

Michael C. Shine

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 88

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

A special meeting was held after the ordinary business of the Board was disposed of. Courtened by the following requisition.

Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Culsam Michael Gleeson John A. O'Flanagan  
John Silt Michael C. Shine John M. Shepin  
John F. Begley and Thomas Hatley Esquires

We the undersigned commissioners request you will convene a meeting for Monday next 15<sup>th</sup> inst at 12. O. C. noon. to take into consideration the advisability of making alterations in the weigh house being built in the Square

Michael C. Shine J.C.

M. Fahy J.C.

P. Culsam J.C.

John Lyons J.C.

John F. Begley J.C.

Duam Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 88

Jo. Francis Corbett  
Dum Clerk

After some discussion as to the advisability of making alterations in the weigh house

There was no order made

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. O'Flanagan seconded the following resolution

We the Duam Commissioners of Duam representing the commercial interests of the Duam and neighbourhood at a special meeting assembled on the 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1888 having learned with regret the resignation of Mr. Wm. Keenan so many years manager of the Duam National Bank, beg leave to recommend Mr. J. M. Fisher so long accountant of the Bank in this Duam as a fit and proper person to fill the office of Manager of the Duam Branch, and we do so praising the Courtesy, ability and business habits of the latter gentleman during his long connection with the Bank

Signed

Michael C. Shine

John A. O'Flanagan

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1888

Passed unanimously

Martin J. Glynn

J.C.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

The following is a return of stock exhibited for sale at the Duam October Fair

16<sup>th</sup> October 1888

Quis	Wethers	Hazards	Lambos	Rams	Totals
Sold 4805.	7713.	3517.	1374.	95.	17504
unsold 214.	940.	712.	506.	60.	2432
Totals 5019.	8653.	4229.	1880.	155.	19936

Sold	Wethers	Calves	Cows	Totals
4307.	1915.	290.	95.	6607
unsold 448.	148.	134.	46.	756
Totals 4755.	2063.	424.	141.	7363



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E Donling M. D. Michael C Shine  
John F Begley Patrick Culsin John Silke  
Thomas Flattery Patrick M. Hugh John M. Phelpin  
and Laurence Burke Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

Mr. M. Phelpin proposed and Mr. Silke seconded that the enumerators in future make a joint declaration as to return of stock sold and unsold at October Fairs

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Silke seconded that an overcoat be procured for the assistant-Craner John Butler cost not to exceed £2 =

It is invited tenders by placards posted up for making a new Gate & pillar at the Potatoe Market and that Mr. Flattery Mr. Silke Mr. Burke & the chairman Mr. Glynn be appointed a committee to arrange same

It was agreed that the following five Commissioners be appointed to act in conjunction with the five Gentlemen appointed by the Board of Guardians on the water works Committee namely Mr. Loryns Mr. O'Flanagan Mr. Culsin Mr. M. Phelpin & the Chairman

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. M. Hugh seconded that the Towns Clerk's salary be increased to what the former clerk had £40 a year was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday next 12<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Adjourned }  
Meeting } Martin J Glynn Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Michael C Shine Patrick Loryns John M. Phelpin  
John A O'Flanagan and Patrick Culsin Esquires

The following were appointed a committee to see after Potatoe Market Gate & pillar of Crane, the Chairman Mr. O'Flanagan Mr. Loryns & Mr. Culsin

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next 19<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Selection of Chairman for the ensuing year

Present. John A O'Flanagan John E Donling M. D.  
Patrick Culsin Thomas Flattery Michael C. Shine  
Patrick M. Hugh John F Begley Laurence Burke  
and Michael Gleeson Esquires

On the motion of Mr. Culsin the Town Clerk was moved to the chair.

Proposed by Doctor Donling and seconded by Mr. O'Flanagan that Mr. Glynn be re-elected for the ensuing year

was unanimously adopted

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn  
Chairman



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Adjourned }  
meeting } John A O'Flanagan Esq. in the chair

The other commissioners present were

John E Douling M.D. Patrick Culsin Thomas Flaherty  
Michael C Shinn Patrick M Keefe John F Beyley  
Lawrence Bunker & Michael Gleeson Esquires

There was but one tender for Printing & Advertising for  
12 months from Mr. Correll for £18 - Crane dockets excepted

The Commissioners consider Mr. Correll's tender too high,  
but are willing to fairly pay for the work to be done and think £15 -  
quite sufficient to pay for all printing and advertising, Crane  
dockets to be included. The Board consider it necessary  
to have sureties quite independent of either of the local papers

The clerk was ordered to communicate same to Mr. Correll

The meeting then adjourned to Monday next 26<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin Glynn

Chairman

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Adjourned }  
meeting } Mr. O'Flanagan and Mr. Shinn  
were in attendance, there not being  
a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to next  
monthly meeting

Francis Corbett

John Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin Glynn

Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Decr. 1888

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John E Douling M.D. Michael C. Shinn John F. Beyley  
Lawrence Bunker John A. O'Flanagan Patrick Glynn Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been  
read and signed

The financial business of the Board was processed  
with and disposed of

The following letter was read from Mr. Morris  
Clerk Inam meiss

Door Law office

Inam 19<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Dear Sir

The attention of the Board of Guardians of this union  
(at their meeting on Wednesday last) having been drawn to the fact,  
that the Inam Commissioners of Inam ought to be the Sanitary  
Authority instead of the Board of Guardians, I have been  
directed to bring the matter under notice of the Board of  
Commissioners, requesting that they will be so good as  
to consider the subject and if they may be desirous to  
become the Sanitary Authority instead of the Board of  
Guardians -

Yours faithfully

J. Morris

Clerk of the Inam

Francis Corbett Esq.  
Clerk Inam Commissioners  
Inam

The consideration of which was deferred to next monthly meeting

There was but one tender for making a new Gate at Potato  
Market from Mr. John Hession for £9. was accepted, which  
is as follows

To the Chairman & Commissioners  
Inam of Inam



Gentlemen

I hereby propose and agree to make and supply a wrought iron gate and erect same at Potatoe Market in the Town of Duam according to advertisement and specification viz. Back stiles 1 1/2 in square Front stiles 1 1/4 Horizontal bars 2 1/4 x 5/8 with no 12 double key Swedish iron brackets filling Bars 1 3/4 x 3/8 Spinding all materials and labour and leaving all complete to the satisfaction of the Commissioners for the sum of Nine pounds sterling

Duam Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1888

John Messin

I offer as my sureties the undermentioned

Signed

John O'Donnell Duam  
James McWhally D<sup>o</sup>

Accepted at G. M. J. Glynn & Co

The clerk was ordered to communicate with Comd. Nolan relative to the new fair to be established

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next the 10<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1888

Adjourned  
Meeting

In consequence of the non attendance of the members the meeting stands adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

M. J. Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1889

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Oulshin Michael O'Shane Thomas A. Egan  
Patrick M. Hagh Lawrence Bente & John A. O'Farrell Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having <sup>been</sup> read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

A copy of the following letter was ordered to be sent to the Poor Law Board of Guardians. Mr. Egan, assenting.

Duam Commissioners office  
Duam 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 1889

Dear Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Duam Commissioners having had under consideration the letter of the Board of Guardians asking them to take over the Sanitary business, desire to inform the Board that though perfectly willing to adopt their suggestion, they do not at present in the absence of the much needed extension of the Boundary see their way to do so, and would suggest to the Guardians to use their influence through their Chairman Colonel Nolan, M.P. with the proper authorities to have this done

I am dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
Frank Conlett

John Morris Esq.  
Clerk of Union  
Duam

Duam Clerk

ordered that John Kenny be directed to go to Galway to select a ragson board of flags and that he be allowed 7/6 for expenses

The Town Inspector was directed to call on the Car owners who are in the habit of leaving their cars on the streets to have them removed.

A copy of the following letter was ordered to be sent to the District Inspector R.I.C.

Duam Commissioners office  
Duam 8<sup>th</sup> January 1889

J. O. Taylor Esq.  
Dist. Inspt.  
R.I.C.



III.

At the monthly meeting of the Inam Town Board held yesterday, attention was drawn to the practice of corner boys standing and loitering round the Town Hall at all hours of the day and night, complaints were made also of the language indulged in by those parties and also women who linger there sometimes as being of a most objectionable character.

The Board requested me to communicate with you to desire that you would be so good as to instruct the police to make the parties above referred to move on, so as to put an end to the nuisance, if this course be not inconsistent with their duties it would prove very beneficial to respectable residents who have to pass our Town Hall.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1889

Adjourned } In consequence of the non attendance of the members  
meeting } the meeting was adjourned to next monthly meeting

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1889

Special meeting } Michael C. Shine Esq. in the Chair  
by requisition }  
The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Coyne Lawrence Burke Thomas Flattery and  
Patrick M. Hagh Esquires

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1889

To Francis Corbett Esq.  
Town Clerk

We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you will convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next 21<sup>st</sup> inst. for the purpose of considering a communication from the Board of Guardians in reference to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ rate and water works.

Michael C. Shine J.C.  
Patrick M. Hagh J.C.  
John A. O'Hanagau J.C.  
Patrick Cullin J.C.  
Patrick Coyne J.C.

Proposed by Mr. Coyne and seconded by Mr. Flattery and  
unanimously resolved

That having carefully considered the question of the outstanding rate due on the Inam electoral division, (with the assistance of Mr. Morris Clerk of the Union) we, as representing the rate payers of the Borough, being the area chargeable, <sup>with</sup> at least half the amount due, request the Board of Guardians (with a view to facilitate the much needed water works) to include the amount outstanding in the next rate to be struck, we would also remind the Guardians that the Borough over which the charge for the water works is proposed to be levied owes nothing but its proportion of the said rate, which we have already expressed our willingness to discharge in the next rate.

or desire that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Board of Guardians and to be also inserted on the minutes

The following members by the Chairman Martin J. Glynn Patrick Coyne Thomas Flattery Patrick Cullin Lawrence Burke and John A. O'Hanagau Esquires, were appointed to attend the meeting of the Guardians on Wednesday next to impress on the Board the necessity of carrying into effect the foregoing

The meeting then adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1889

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Patrick Cusolin Esq. J. C. in the Chair

The other Commissioners present were

John E. Dowling M. D. Michael L. Shine Thomas A. Egan  
Laurence Burke Patrick M. Hugh John A. O'Flanagan  
and Thomas Flaherty Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Egan, and unanimously adopted

Resolved,

That we the seven Commissioners of Inam express our deepest sympathy with our patriotic self sacrificing fellow countryman, the lion hearted William O'Brien M. P. and we denounce as inhuman and unchristian the barbarous treatment to which he has been subjected in Clonmel Jail, by the tools of a Government that has earned for itself, by its heartless treatment of this country the condemnation of every civilized power, and to more emphatically mark our disapproval of the conduct of this unscrupulous Government we hereby resolve to present an address to Mr. O'Brien in Clonmel Jail

Michael L. Shine  
Thomas A. Egan

The Clerk was ordered to send copies of the foregoing to all the Municipal Bodies in the Province,

Copies of which have been accordingly sent to the following

Galway, Ballinacree, Longree, Castlebar, Westport  
Ballina, Roscommon, Boyle, and to the Borough of Sligo.

and also to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin  
The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone M. P. Charles S. Parnell  
Esq. M. P. and to united Ireland

The whole Board was appointed a Committee to meet on Thursday evening 7. o'c P. M. for the purpose of drafting the address to be presented to Mr. O'Brien

The Clerk was ordered to communicate with the County Surveyor and to draw his attention to the bad state of repair that Tierboy Road is in

Mr. Shine's notice of motion relative to the Ladders was postponed to next meeting

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Gas Meter Company to know what amount of Dist. they were willing to allow on the amount of their account

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Master J. Glynn

Chairman

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1889

Adjourned }  
Meeting } John E. Dowling Esq. M. D. presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Michael L. Shine Thomas A. Egan John M. O'Neil  
Patrick M. Hugh and John Silt Esquires

The financial business of the Board which had been adjourned at last days meeting was proceeded with and disposed of

The following letter was read from the County Surveyor

County Surveyors office  
Galway 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1889

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. - I have directed my assistant Mr. Anthony Lynch to attend to the matter without delay

I am Sir

Your obedient servant  
James Perry

Francis Cusolin Esq

County Clerk Inam



Mr. Shinn's notice of motion relative to the Saddlers was still further adjourned to next monthly meeting

At a meeting of the Inam Town Commissioners held at the Town Hall

Situate in Inam in the County of Galway the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889

It was moved by John McPhelip Esq. J.C. and seconded by Thomas A. Egan Esq. J.C. and

Resolved

That our corporate seal be affixed to the deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Four hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us

John McPhelip  
Thomas A. Egan

I Certify that the foregoing is a true copy

Francis Collett  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inam Town Commissioners held at Inam

Situate in the County of Galway the 10<sup>th</sup> day February 1889

It was moved by Michael LeShinn Esq. J.C. and seconded by Thomas A. Egan Esq. J.C. and

Resolved

That in as much as this Board immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the entire of the sum Four hundred pounds mentioned in the deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Board, it is Resolved, that said Commissioners of Public <sup>Works</sup> be requested to forward said Loan of £400. in one sum

Michael LeShinn  
Thomas A. Egan

I Certify that the foregoing is a true copy

Francis Collett  
Town Clerk

I certify that the Mortgage for the sum of £400. from the Inam Town Commissioners, to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889, was this day duly <sup>entered</sup> ~~entered~~ in the minute <sup>Book</sup> of the said Inam Town Commissioners and that such entry contains the date of said Mortgage, the names of the parties thereto, with their proper additions and the amount of charge created thereby.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889

Francis Collett  
Town Clerk

Copy Deed of Mortgage

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889

Mortgage from the Inam Commissioners of Inam

To the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland

For securing repayment of £400. with Interest 4 per cent by 44 instalments.

Form 1

Whereas by virtue of an Act passed in the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter 33. entitled an Act for the execution and promotion of Public Works in Ireland; and the several Acts amending the same and also of the Act passed in the 47 and 48 years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria chap. entitled an Act to amend the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 with reference to Sanitary Districts

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland herein of the called "Commissioners", with the of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and on the recommendation of the Local Government Board for Ireland for the purpose of completing the erection of a Town Hall in the Town of Inam, Barony of Glaree and County of Galway, supplemental to a former Loan - have agreed to lend and advance to us the Inam Commissioners of Inam, hereinafter called "Grantors", a sum of Four Hundred pounds by such instalments as the said Commissioners may deem proper and expedient, upon having the repayment, with interest, secured as hereinafter mentioned.

It is, therefore witnessed, that in pursuance of the said agreement, and in consideration of the sum so agreed to be advanced as aforesaid, we, the said Grantors, do Grant and assign unto the said Commissioners, all that the rates



Leviable by the Grantors as such Town Commissioners in the Town of Inam and all other Rates and Rents accruing or which may or may accrue arise or be taken levied collected or received by them. And also all that piece or parcel of Ground and premises in Inam aforesaid the site of the said Town Hall containing Two thousand seven hundred and fifty nine square feet Statute Measure or thereabouts with the appurtenances together with all buildings erected or to be erected there or situate within the district of said Town Commissioners in the Parish of Inam in the Barony and County aforesaid - do have the same respectively, and all the said Grantors Estate, Right, Title and interest there in, unto the said Commissioners, their successors and assigns, until the said sum of Four hundred pounds or such portion or portions thereof as may be advanced, pursuant to the said agreement, together with interest, shall be repaid in manner following, that is to say, the repayment of the said principal sum of Four hundred pounds or such portion or portions thereof as may from time to time be advanced, to be made by forty four half yearly instalments, to be calculated at the rate of Two pounds five shillings and six pence for every one hundred pounds, and so in proportion for any lesser sum, with interest on the principal from time to time remaining due at the rate of Four pounds per centum per annum, to be on every first day of May and first day of November until the said sum of Four hundred pounds, or such portion or portions thereof as may be advanced shall be fully paid off - the first of such half yearly instalments to be paid with interest as aforesaid on which ever of said days shall ensue next after the day upon which the advance or advances shall have been made,

In witness whereof we the undersigned being five of the said Inam Town Commissioners and for and in their names and as their behalf have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals and this deed is also given under our Corporate seal this eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine

(Seal)

John E. Douling M.D. J.C.  
 Chairman presiding  
 Thomas A. Egan J.C.  
 John Mc. Philpin J.C.  
 Patrick Lyons J.C.  
 Michael C. Shine J.C.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said John E. Douling Thomas A. Egan John Mc. Philpin Patrick Lyons and Michael C. Shine

Being five of the said Town Commissioners and the Corporate seal of said Town Commissioners being also hereunto affixed in the presence of

John Quinn  
 Solicitor  
 Inam  
 John Butler  
 House holder  
 Inam  
 Francis Webb  
 Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board  
 Martin J. Glynn.

Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1889

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Michael C. Shine Patrick Mc. Hugh  
 Michael Gleeson Thomas A. Egan Patrick Calkin Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

Ordered that the address be sent to Mr. William O'Brien M.P. in a registered letter

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Calkin

That we the Town Commissioners of Inam hereby desire to express our thanks to Mr. P. J. Conroy solicitor to the Board for his exertions in obtaining the loan of £400 from the Board of works for the completion of the Town Hall signed  
 4<sup>th</sup> March 1889  
 Michael C. Shine  
 Patrick Calkin



The Clerk was ordered to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to Mr. Conway and to request that he would furnish statement of his account as the Board was desirous to know the state of their financial position to present date

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Board of Guardians to request that they would press on the subject of the water works for the Doua as the seed rate was now settled

The Clerk was ordered to call on Mr. John Foreman to direct him to report to the Board of Guardians the dangerous state the steps are in at Bishop Street Bridge

Mr. Shinn's notice of motion relative to the Saddlers was under consideration

It was agreed that the present Saddlers now in use be given out on hire at 3<sup>d</sup> per day for each and that no person be allowed to retain them longer than one week

The Clerk was ordered to write to Messrs. Delaherty, Rimple and B. Hyres, Merchants Galway, for quotations for six new Saddlers as follows - one 44 feet one 38 feet one 28 feet one 24 feet and two 18 feet each

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Harris & Co to send report relative to the completion of the weigh House

The Clerk was ordered to write to the County Surveyor and to call his attention to the dangerous state the railing at the Railway Bridge is in

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Culkin seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

We the Duam Doua Commissioners at this our monthly meeting, hasten to tender you our congratulations on your recent and complete triumph over the machinations of your enemies

Altho' we your countrymen knew and felt that you would come unscathed and untainted through the tangled web of forgery and perjury with which it was sought to envelope you. Still we did not anticipate so decisive a victory or so complete, turning of the tables on the nefarious conspirators who sought your ruin and discomfiture

Signed

M. J. Flynn C. D.

Patrick Culkin J. C.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Galway Observer, Mays Examiner, Freeman's Journal & United Ireland

Address

From the Duam Doua Commissioners

To  
William O'Brien Esqr. M. P.

Dear and trusted friend of the Irish people and their Cause, We the Duam Doua Commissioners of Duam, representing the inhabitants of this ancient Cathedral City, and interested with the Irish race, at home and abroad, tender you our sincere sympathy in the terrible ordeal you are passing through for your devotion to the interests of the too long down trodden tillers of this Land of ours, An ordeal imposed by our Whilom Masters thro' their ignoble tool, the little Dou Ba' of our Tory Rulers, Braac, Balgo Barber Balfour, whose mean cringing spirit flies from a face to face encounter with your noble, generous, honest nature, and who takes advantage of every quib and quibble of what passes for Law in this Country, to consign to a felon's cell, those noble men, yourself amongst the foremost, whose unity, action and steady perseverance in the cause they have marked out, will soon we trust put to rout the rag tag and bob tailed Matthey crew that follows in Balfour's dirty track, and restore to our distracted Land the blessings arising from frugal toil and honest industry carried on under the guiding and benign influence of a Government in accord with the nation's wishes

Great as your sufferings are and have been, we know you are cheered by the thought of the good that will yet flow from this indignities that have been heaped upon you, indignities, that if possible, endear you still more, to the people, and that your patient endurance of tortures, that in any other civilized Country would not be inflicted on a burglar or a highway man, will be a lesson to our people to maintain their selfpossession, and to suppress their longing to avenge the taunts and sides that have been put on you and them, and so deprive the ghoulish and malignant Balfour of the opportunity of doing what his mean soul thirsts for, letting loose his mercenary bloodstained minions on an unarmed and defenceless people - whose only crime is clinging to their national emblem, the Shamrock, to the Land that gave them birth

All saying good bye we pray and hope that your noble spirit may sustain your frail frame to outlive your sufferings and that you may be spared to see the fruits of your teaching, in a united and prosperous Ireland that will cherish and hand down your name with benisons to future generations of Irishmen who if they remember Balfourism



at all will think of it as a thing to be execrated  
and accursed

We trust soon to see you  
amongst us again encouraging the people  
to persevere in the cause you have laid down  
for them, and cheering us for the right to govern  
ourselves

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1889

Signed Martin Glynn Chairman  
Dona Commissioners

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| John A. O'Flanagan J.C. | Patrick Culkhin J.C. |
| Michael C. Shine J.C.   | Thomas A. Egan J.C.  |
| Patrick M. Hyatt J.C.   | John F. Begley J.C.  |
| John Silk J.C.          | Patrick Lyons J.C.   |
| Michael Fahy J.C.       | Laurence Banks J.C.  |
| John E. Donlin J.C.     | Thomas Flaherty J.C. |
| Michael Gleeson J.C.    | John M. Phelan J.C.  |

John C. Barrett  
Dona Clerk

The following communication was read from the Lord Mayor  
of Dublin

Mansion House  
Dublin 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1889

Dear Sir

The Lord Mayor desires me to thank you for your  
communication, containing the resolution of the Dona  
Commissioners of Drom on the treatment of Mr. O'Brien  
in prison and to congratulate the Commissioners on having  
borne their part in that demonstration of public feeling which  
has already shaken and will ultimately and before long  
destroy the Government which has outraged the people  
of Ireland

Your obedient servant  
J. B. Hall  
Secretary

The Dona Clerk  
I am

The meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1889

As pointed  
meeting

In consequence of the non attendance of the members no meeting was held

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1889

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

- Patrick Culkhin Michael C. Shine Patrick M. Hyatt  
Thomas A. Egan and John E. Donlin M.D. Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and  
disposed of

Mr. Harris' letter in reference to the weigh house was  
read and the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine  
and seconded by Mr. Culkhin was unanimously adopted

Resolved, that having read the letter of Mr. Harris & Co. in  
reference to the new weigh house, we request him to have the  
Building completed as soon as possible according to contract

Signed Michael C. Shine  
P. Culkhin  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 89  
Adopted M. J. G. etc.

~~Signed on behalf of the Board~~

The following communication was read from Mr. Conway Solicitor  
to the Board

Dublin 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1889  
W. Millington Dray

The Dona Clerk  
I am

I thank you for the receipt  
of the cheque of your Board for £20. on account of my costs generally  
and their unanimous complimentary resolution in reference  
to the additional loan to them of £400. obtained by me  
from the Board of Works thro' the Local Government Board  
for completing the rebuilding of the Dona Hall

Yours faithfully  
P. J. Conway  
Solicitor to the Board



The consideration of giving notice of Surrender of Fair Green was adjourned to next monthly meeting

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Engineer of the M & L R. Co. relative to be heard state that the railing at Railway Bridge are in and to request that he would give directions to have them repaired

The Balance due by the Toll farmer £44. at foot of his bill due 10<sup>th</sup> March was under consideration. it was agreed to give him time for payment until next monthly meeting

The Clerk was ordered to prepare notices of application for presentments at next special sessions to be holden in Duane for the Barony close on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May and in Dummore for the Barony of Dummore on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, for the following foot paths, one in High Street. Lower vicar Street, Dublin Road & Bishop Street

The meeting was then adjourned to this day next

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J Glynn Chairman

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1889

Adjourned }  
Meeting } In consequence of the non attendance of the members there was no meeting held

Francis Corbett  
Dummore Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

M. J. Glynn  
Chairman

Special Meeting }  
By requisition } Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1889  
Martin J. Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other Commissioners present were

Michael C Shine John F Begley Thomas A Egan John W Phelps  
John A Flanagan Patrick Culkin & Patrick Lyons Esquires

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 15<sup>th</sup> April to consider the letter of Mr Harris & Co relative to the weigh house Contractor and also to consider a communication from the Board's solicitor relative to the Toll farmer and his sureties, And for other matters of importance

Martin J Glynn Esq  
Patrick Culkin Esq  
Patrick Lyons Esq  
John F Begley Esq  
Michael C Shine Esq

To.

The Town Clerk

Mr Harris's letter relative to the completing of the weigh house was under consideration, the Contractor Mr Kenny being present undertook to complete all within a fortnight from this date according to his arrangement with Mr Harris the day before.  
was unanimously agreed to

The Clerk was ordered to write to the solicitor of the Board Mr Conroy and to request that he would stay further proceedings against the Toll farmer and his sureties, until after the 6<sup>th</sup> of May he having undertaken to pay the amount due on or before that date, and if he did not do so, the Clerk was ordered to again communicate with Mr. Conroy the solicitor

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1889

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was adjourned to the 13<sup>th</sup> inst - owing to the non attendance of the members

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Dun Clark

Signed on behalf of the Board

M. J. Glynn

Chairman

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1889

Adjourned  
Monthly Meeting

Martin Glynn Esq. Chairman presiding

The other commissioners present were

John McPhilip John F. Begley Patrick Culkin John S. Clark  
Thomas A. Egan Michael Ashme + John E. Donahy M.D. Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of -

The use of the linen room was unanimously granted to the Catholic young men and temperance society the Rev. & President Father Cantora having attended at the Board unasked to have the room given up to ~~the~~ at anytime the commissioners required it

The question of the Fair Green was adjourned until Monday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst - and a deputation consisting of the chairman Mr. Culkin and Mr. Begley appointed to wait on his Grace the Archbishop and Mr. Cavanaugh in relation thereto

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Harris to request that he would name <sup>what</sup> a day would be most convenient for him to come to town in order to meet the contractor of the house so as to finally arrange the matter

The meeting was then adjourned to the 20<sup>th</sup> inst  
Signed on behalf of the Board,

M. J. Glynn  
Chairman

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1889

Adjourned  
Meeting

Martin Glynn Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

John E. Donahy M.D. Michael Fahy Michael  
Patrick Culkin Patrick Syms Thomas A. Egan  
and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

There was but one tender for repairs of clock tower and chimneys from Mr. Thomas Egan which was considered informal and not read

The consideration of giving <sup>notice</sup> of Surrender of Fair Green was further adjourned to next monthly meeting and the deputation on the suggestion of Doctor Donahy was directed to wait on the President St. Dunluths Father O. Caswell as well as on his Grace the Arch Bishop and Mr. Cavanaugh

The meeting then adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board

Martin J. Glynn  
Chairman