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## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



### Rough Minute Book

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5 January 1885 - 1 April 1895



Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

Holding  
of Monthly  
Meeting

The usual Monthly Meeting was held to day

Commissioners  
present

Patrick Culkin Esq B.L.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present  
Thomas A. Egan, Michael C. Shine,  
John H. Cloran, Richard J. Kelly, James Bourke,  
and Edward Carroll Esqs

The minutes of the previous  
Monthly Meeting having been read

Mr Kelly's  
objection to  
part of minutes

Mr Kelly objected to that  
part declaring Mr Brady Contractor for  
supplying and erecting a new Town Clock,  
and urged that his said objection be recorded  
on the minutes.

Signing of a  
Cheque for  
rent of Town Hall

A cheque for one years rent  
of Town Hall and new market place to  
November 1884 was issued to Robert Henry  
Esq. for G. S. Handcock Esq. landlord of  
said market and Town Hall.

Cheque  
for deed of  
mortgage on  
a loan of £800

There was also a cheque issued  
for £4-4-0, cost of deed of mortgage on  
loan of £800 from Board of Works, the  
cheque was made payable to George Pirie Esq  
(accountant of Board of Works)

Cheque for  
rent of meat  
market

A cheque for two years rent of  
meat market to November 1884 was given to  
Mr Thomas Higgins solicitor, Income tax  
and poor's rate being allowed off same.

Cheque to  
Mr Egan  
(Town Hall  
Contractor)

On the motion of Mr Kelly seconded  
by Mr Bourke, a cheque for £125 was  
given to Mr Thomas Egan (Town Hall Contractor)



on account, for work done at Town Hall building

Examination of finance & signing of cheques

Finance having been examined all cheques for officers salaries &c were signed.

Mr Egan proposed in accordance with his notice of motion handed in at previous Monthly Meeting, Mr Shine seconded and it was agreed to:-

Motion re-erection of Bracket Lamp

That a bracket lamp with colored lantern and illuminated letters be erected in front of principal entrance to Town Hall.

Mr Brady's bond for due execution of his contract

Mr Elynn (Mr Brady's solicitor) submitted for approval of the Board a Bond for due execution of Mr Brady's contract. The Board's solicitor (Mr Conway) was also present.

Discussion re-erection of new bell

A discussion having arisen as to whether Mr Brady was bound by his tender to supply a new bell together with new clock.

Mr Shine's proposition re- old Bell

It was proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Egan:- That the bell of the old clock be tried in connection with new clock.

Refusal of Chairman to entertain said proposition

The Chairman refused to put the proposition, whereupon the Board separated leaving the Minutes of previous Monthly Meeting and proposition unsigned.



Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> 1885

Committee  
Meeting

Meeting of Committee for the purpose of selecting Gasaliers and brackets for the Town Hall.

Commissioners  
present

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Michael C. Shine,  
James Bourke, and Patrick J. Lannon Esqs

Examination

of illustrations  
of Gasaliers

After having examined several illustrations of Gasaliers and brackets from Dublin firms, the following were selected.

Gasaliers

Selected

Two five-light Gasaliers for Board Room  
No 5315, price £12-5-0 each

From Messrs Messrs Daniel & Son, 55 Mary Street  
Dublin.

do

One three-light Gasalier for Reading Room  
No 6624, price £2-5-0

From Messrs Messrs Curtis & Sons, 98 & 99  
Abbey Street Dublin.

do

Also two three-light Gasaliers similar  
to above from same firm, for Lecture Room,  
and four Gas Brackets for Landings and  
Clerks offices. No 6538 prices 13/- each,  
from Messrs Messrs Curtis & Sons.

Ordered  
to write for  
Gasaliers

The Clerk was ordered to write  
for the foregoing Gasaliers &c, to the  
firms mentioned, also to order one 30  
light meter for Town Hall & one 10 light  
dry meter for Town Clock.

Order to write  
for illustrations  
for Bracket  
lamp

Also ordered to write for illustrations  
of exterior bracket lamp colored, with



illuminated letters on same.

Directions given to Town Hall Contractor re Water-Closets &c

Mr. Egan (Town Hall Contractor), who was present at the meeting, got the following directions relative to the erection of Water-Closets & Urinals &c in connection with Town Hall.

One water closet off half landing, lavatory and urinals for Board Room and Reading Room on ground floor one lavatory and one urinal for Billiard Room, one urinal for Lecture Room.

The Board then adjourned

Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

Holding of Monthly Meeting

The usual monthly meeting was held to day

Commissioners present

Patrick Culkin Esq. C. P. B. presiding other Commissioners present, Thomas A. Egan, Michael B. Shine, Patrick Lannon, Edward Carroll & Richard Kelly Esqs.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting having been read and confirmed, finance was examined, and cheques were signed.

Letter from the Sun Fire & Life Assurance Co

The following letter from the Sun Fire and Life Assurance Company was read.

Sun Fire & Life Assurance Office  
Dublin 27<sup>th</sup> January 1885.

Sir

The policy on the Town Hall ordered through this office has been sent down here and awaits redemption.

The annual premium is £5-10-0 with five weeks odd time 10-8

over



total due £6-0-8 total due.

yours truly  
S. Nolan  
Per S.S.

The Chairman  
Town Commissioners, Lismore.

~~ordered to write to write~~ ordered to write to Mr Nolan saying  
that the Board considers his premium too high.  
Also ordered to advertise the Insurance of Town  
Hall building, tenders to be considered at the  
next Monthly Meeting

~~letter~~  
The following was read also

Lismore February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

The Chairman  
Town Commissioners, Lismore.

Sir

We have been requested by the Young Men of  
Lismore to make an application to you for the  
use of the large room in the Town Hall on  
St Patrick's Night, for the purpose of holding  
a theatrical entertainment &c.

signed:-

Thomas Delaney  
John Scully  
D. M. Kelly  
Thomas Foy  
John O'Donnell  
Thomas Kitley

It was ~~unanimously~~ unanimously  
and ~~it was~~ resolved:-

That Mr Egan (Contractor) be  
requested to give the Board Room of the  
Town Hall to the young men of Lismore for  
St Patrick's night, they giving him <sup>any</sup> guarantee



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required against damage or injury to same.

The following letter and tender  
were read from Messrs Chancellors & Sons, Dublin,

55 Lower Sackville Street  
Dublin January 14<sup>th</sup> 1885.

To, Patrick Blwood Esq  
Town Clerk, Limerick.

Dear Sir

We have been carefully reading over the  
Newspaper Report of Meeting at your Town Board  
on 10<sup>th</sup> January respecting the Turret Clock and  
Bell which are to be erected in the Town  
Hall and we wish to remind you that  
our superintendent was in Limerick and took  
all measurements and full particulars, he is  
thoroughly conversant with your requirements,  
and shows exactly the proper kind of Clock  
for you and having also carefully examined the  
old Clock and Bell which then lay in  
Mr Brady's Establishment, we can advise  
you that it would be very injudicious to use  
any part of the old work now and the old  
Bell is too small altogether, as the movement  
we propose to erect would have sufficient power  
to take the full tone out of a Bell of twice  
the height <sup>weight</sup> of the old one and which could  
then be clearly heard for a radius of 4 or  
5 miles.

Under the circumstances mentioned in  
the report we beg to enclose revised Estimate  
tendering for large new substantial Clock  
with four illuminated dials and new Bell  
of best virgin metal from 4 to 5 cwt cast  
in Dublin by our own Bell Foundry which we  
guarantee to have a clear, brilliant & mellow tone.



New Clock and New Bell all included for the  
sum of one hundred and five pounds, £105-0-0.

Yours Faithfully  
Chancellor & Son

P.S.

In case your Commissioners would wish the  
Clock to strike the "Quarters, we could readily  
have it done by using your old Bell in continuation  
combination with the ~~bell~~ large New one.

This extra work would cost £32-0-0  
additional.

C. & Son.

From Chancellor & Son

55 Lower Rockville Street

Dublin, January 14<sup>th</sup> 1885.

To, The Commissioners  
of the Urban Township  
Co Galway

We propose to supply a Clock of our own  
manufacture, of the best workmanship, and  
fitted with all modern improvements of sufficient  
power to work four dials each 4 feet 3 inches  
in diameter, and to strike the hours taking  
the full tone out of a Bell from 4 to 15  
Cwt. which we also propose to supply of  
best virgin metal.

The movement to be constructed  
on our new horizontal bed plate system  
with separate gun metal lower pedestal  
bearings, dead beat escapement, maintaining  
power to keep the Clock going while being  
wound. The barrels to be screwed and  
fitted with patent galvanized wire rope for  
weights - Solid steel cut or lantern pinions



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highly polished and tempered, inside set dial to  
steel hands from inside of lower, wheels and all  
other brass work to be of the best description  
highly polished and lacquered with gun metal  
bearings. The striking barrel to be supplied  
with a 15 inch main wheel, the hammer to be  
lifted with the newest form of cams, the  
locking system used being the most reliable  
for discharging the striking part. The entire  
movement to be finished in the best  
manner of workmanship and supplied with  
Bell of best virgin metal, and 4 illuminated  
dials with copper hands gilt, and  
everything complete including fitting up &c  
for the sum of one hundred and five  
pounds Stg (£105-0-0). This does not  
include Masons, Carpenters or Gasfitters  
work that may be required.

Chancellor & Son

P.S.

In case the Tram Commissioners would  
wish the clock to strike the "quarters", we  
could readily have it done by using their old  
Bell in combination with the large new  
one and the extra work for the arrangement  
we would supply at a cost of thirty two  
pounds Stg extra (£32-0-0 extra)

Chancellor & Son

Before considering the foregoing letter and tender  
Mr. Egan suggested that the Board  
would arrange with Mr. Brady as to the  
withdrawal of his tender, as the clock which  
he proposed to supply would be of English  
manufacture which the Board would not  
accept.

Mr. Egan then proposed, Mr. Gannon seconded

and



and it was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved:

That in consideration of Mr Brady withdrawing his tender for Clock, he be appointed to superintend the erection of Mr Chancellor's Clock at the remuneration of £10.

Mr Brady, who was present having agreed to the foregoing Resolution, handed in the following which was signed in the presence of the Board and witnessed by the Clerk.

Lisane 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1885-

I hereby withdraw my tender for the erection of the Lisane Town Clock - Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1883.

Edward Brady

Witnesses by }

Patrick Blwood

Town Clerk, Lisane.

Mr Kelly proposed, and the Chairman seconded the following which was unanimously resolved:-

That we accept Mr Chancellor's tender of 14<sup>th</sup> 1885, as fully set out in that document, for a new substantial Clock with four illuminated dials and a bell of 5 cwt weight - same to be of Irish manufacture and erected within as reasonable a time as possible.

It was agreed by the Board that the new Clock be not made to strike the "Quarters".

The Clerk was ordered to send a copy of the foregoing Resolution, to Messrs Chancellor & Co.



and inform them that Mr= Brady had withdrawn his tender for the erection of the Town Clock.

Proposed by Mr= Kelly, seconded by Mr= Shine and Resolved:-

That we the Town Commissioners of Tralee view with pleasure, the renewed application of the promoters of the line of Railway known as the "Bushfield Line" which will give facilities of communication between the important towns of Tralee, Ballinacorney and Claremorris, and we trust the Grand Jury of Galway and Mayo will not turn a deaf ear to the interests of Trade and Commerce.

Proposed by Mr= Lannon, seconded by Mr= Shine and Resolved:-

That Mr= Lonsend C.E. be requested to visit and examine the Tralee Town Hall with the least possible delay, in order to pronounce as to the quality and progress of the works - The Board being desirous to pay off the Contractor provided the several works are executed according to Contract.

ordered to forward a copy of the above Resolution to Mr= Lonsend C.E.

The following letter was read from Mr= Macdonnell Solicitor.

Tralee 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1885.

Gentlemen  
I am instructed by Mr= McQuinn of this town to apply

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Mr Gannon handed in the following notice  
of motion.

Tuan 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1885

I hereby give notice that at next monthly  
meeting, I or some one on my behalf will propose  
that three additional fairs for sale of stock be  
held in Tuan

signed

P. J. Gannon Esq

Tuan 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1885

By the Town Clerk.

~~Tuan~~

Ordered to write to the Board of Works  
enquiring when <sup>will</sup> the ~~the~~ 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of the  
loan of £500. for the completion of the Town  
Hall, be remitted to this Board.

The Clerk was ordered to fill up a form  
of document received from the Townships Commission  
of Lurgstown, and to answer the several queries  
in same as to the relations existing between  
landlords and tenants in Tuan, after which  
it was to be returned to said Commissioners.

The Board expressed its sympathy  
with the proposed Artisan's Exhibition to be opened  
in Dublin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June next

There were no tenders for printing  
and advertising considered.

The Board adjourned.



Special Meeting  
By Requisition } Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq C. L. B.

presiding

Other Commissioners present

Michael C. Shine, Michael A.  
Macnamara, Laurence Burke and Thomas A.  
Egan Esqs

Mr Macnamara having read and  
signed his declaration took his seat as a  
Member of the Board.

The following is the requisition  
pursuant to which the Meeting was held

Lisane 4<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

To the Town Clerk,  
Lisane.

Sir

You are requested to convene a special  
Meeting of the Board for Friday next at the hour  
of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of considering  
tenders for the printing and advertising contract  
for the ensuing year, which was omitted at  
last monthly Meeting although in circular for  
said Meeting - and to examine the Estimates  
for Town Hall.

signed

Patrick Cullen C. L. B.

Michael C. Shine Esq

John Cunningham Esq

H. A. Egan Esq

G. Carroll Esq

The above requisition having been read.

The Chairman opened and  
read



read a tender from Mr Couelle, Luce, proposing  
~~to~~ and agreeing to execute all printing and  
advertising in connection with the business of  
the Board (except printing of Crane Books) for  
the sum of £ 50-0-0

The Board having considered Mr Couelle's  
Tender too high, ordered the Clerk to re-advertise  
for Contractors for printing and advertising, and to  
send copies of said advertisement to the  
"Galway Vindicator", "Galway Express" and Ballinasloe  
"Western News".

The following letter was then read.

155 Lower Sackville Street Dublin Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1880  
To Mr Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk, Luce  
Co Galway

Dear Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge your favor  
of yesterday, conveying the Commissioners' acceptance  
of Mr Chancellors Estimate for supply of Town Clock  
and Bell - I have forwarded your letter to him  
as he is away in another part of the Country on  
similar business this week - Immediately on his  
return we shall write to answer your inquiry  
as to guarantee and terms of payment, but  
you may rest assured that he will meet the  
views and convenience of your Board in a  
reasonable and liberal manner.

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully  
Chancellor of Luce  
per H. C.

After the reading of above letter the Board  
examined the two fine light Gasaliers from Messrs  
Messrs Daniel & Son, Dublin, and approved of same.



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ordered to again request of Mr. Townsend  
C. E. to inspect the Town Hall.

The Board then adjourned

Special Meeting }  
By Requisition, } Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1885.  
To examine Town Hall

Patrick Bulkin Esq C. E. C.

presiding.

Other Commissioners present

Michael C. Shine, John H. Moran,  
Lawrence Burke, Edward Carroll, Patrick J. Lawlor,  
& Thomas A. Egan Esq and John Cunningham Esq

Mr. Townsend C. E. (Architect of Town  
Hall) and Mr. Egan (Contractor) were also present.

The Meeting was held in the new  
Town Hall building

After having examined the several  
rooms.

Mr. Townsend suggested the advisability  
of returning the Gasaliers lately got from Messrs  
Daniel & Son, Dublin, for the Board Room,  
and getting from said firm a larger branch  
to let of polished brass which he recommended  
in preference to those already erected which  
were bronzed and relieved. - We agreed on  
behalf of the Board to effect the desired  
exchange of Gasaliers with Messrs Daniel & Son.

Mr. Townsend also recommended a five-  
light Gasalier for Reading Room, and two  
five-light Gasaliers for Lecture-Room, to  
be of polished brass - instead of the three  
three-light Gasaliers already ordered for those



Rooms, from the firm of Messrs W. Curtis & Sons, Dublin.

<sup>promised</sup> Mr. Townsend agreed to visit both of the Dublin firms from which the Gasaliers were ordered, and make a suitable selection of Gasaliers in lieu of those to be returned.

The Clerk was ordered to write to Messrs W. Curtis & Sons requesting that the Gasaliers <sup>recently</sup> ordered be not sent until Mr. Townsend C. E. calls at their firm for the purpose of selecting a more suitable pattern.

Room 4 was agreed that the table for the Board be made of oak, said table to be 16 feet long and 3 feet broad. Also that two dozen oak chairs be got for said Room.

On the advice of Mr. Townsend C. E. it was <sup>resolved</sup> agreed that the panel-pieces for the several rooms for Town Hall be of marble, those for the Board Room and Reading Room to be of a superior quality to the others.

price not to exceed £32-0-0 Fire-proof  
Resolved it was agreed that a safe be got for the Boards Books, same to be 2 feet 6 inches high inside in the clear, 18 inches deep and 2 feet wide.

Mr. Townsend promised that he would <sup>to</sup> send a list of prices of <sup>fire-proof</sup> safes for the information of the Board when visiting Dublin in a few days.

The Board then adjourned.



Special Meeting }  
By Requisition } Friday February 20th 1885.

Patrick Calkin Esq. C. L. B. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

James Bourke, John A. Cloran,  
Thomas A. Egan, Patrick J. Gannon, Patrick  
Loyous and Richard J. Kelly Esqs.

Mr. Loyous having signed his declaration  
took his seat as a member of the Board.

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

Dated 17th February 1885

To The Town Clerk  
Liam.

Sir

You are requested to call a special  
meeting of the Board for Friday next 20th  
Inst. at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. for  
the purpose of considering an important letter  
from the Local Government Board regard-  
ing the loan of £800 for the completion of  
the Town Hall.

Signed

- Patrick Calkin C. L. B.
- James Bourke Esq.
- John Cunningham Esq.
- R. J. Kelly Esq.
- Michael C. Shive Esq.
- P. J. Gannon Esq.
- J. A. Cloran Esq.

The letter referred to in the foregoing  
requisition is as follows



Local Government Board  
Dublin 17<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

Sir

With reference to the application of the  
Lislan Town Commissioners for a loan of £800  
for the purpose of completing the Town Hall  
in Lislan, I am directed by the Local  
Government Board for Ireland to state, for  
the information of the Town Commissioners  
that the Local Government Board have  
received a communication from the Board  
of Works representing that inasmuch as  
the 28<sup>th</sup> section of the 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> vic;  
Cap 109, as regards borrowing power has been  
re-enacted by the 4<sup>th</sup> section of the 47<sup>th</sup>  
& 48<sup>th</sup> vic; Cap 77 (Public Health Act  
Amendment Act) the desired loan may be  
made either under the Amendment Act; or  
if it be preferred to proceed under the  
Local Government Board Provisional Order  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> July last, constituting the Town  
of Lislan an Urban Sanitary District, that  
the case can be delayed until the order  
shall have been confirmed and the loan  
then be made to the Urban Sanitary Authority.

A copy of the Provisional Order  
is annexed, and I am to state that it  
has been forwarded to the Irish Office in  
order that it may be introduced into Parliament  
during the coming session for the purpose of  
confirmation.

If it should be decided to proceed  
under section 28 of the 34 & 35 vic; Cap 109  
as re-enacted the Board request that you  
will be so good as to furnish them with  
a copy of the newspapers containing the  
the "Six" days public notice, and a copy of  
the Resolution duly passed at a meeting of



the Town Commissioners subsequently according to the terms of the section.

I am to state that when the Bill to confirm the Provisional Order making the Town an Urban District is introduced into Parliament it will be referred to the examiners and it will be <sup>for the Town Commissioners</sup> necessary to appear before them by a Parliamentary Agent to show that the standing orders of Parliament have been complied with or that there are no standing orders applicable.

By order of the Board  
L. B. Brennan  
Assistant Secretary

*M. Brennan*  
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To Patrick Elwood Esq  
Town Clerk  
Tuan.

After due consideration of the foregoing letter, it was <sup>resolved</sup> agreed that the Clerk apply for the loan in question under the provisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> section of 47<sup>th</sup> & 48<sup>th</sup> Vic, Cap. 74. Letters of application to be submitted ~~to~~ for the inspection of the Chairman and Mr. Gannon before being sent. The Board then adjourned.



Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

The usual Monthly Meeting was held to-day

Patrick Cullen Esq. C.F.C. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Patrick Lyons, Thomas A. Egan,  
Michael H. Macnamara, Michael C. Shine,  
Laurence Burke, John Cunningham, Richard  
J. Kelly and John H. Moran Esqs.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting  
having been read and confirmed finance  
was examined and cheques were signed.

Mr. Cannon's notice of motion, viz.  
That three additional fairs for the sale of  
stock &c be held in Linn, — was adjourned  
to the next Monthly Meeting.

The consideration of Tenders for  
printing & advertising, was adjourned to  
Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst.

There were four tenders for the Insurance  
of the Town <sup>Hall</sup> considered as follow

From Messrs. David Dremmie & Sons,  
Secretaries Phoenix Fire Office, at 2/- per Cent  
excepting the items on Billiard table & Clock  
the rate for which would be 4/5 per Cent.

These quotations are assuming  
the risk to be subject to no special hazard

From The Southern Fire & Life Assurance  
Company, at 6 per Cent without the risk of  
sailing performances, with the risk of an  
unlimited number of any description of  
entertainments 4/- per Cent.



From the West of England Fire & Life Assurance Company, <sup>per J. Lanyon Esq</sup> at 1/6 per Cent on Town Hall building and contents, or a premium of £1..10..0 for £2000, but prohibiting theatrical or scenic representations; building & contents at 4/6 per cent or a premium of £4..10 for £2000 allowing theatrical or scenic representations at any time during the year: or they would grant a policy at a premium of £1..10..0 (1/6 per cent) with warranty that permissions for theatrical or scenic representations are not to be allowed without permission being received from the company and an extra premium paid.

This additional rate will be 1/6 per cent on the sum insured for a week (that is £1..0..0 for each week of theatricals)

From the Patriotic Assurance Company of Ireland per manager Bernard H. O'Reilly Esq College Green, Dublin & Jas McDonnell Esq per agent Town Hall building & property therein.

The yearly premium for an insurance of £2000 will be £1..10..0

On the motion of Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Bourke, the Board accepted the tender from the Patriotic Assurance Company of Ireland, which is as follows.

Patriotic Assurance Company  
of Ireland  
9 College Green, Dublin  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 1885.

Patrick Shwood Esq  
Town Clerk, Luan

Dear Sir

Referring to your advertisement dated the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1885, I beg to offer on behalf



of the Patriotic Assurance Company of  
Ireland to undertake the Insurance of  
your Town Hall (Building & property therein)  
at the Rate of one shilling and six pence  
per £100.

For an Insurance of £2000 the  
yearly premium will be £1..10..0

I am, dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
Bernard H. Whalley  
Manager

The Clerk was ordered to insure the  
Town Hall &c with the Local Agent of the  
Patriotic Assurance Company of Ireland (Mr.  
McDonnell) as follows:-

Town Hall Building for £2000	
Town Clock ..	£50
Furniture & Fixtures	200
Total Amount	£2,350

The following letter was read from  
the Local Government Board

Local Government Board  
Dublin 21<sup>st</sup> February 1885.

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government  
Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst stating that  
the Inam Town Commissions have determined  
that the contemplated loan of £800 be  
borrowed from the Board of Works under  
the provisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> section of 47<sup>th</sup>  
& 48<sup>th</sup> Vic Cap 177.



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Under these circumstances I am to request that you will be so good as to inform the Board whether the six weeks notice required by section 28 of the 34 & 35 Vic (re-enacted by section 4 of 47 & 48 Vic) was given and the subsequent meeting held for the purpose of applying for the loan.

I ask to request an immediate reply to these inquiries as the Board are desirous of facilitating the proceedings of the Town Commissioners in the matter with as little delay as possible.

The Board are not yet aware whether the Commissioners of Public Works will require proof of the "six weeks" notice & of the subsequent meeting or not, and they wish to be informed as to the facts on these points before they again communicate with the Board of works.

A copy of section 28 of 34 & 35 Vic is herewith enclosed.

By order of the Board

James Brenane  
Assistant Secretary

To  
Patrick Shwood Esq

The Clerk was <sup>ordered</sup> ~~directed~~ to inform the the Local Government Board that the Commissioners intention to apply for the loan under that section of the New Act had appeared in reports of the Boards proceeding in the local press, but no formal notice had been given.

In reply to the Clerks letter the Local Government Board wrote stating that they



they had Communicated with the Board of Works on the subject.

on the motion of Mr. Slime seconded by Mr. Egan.

It was resolved that the Board Room of the Town Hall

It was resolved that Mr. Egan the Contractor be directed to give the use of the Board Room of the Town Hall to the Young Men of Tuam for Theatricals & to come off on Tuesday & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April next. The young men to be at liberty to erect a stage & all requisites whatever time they may consider necessary previous to holding of said Theatricals.

ordered to send a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Egan (Town Hall Contractor)

Also to inform him that the Board have resolved to make no change whatever in the Billiard Room of the Town Hall.

The Clerk was also directed to send a copy of the foregoing Resolutions to Mr. Lonsens & Co. (Architect) & to request of him to send a copy of detailed estimate supplied by the Contractor when tendering for the building of Town Hall.

The following was read & ordered to be recorded on the Minutes.

Bishop Street, Tuam  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1855

Enclosed you will find a copy of a



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a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Young Men of the Town, held at the Christian Brothers Schools on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

I am, Sir  
yours respectfully  
John O'Donnell  
Hon Sec

Patrick Elwood Esq  
Town Clerk

Proposed by Mr Delany, seconded by Mr F. Lally and unanimously resolved: -

That the best thanks of this meeting be accorded to the Luan Town Commissioners for their kindness in directing that the use of the Town Hall be given for a play on 17<sup>th</sup> March

Mr Chancellor wrote to the Chairman, in <sup>reply</sup> answer to a letter from the Board asking his terms as to payment for Town Clock to be erected by him - stating that as he was anxious to meet the Board's convenience he would be satisfied to receive half the amount when the work is complete & the balance at three months or longer.

The Clerk was directed to inform Mr Chancellor that the Board expected better terms.

A Copy Resolution received from the North Dublin Union Board of Guardians, directing the attention of the Legislature to the necessity of amending the Land Act of 1881 was on the motion of Mr Egan, seconded by Mr Burke unanimously adopted.



The following Resolution proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Mr. Burke was unanimously adopted and a copy of same ordered to be sent to the Local Government Board.

Resolved:

That we the Town Town Commissioners beg respectfully to decline to become an Urban Sanitary Authority unless & until the present very restricted and unjust boundaries of the Township be extended in accordance with the recommendation of the Urban Commission.

Mr. Shine handed in the following notice of motion.

Board Room, Town  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885.

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting propose that the pathway along Mr. Lawrence Burke's houses in vicar street be flagged.

Wm. C. Shine

Mr. Kelly proposed that the old Bell be erected so that the new clock may be made to strike the quarters & half hour.

There being no seconder to the foregoing proposition it fell through. was not put to the Board by the Chairman.

Mr. Kelly subsequently handed gave the following notice of motion.

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at next monthly meeting move that the old Bell be erected



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in connection with the new clock so that it  
may be made strike the half & quarter hours

Richard T. Kelly

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1885

The Board adjourned to Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Adjourned Meeting

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq. C.T. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Patrick J. Lannon, John H. Cloran,  
Edward Carroll, Michael C. Shine, and Laurence  
Burke Esq.

There were two tenders considered for  
printing & advertising as follow:-

From Francis Couelle, Linn.  
at £ 20 for all printing in connection with  
the business of the Board except Crane  
tickets.

From J. J. Ferdinand Galway, at £ 5  
for advertisements, all other printing except Crane  
tickets £ 14 <sup>10</sup>

The above tenders being considered  
too high, they were rejected.

A cheque for £ 4 <sup>8 <sup>0</sup></sup> was  
issued to the Local Government Board for  
expenses incurred by said Board for advertising  
in



in connection relation to the provisional order  
issued 30<sup>th</sup> July 1884, Constituting the town of  
Sham an Urban Sanitary District.

The Local Government Board wrote  
stating that ~~they~~ in pursuance of the provisions  
of the 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Vic Cap 109 section 28, the  
Commissioners should <sup>set. works</sup> give public notice of their  
intention to borrow, and subsequently pass  
a Resolution relative to same as required  
by section 28 of said act.

The following notice prepared by  
the Board's solicitor was ordered to be inserted  
in the "Freeman's Journal"

34 & 35 Victoria Chapter 109  
section 28, and 47 & 48 Victoria Chapter 44  
section 4

Notice is hereby given that  
pursuant to the above mentioned acts of  
Parliament it is proposed by the Sham  
Town Improvement Commissioners to borrow from  
the Board of Works <sup>in Ireland</sup> with the sanction of the  
Local Government Board (Ireland) a sum of  
£ 800 for the purpose of paying the  
necessary outlay for the completion of the  
Town Hall being a permanent work situate  
in the Town of Sham, Barony of Clare  
and County of Galway, to be used by them  
for Municipal purposes.

1885.

Dated and this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

To all whom it may concern



Mr. Carroll proposed & Mr. Shue seconded the following which was unanimously resolved.

That this Board do borrow from the Board of Works a loan of £800 for the purpose of paying the necessary outlay attendant on the completion of the Town Hall being a permanent work - and that <sup>an notice</sup> advertisement of same be published in the Freeman's Journal, pursuant to the provisions of the act 34 & 35 vic; Cap. 109 sec 28 par 1

The Board adjourned.

Special Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present

John H. Moran, James Bourke, Michael Shue, Lawrence Burke, Richard J. Kelly, <sup>Patrick G. Lannon</sup> Edward Carroll, Thos. A. Egan, Patrick Lyons, and Michl. H. Macnamara Esqrs

Mr. Shue proposed and Mr. Lannon seconded the following Resolution.

That we the Town Commissioners of Lismore respectfully request the Grand Jury of the County Galway to pass the Guarantee for a line of Railway from Lismore to Claremorris which will admittedly give much needed employment and develop the resources of this district, and confer lasting benefits on Lismore.

Mr. Lyons proposed

and



and Mr. Cloran seconded the following  
as an amendment.

That we the Town Commissioners  
of Tralee while fully aware of the advantages  
of Railway accommodation do protest against  
the coming guarantors for any line of Railway  
and refuse to guarantors in perpetuity while  
we see the present line paying no dividend.  
It is not just to tax the poor tenants  
to build Railways to suit the traders of  
Cork Kimerick and Mayo.

On a division the votes as follow.

For the Amendment  
Messrs Lyons, Carroll, <sup>Los</sup> Bourke,  
Cloran and the Chairman (5)

Against  
Messrs Macnamara, Egan, Lannon,  
Kelly, Laurence Burke, and Shine (6)

The amendment was declared lost  
by a majority of one

For the proposition  
Messrs Macnamara, Egan, Lannon,  
Kelly, Laurence Burke, and Shine (6)

Against  
Messrs Lyons, Carroll, Los Bourke,  
Cloran, and the Chairman (5)

The proposition was declared  
Carried by a majority of one.

Ordered to forward a copy of same  
to the Secretary of the Grand Jury, also



to the "Freeman's Journal" & "Galway Vindicator"

The Board then adjourned.

Special Meeting }  
By Requisition } Friday 20th March 1885.

presiding Patrick Cullen Esq. C. F. C.

Other Commissioners present.

Richard T. Kelly, Tho. A. Egan,  
John H. Cloran, and John Cunningham  
Esqs

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

Swan 18th March 1885

To The Town Clerk.  
Swan.

Sir

You are requested to convene a meeting  
of the Board for Friday next at the  
hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of  
meeting Mr. Morris Clerk of Swan Union,  
relative to the cutting down of the trees  
in the old Cemetery, as he is deputed by  
the Guardians to confer with the Com-  
missioners on the matter.

signed

- Patrick Cullen C.F.C.
- Patrick Lyons J.C.
- John H. Cloran J.C.
- Richard Shine J.C.
- Edward Carroll J.C.



John Morris, Clerk of Town known who was present at the meeting having discussed the subject of the foregoing requisition.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr. Egan & seconded by Mr. Clonan was unanimously resolved -

That it is the Commissioners wish that the trees in the old grave-yard wherever dangerous be felled as recommended by Mr. Bodkin, also that to amend trees be planted wherever practicable.

The Commissioners would respectfully suggest to the Board of Guardians the desirability of immediately putting the walks of the New Cemetery in repair.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Egan, Mr. Martin & John Solicitor, was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy in the Board.

The Board then adjourned

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1885.

~~Special Meeting~~

~~A meeting was convened for to day pursuant to the following Requisition~~

~~Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March 185~~

~~To the Town Clerk, Town~~  
Sir

~~You are request to convene a meeting~~



107  
of the Board for Monday next 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst  
for the purpose of considering the exorbitant  
price of the Galviers ordered by Mr. Thomas  
C. G. for the Town Hall.

Also to consider if the  
Commissioners have power to increase the loan  
from £800 to £1000.

Signes

Patrick Cullen C. G.  
James Bourke J. G.  
Patrick Lyons J. G.  
John Cunningham J. G.  
Thos A. Ryan J. G.  
Mr. A. McNameara J. G.

The Chairman was the only member  
present.

There not being a quorum there was no  
meeting held.

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk



Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

The usual monthly meeting was held to day

Patrick Culkin Esq B.L.C. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Laurence Burke, Michael C. Shine  
Patrick J. Lannon, Edward Carroll, and John  
Cunningham Esqrs.

The minutes of the previous meetings  
having been read and confirmed. finance was  
examined and cheques were signed.

The Local Government Board Auditor's  
report on the accounts of the Commissioners  
for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> September 1884 and  
abstract of said accounts having been  
read and approved of, were signed by the  
Chairman.

Mr Lannon proposed in accordance  
with his notice of motion adjourned from  
last monthly meeting, Mr Burke seconded  
and it was unanimously agreed to.

<sup>Resolved</sup> <sup>Established</sup> That the following new fairs  
be held in Luam.

20<sup>th</sup> January; 14 April;  
9<sup>th</sup> May horse and pig fair, 10<sup>th</sup> May cattle  
& sheep, 6<sup>th</sup> August and ~~13<sup>th</sup>~~ 13<sup>th</sup> November

Mr Shine's notice of motion to  
flag the footpath along by Mr Laurence  
Burke's houses Lower Wick Street, was adjourned  
and the Clerk directed to apply to the  
next presentment sessions to be held at Luam  
for the Barony of Clane for presentment for  
same, which if not granted, Mr Shine will  
move in accordance with his notice of motion



~~man~~ that said footpath be flagged at the expense of the Board.

The Clerk was <sup>also</sup> directed to serve the necessary notices <sup>for presentment to</sup> for the repairing of the road along by Mr. Blakes stores near the Railway Station, ~~also~~ the repairing of Barrack Street, and ~~for~~ the making of a flagged footpath from Mr. William <sup>house</sup> Quinn's ~~gate~~ Galway Road, to the corner of Chapel Lane High Street.

Mr. Kelly's ~~not being present~~ notice of motion relative to the erection of the old Bell in connection with the new clock, fell through no member present having moved the adoption of same.

Ordered to get 300 large placards printed and posted up through the Country announcing the holding of a horse fair in connection with the coming May fair in Liscann, and attaching to said placards the names of several horse buyers who signified their intention of being in attendance at said fair.

~~A letter to the Chairman from Mr. Conway was read (Boards Solicitor) was read~~

The following letter from the Boards Solicitor was read.

33 North Frederick Street  
Dublin 13<sup>th</sup> March 1885

Re: Town Hall

Dear Sir

In compliance with your Chairman's desire conveyed by your letter, I this day showed to the Board of Works Assistant Solicitor the form of notice on the "Freemans Journal" which he said is quite correct and for your Board's information



gave me the enclosed table showing how  
the Board of Works expect the principal  
and interest will be paid back.

Yours &c  
P. J. Conway

The Town Clerk  
Lisbon

The following is the table referred to  
in Mr Conway's letter.

The loan of £800 with the interest  
3 1/2 percent to be repaid in 40 half yearly  
instalments, each being one fortieth of  
the principal and the interest on the  
principal due. For 20 years the interest  
is 3 1/2 percent, 30 years 3 3/4; 40 years 4;  
and 50 years 4 1/4.

Mr Lounsend (Architect of Town Hall)  
wrote to say that Mr Daniel would take  
the Gasaliers already purchased for the  
Board Room if the Board would allow him  
half price for them and take instead two  
brass Gasaliers drawing of which was <sup>forwarded</sup> enclosed  
with in Mr Lounsend's letter and strongly recommended  
by him. The letter was marked read.

The Clerk was ordered to write to  
Mr Lounsend and inform him that the Board  
could not entertain Mr Daniels proposal relative  
to the Gasaliers already purchased, he  
(Mr Lounsend) <sup>nonetheless</sup> <sup>propose</sup> <sup>himself</sup> having <sup>intimated</sup> the Board that  
he would have no difficulty in getting  
Mr Daniel to take back the Gasaliers  
at their full value.

Also ordered to say that  
the Board considered £20 each too high  
a price to give for the Gasaliers recommended

As



~~Mr Lowson~~

The Board then adjourned to Monday next 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Adjourned Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1885

The Chairman & Mr Shine being the only members present, the meeting was further adjourned to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1885

There was no meeting held to day on account of the death of Mr John H. Cloran C.B.

Meeting further adjourned to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Adjourned Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1885.

Patrick Cullin Esq C.B. presiding  
Other Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Michael  
C. Shine, Lawrence Burke, James Bourke  
and Patrick Lyons Esqrs

The following vote of condolence to the friends of the late Mr John H. Cloran, proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Egan was unanimously passed.

Resolved:-

That it is with feelings of no ordinary regret that we to day have

to



to perform the melancholy duty of tendering  
you our sincere condolences for the sad and  
premature demise of the late Mr. John F. Cloran  
whilst you must feel his loss as a loving  
and lovable relative possessing as he did  
in so eminent a degree that affectionate  
and warm hearted disposition so endearing  
to the home circle. His loss as a valued  
member of this Board is felt by us in a  
twofold manner, individually as a true  
and valued dear friend and collectively  
as a practical and energetic member whose  
efforts always were for the improvement and  
advancement of the interests of his native  
town. The respect in which he was held  
by the members of this Board was testified  
by their electing him as their Chairman  
three years in succession. His name  
will long be identified with most of the  
improvements of this town, but in a  
more especial manner with our new and  
beautiful Town Hall. As a generous  
and considerate employer he stood prominently  
forward and succeeded in maintaining  
the premier business position which his  
large establishment had attained, and  
held for so many years. We trust in  
offering his friends this tribute to his  
memory it may be accepted by them  
as a mark of our sincere sympathy  
in their great sorrow.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded  
by Mr. James Bourke and unanimously resolved  
That the above Resolution be recorded on  
the Board's Minutes, and that copies of it  
be forwarded to Mrs. Hosty, Luan, Mrs. Humphrey,  
Luan, and Mr. Cloran, Galway, relatives of the  
deceased.



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All other business was adjourned  
to the next monthly meeting.

~~After which~~

The Board adjourned.  
The meeting then separated.

Special Meeting }  
By requisition } Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq. C.L.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Richard J. Kelly, Lawrence  
Burke, Thomas A. Egan, John Cunningham,  
and Patrick J. Cannon Esqrs

The following is the requisition  
by which the meeting was convened.

Liam

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1885-

Sir

We hereby request that you will con-  
- issue the usual circulars to convene a  
meeting of the Liam Town Improvement  
Commissioners to be held at their Room  
on Friday next the 1<sup>st</sup> May, at the  
hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, to take  
into consideration the matter of the  
loan of £800 to be obtained from the  
Board of Works pursuant to advertise-  
- ment in "Freeman's Journal" newspaper  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> March last, and to all  
matters in relation thereto pursuant to  
the 28<sup>th</sup> section of the 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Vic.  
Cap 109, and the 4<sup>th</sup> section of the 47<sup>th</sup>  
and 48<sup>th</sup> Vic. Cap 77. signed: - Patrick Cullen C.L.B.

Patrick Lyons Esq. M. H. Macnamara Esq. John Cunningham  
J. C. R. A. Egan Esq.

20, The Town Clerk Liam.



The following Resolution proposed by  
Mr. Lannon, and seconded by Mr. Egan was  
unanimously adopted.

Resolved Unanimously:—

That having complied with  
all the necessary preliminaries by advertisement  
in the "Freemans Journal" newspapers of the  
11<sup>th</sup> March last, circulating in this locality  
in pursuance of the 28<sup>th</sup> section of the  
34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Victoria Chapter 109, and the  
4<sup>th</sup> section of the 47<sup>th</sup> & 48<sup>th</sup> Victoria  
Chapter 44, we agree to borrow from the  
Board of public Works in Ireland on the  
security of the Borough funds property and  
funds a sum of £800 for the purpose  
of completing paying the necessary  
outlay in completing the Luan Town  
Hall, being a permanent work, according  
to the terms of our previous application.

have  
ordered to send a copy of the  
foregoing Resolution forwarded to the  
Local Government Board with a copy  
of the paper in which the notice to borrow  
a sum of £800 for the completion of the  
Town Hall appeared.

The Board then adjourned.



21  
Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1885

The usual Monthly Meeting was held today

Patrick Cullen Esq C.L.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Lawrence Burke, John Cunningham,  
Thomas A. Egan, Michael Shine, Edward  
Carroll, Michael H. Macnamara, Patrick  
J. Gannon, John F. Begley and Richard L. Kelly  
Esqs

The following resolution proposed  
by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Carroll  
was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved - That Mr John F. Begley  
be re-elected as a member of this Board

Mr Begley had been elected a  
Commissioner at the recent annual election  
of Commissioners for the Borough of Tralee  
but owing to nonattendance had become  
disqualified under the provisions of the  
act.

Mr Begley having signed his declaration  
took his seat as a member of the Board.

Proposed by Mr Egan seconded  
by Mr Burke and unanimously Resolved  
That Mr Henry L. Roucanon  
Solicitor, be elected as a member of the  
Board in room of Mr John H. Moran  
deceased.

The minutes of the previous meetings  
having been read and confirmed finance  
was examined and cheques <sup>made</sup> signed.



Amount due by the Board to the National  
Bank Limited, Luce. (Treasurer)  
£401.. 6.. 10.

There was a sum of

The Managers of the Midland Great  
Western and Waterford & Kimerick Railway Company  
wrote stating that they would supply sufficient  
Railway accommodation for the coming day  
fair at Luce on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. also <sup>specific</sup> passenger  
trains run on the day previous.

The following Resolution proposed  
by Mr Carrall and seconded by Mr Gannon  
was unanimously resolved:—

We the Luce Town Commissioners  
having learned with regret that the designation  
of Parliamentary districts as originally  
proposed in the "Redistribution Bill" have  
been altered from Luce, Ballinacloe, Gort,  
and Connewera to North, South, East and  
West Galway - beg to protest against  
such a change and to express our desire  
that the original designations of the  
polling districts of the County be restored

Burke  
Proposed by Mr Gannon, seconded  
by Mr Gannon and Resolved unanimously:—

We the Luce Town Commissioners  
viewing with alarm the proposed increase  
on the duty paid on Irish whiskey  
which is one of the principal productions  
of this Country, beg to protest against the  
imposition of such a tax, and pray the  
Imperial Parliament will find means to  
omit the proposed increase.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing



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Resolutions be forwarded to the following  
Members of Parliament.

The County and Borough Members,  
Messrs C. S. Powell, H. A. Sullivan,  
Thomas Sexton and E. M. Heally.

Mr Egan handed in the  
following notice of motion.

Thurs May 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

I hereby give notice that I, or in my  
absence, some member on my behalf will  
at the next monthly meeting of this Board  
move that a sum of £10 being two years  
rent at the rate of £5 per year be paid  
to the Committee of the Thuan Reading  
Room for the temporary use of the Room  
for use of this Board - pursuant to a  
previous payment made by this Board  
for a similar purpose in 1883.

signed  
E. A. Egan

Mr Shine handed in the following  
notice of motion

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May 1885.

Take notice that I or some member  
on my behalf will propose at the next  
monthly meeting the allocation of the Rooms  
in the next Town Hall for the purpose  
of Reading Room and for other purposes.

signed: - Michael C. Shine.

Mr Carrall handed in the  
following notice of motion.



Thurs May 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Take notice that I, or some member, on my behalf will propose at the next Monthly Meeting of the Board that this Board do take immediate steps to have small sign Boards posted up at the corners of each street of this town designating the names of said streets.

Signed:-

Edward Carroll

At the suggestion of Mr Kelly it was agreed that the Board take into consideration at the next Monthly Meeting the renaming of certain streets in the town.

The Chairman was requested to wait on Mr Townsend C. E. (Town Hall architect) with a view to having the plans for the Town Hall ordered at once.

The Clerk was directed to inform Mr Townsend that the Chairman would meet him in Galway on next Wednesday.

A copy of a report was read from the Irish Cattle Trade Association.

On the motion of Mr Gannon seconded by Mr Burke it was agreed that Mr Spuelean get the printing contract for the ensuing year, viz to all the necessary printing & advertising for the Board for 12 months for the sum of £17.

Ordered to advertise for Contractors for the cleaning & flagging contracts for the ensuing year.

The Board then adjourned to Monday 11<sup>th</sup>



Adjourned Meeting } Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1885

There was no meeting held to day on account of this being a fair day

Meeting further adjourned to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Patrick Blood  
Genl Clerk

Adjourned Meeting } Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Patrick Culkin Esq C.L.B. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Richard L. Kelly, Michael O'Shine,  
Henry L. Concanon, Solicitor, Patrick L. Gannon,  
John Cunningham, Michael H. Macnamara,  
Laurence Burke, and Edward Carroll Esqrs

Mr Henry L. Concanon having signed his declaration took his seat as a member of the Board

The following Resolution proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Gannon, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved:-

That this Board desire to express their sympathy with Mrs Bourke and her family on the decease of her husband the late Mr James Bourke, our late Chairman, who for so many years was an efficient and active member of this Board, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by our Clerk to Mrs Bourke.



Proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by  
Mr Macnamara and unanimously agreed  
to:-

That Mr Charles H. Blake be elected  
a member of the Board in room of Mr  
James Bourke deceased

Mr Kelly proposed Mr Lannon  
seconded and it was agreed to:-

That the above be recorded  
on the Minutes of the Board.

It was agreed that the Clerk  
do wait on Mr Townsend on Saturday  
next at his Office in Galway with a  
for the purpose of taking a copy of  
the detailed Estimate of the Town Hall  
works which is in Mr Townsends possession  
ordered to inform Mr Townsend of same.

The Clerk was directed to  
inform Mr Egan (Town Hall Contractor)  
that it is the wish of the Board  
that he would give the use of the  
Town Hall to Mr Shine for the  
purpose of holding an Auction therein  
early in June next.

Mitchell Henry Esq. M. P. wrote  
acknowledging receipt <sup>copy of</sup> the Resolutions  
of the passed by the Board at their Meeting  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The following letter was received  
from the Local Government Board.

Local Government Board  
Dublin 6<sup>th</sup> May 1885

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

Yours  
Law



I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the Lismore Town Commissioners that they have recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to grant a loan of £800 under section 4 of the "Public Health Amendment Act" 1884 for the purpose of completing the Lismore Town Hall - the loan to be issued in two instalments of £500 and £300 respectively and repayment to be spread over a period of 20 years.

I am, Sir  
 your obedient servant  
 Jas Breane  
 assistant Secretary

To,  
 Patrick Elwood Esq

Amount due by the Board to the Treasurer  
 £376..4..7. The Board adjourned.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1885.

A meeting was summoned for to day pursuant to the following requisition.

Lismore, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1885.

Sir  
 We the undersigned Commissioners request you will convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next 25<sup>th</sup> Inst, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering the inscription to be put on the new bell, and to select brackets for the Town Hall landings as those already ordered got are too small

Signed:-  
 Patrick Culkin C.T.B. Michael Collins Esq  
 W. H. Macnamara Esq J. A. Ryan Esq  
 Patrick Lyons Esq E. Carroll Esq

To the Town Clerk  
 Lismore



The Chairman was the only member present.

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held.

Patrick Edwood  
Town Clerk

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1885.

The usual monthly meeting was held today.

Patrick Balkin Esq C.F.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present.  
Michael Shine, Thomas St. Egan, Michael H. Macnamara,  
Henry J. Concanon <sup>Esq.</sup>, Patrick Lyons, Patrick L. James,  
Richard J. Kelly, John Cunningham, Charles  
H. Blake, Edward Carroll, and Lawrence  
Burke Esqrs

~~The Minutes~~

Mr Blake having signed his declaration as a Commissioner took his seat at the Board

The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and confirmed, finance was examined

Mr Egan proposed in accordance with his notice of motion given at last monthly meeting, and Mr Cannon seconded the following

That a sum of £ 10 be paid by this Board as rent for the temporary use of the Reading Room as a Town Hall



Mr Lyons proposed and Mr Carroll seconded the following amendment.

That this Board do not entertain Mr Egan's notice of motion in as much as in the first place we have already given five pounds which seem ought to be more than sufficient to compensate for our time in the temporary Board Room which was given us gratuitously when we first entered it. Secondly such notice as being illegal in proof thereof I refer you to page 94 sections the 19th & 10th of the Town Improvement Act

A poll being taken there voted as follows

For the amendment

Messrs Carroll, Cunningham, Lyons and the Chairman (4)

Against

Messrs Blake, Kelly, Gannon, Concanon, Macnamara, Egan, Shive (7)

The amendment was lost by a majority of three. Mr Burke having previously left the Room did not vote

For the proposition

Messrs Blake, Kelly, Gannon, Concanon, Macnamara, Egan, Shive (7)

Against

Messrs Carroll, Cunningham, Lyons and the Chairman (4)

Mr Burke having left the Room previously did not vote.



The proposition was carried by a majority of three.

The Chairman protested against signing a cheque for above rent, stating that the Board might appoint a Chairman after the transaction of the business on the circular, convening the meeting for the purpose of signing said cheque.

In pursuance of Mr. Shine's notice of motion given in at previously monthly meeting & Mr. Lyons proposed, Mr. Cunningham seconded and it was unanimously agreed to:-

Resolved:-

That we the Town Commissioners and Town Clerk for the time being do have sole control over all the rooms of the Town Hall and that we reserve to ourselves the right of entering those rooms as <sup>admittable</sup> ex officio members, the press to be free to all the rooms.

The several rooms to be allocated as they are marked in the plan of the Town Hall.

In pursuance of Mr. Carroll's notice of motion handed in at previous monthly meeting, The Chairman proposed Mr. Kelly seconded and it was Resolved that small sign Boards be posted up at the corners of the different streets of the town designating the names of such streets, and that a Committee of the whole Board be appointed to



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considers the renaming of certain streets  
fine to form a quorum.

The following tenders for flagging  
contract were opened and considered.

From Mr. Pat J. Kelly, Swan  
at 1510<sup>0</sup> per sq yd

From Mr. Thomas Egan, Swan  
at 159<sup>0</sup> per superficial yard

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded  
by Mr. Shine Mr. Egan's tender was accepted  
and is as follows

Tender for flagging repairs

To, The Swan Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby agree to execute all  
the flagging repairs in the Town according  
to advertisement to your entire satisfaction  
at 119<sup>0</sup> per yard superficial yard

Thomas Egan

Swan June 1<sup>st</sup> / 85

The following is the advertisement  
referred to in Mr. Egan's tender.

Notice to Contractors

Notice for flagging

At next monthly meeting, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
June next, the Swan Town Improvement Commis-  
sioners will receive and consider proposals  
from persons willing to put down new flags,  
or re-setting old ones in the Town

as



as pointed out by the Chairman  
from time to time.

Sealed tenders endorsed  
"Tenders for flagging" will be received  
in the letter box of the Board Room  
up to the taking of the Chair on  
the above named day.

Old flags not used to be  
put into the Commissioners flag store.

By order

Patrick Glwood  
Town Clerk

Commissioners' Office, Lismore.

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The following tenders for cleaning  
& watering of streets were opened and  
considered.

From Mr James Kelly, Lismore  
for the sum of £ 48.0.0

the sum of. From Mr Mathias Gormally, Lismore  
for - £ 40.0.0

On the motion of Mr Gannon  
seconded by Mr Cunningham Mr Gormally's  
tender was accepted and is as follows.

Lismore, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1885.

The Chairman of Town Commissioners  
of Lismore

I hereby propose and agree to  
sweep clean and water the several  
streets and lanes within the Town as  
specified in your advertisement from  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1885 to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1886 for the



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sum of £40.0.0, and Laffer as my sureties  
Malachy Concaun, and Michael Gleeson,  
both of Luan, whose consents are annexed.

signed

Mathias Gormally

We consent to become security for the  
above contract.

signed

Malachy Concaun

Michael Gleeson

The following is the advertisement  
for cleansing &c referred to in Mr. Gormally's  
tender.

### Notice to Contractors For Sweeping & Cleansing of Streets

Take notice that the Luan Town  
Improvement Commissioners will, at their  
monthly meeting on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June next,  
receive and consider proposals from parties  
willing to contract for the sweeping, cleaning  
and watering of the streets and lanes  
within the town, and removing the manure  
and loose stones therefrom, for twelve  
months from the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1885. to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
July 1886. The extent of the streets to be  
cleansed is as follows, viz—

The Square, Bishop Street to end of  
dead wall; Shop Street as far as Mr.  
McDonnell's Garden wall, Tullenadar Road  
as far as the fair Green gate; Ballygaddy  
Road as far as Mr. Redworth's wood store.  
Galway Road, as far as the Church  
gate, Vicar Street as far as Church View  
House, Dublin Road as far as the Christian

Brother's



Brother's gate; Circular Road, The  
Hall, stable Lane, Sawpit Lane,  
Church Lane, Chapel Lane, Egans  
Lane, and over the bridge as far as  
Mr Rishworth's stores; The New Potato  
Market place, and all flagways,  
parapets and Channels in front of  
ruins and unoccupied houses spaces.

Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Tenders  
for Cleansing" 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

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Commissioners Office, Lismore.

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Mr Bencher's contract for printing  
was declared to have fallen through  
as he had not sent a tender to the  
Board binding himself to the Contract  
Conditions of the Contract.

It was agreed that the Board  
do adjourn to Monday next 8<sup>th</sup> Inst for  
the purpose of considering the letters  
not read at this days meeting & bills held  
over from said meeting. &c &c.

The Board a cheque to Mr Egans  
for flagging and a cheque for salaries was  
then signed.

After which the Board adjourned



Adjourned Meeting } Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

The following members attended  
Messrs Cunningham, Hume and  
The Chairman.

There not being a quorum  
present there was no meeting held.

The meeting was adjourned  
to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Special Meeting }  
By requisition } Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

Patrick Culkin Esq C.T.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Edward Carroll,  
Patrick Lyons, John Cunningham and  
Michael C. O'Brien Esqrs

The following is the requisition  
pursuant to which the meeting was held.

Tram 8<sup>th</sup> June 1885

Sir

We the undersigned request you  
will convene a meeting of the Board for  
Thursday next 11<sup>th</sup> Inst, at the hour of  
12<sup>th</sup> P.M. noon, for the purpose of  
considering the <sup>draft</sup> deed of mortgage from  
the Board of Works.

signed -

Patrick Culkin C.T.C.  
M. H. Macnamara Esq  
Patrick Lyons Esq  
T. A. Egan Esq  
John Cunningham Esq

To / The Town Clerk,  
Tram.



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Proposed by Mr Egan, seconded by  
Mr Shine and unanimously Resolved:-

That the following Draft Mortgage  
from the Lism Town Commissioners to  
the Commissioners of Public Works in  
Ireland for securing Repayment of £800  
with Interest, 40 Instalments be approved  
of, and forwarded <sup>returned</sup> to the Solicitor of  
Public Works, Ireland for engrossment.

Whereas by virtue of "the Public  
Health (Ireland) Act 1878," and "the Public  
Health (Ireland) amendment act 1879"

The Commissioners of Public Works  
in Ireland, hereinafter called "Commissioners"  
with the consent of The Lords Commis-  
sioners 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 within the district hereinafter  
mentioned, have agreed to lend and  
Advance to us the Town Commissioners  
of Lism being the Sanitary Authority  
of the Urban Sanitary District of the  
Town of Lism pursuant to the Lism  
Provisional Order 1884, hereinafter called  
"Grantors" a sum of ~~£800~~ Eight 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



And Assign unto the said Commissioners  
 All that the Rates leviable by us as such  
 Town Commissioners throughout the said  
 Urban Sanitary District of the Town  
 of Leam and all other the Rates  
 accruing, or which may accrue, arise  
 or be made, taken, levied, collected  
 or received, by or for the use of us  
 throughout the said area of charge,  
 and applicable to the payment of  
 expenses incurred for Sanitary purposes.

To Hold the same respectively, and  
 all our Estate, Right, Title, and Interest  
 therein unto the said Commissioners and  
 their successors, until the said sum of  
 Eight hundred pounds, or such portion  
 or portions thereof as may be advanced,  
 together with Interest, shall be repaid  
 in manner following, that is to say,  
 the repayment of the said sum  
 Principal sum of Eight hundred Pounds,  
 or such portion or portions thereof  
 as may <sup>be advanced</sup> from time to time be advanced  
 to be made by Forty Half-yearly  
 Payments, to be calculated at the  
 rate of Two pounds ten shillings for  
 every hundred pounds, and so in pro-  
 portion for any lesser sum, with interest  
 on the principal from time to time  
 remaining due after the rate of Three  
 Pounds ten shillings, per centum per  
 annum, to be paid to the said  
 Commissioners by the said Grantor on  
 every First day of May and First day  
 of November until the sum of Eight  
 hundred Pounds or such portion or  
 portions thereof as may be advanced  
 shall be fully paid off, the first  
 of such Half-yearly Payments  
 to



to be paid with interest, as aforesaid  
on whichever of said days shall ensue  
next after the day upon which the  
advance or advances shall have  
been made

ordered to write to Mr Conway  
(Board's solicitor) requesting him to  
wait on the solicitor of Public  
Works with reference to the deed  
of Mortgage to the Board of Public  
Works.

The Board then adjourned

Adjourned Meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

The Chairman being the only  
member present, there was no meeting  
held. Meeting further adjourned to  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst.

Patrick Wood  
Lower Clerk



Special Meeting }  
By requisition for } Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1885-

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.B.  
presiding

Other Commissioners present  
Thomas A. Ryan, Charles H. Blake,  
Edward Carroll, John Cunningham Esqs

The following is the  
requisition pursuant to which the  
Meeting was held

Liam 15<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

Sir

We the undersigned Town Commission-  
ers request that you will convene a  
Meeting of the Board for Thursday  
next 18<sup>th</sup> Inst, at the hour of Twelve  
o'clock, noon, for the purpose of  
executing the deed of Mortgage to  
the Board of Public Works for the  
loan of £ 800 for the Completion of  
the Town Town Hall  
Signed -

Patrick Cullen C.F.B.  
Th. A. Macnamara F.B.  
Patrick Lyons F.B.  
T. A. Ryan F.B.  
Lawrence Burke F.B.

The Town Clerk,  
Liam.



At a Meeting of the Town Commissioners  
of Luan

held at Luan

situate in the Parish of Luan  
in the County of Galway the 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1885.

It was moved by Thomas A. Egan Esq.  
and seconded by Charles H. Blake Esq. V.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 Eight hundred  
pounds proposed to be advanced by them  
to us

Thomas A. Egan Esq.

C. H. Blake Esq.

I Certify <sup>that</sup> the foregoing ~~is~~  
is a true copy.

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Chairman Luan Town Commissioners

I Certify that the Mortgage for  
the sum of £800 from the Town Com-  
missioners of Luan to the Commissioners  
of Public Works in Ireland dated the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885 was this day duly  
entered in the Register of Mortgages of  
the said Town Commissioners, and that such  
entry contains the number and date of said



Mortgage, the names of the Parties  
thereto, with their proper additions and  
the amount of Charge created thereby

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885.

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Patrick Glwood

Clerk of said Commissioners

At a Meeting of the Town Commissioners  
of Luan

held at Luan

situate in the Parish of Luan in the  
County of Galway the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885

It was moved by Edward Carroll Esq 76

and seconder by John Cunningham Esq 76

and Resolved

That inasmuch as this Board  
does not immediately require from the  
Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland  
the entire of the sum of eight  
hundred Pounds, mentioned in the deed  
of Mortgage to them this day executed  
by this Board, but prefer to receive  
the same by instalments as occasion may  
require.

It is resolved that the requisitions  
for each advance shall be intimated  
to said Commissioners by the Chairman  
of this Board for the time being  
Countersigned by the Town Clerk  
and any other necessary party.

And that each such requisition  
shall be forwarded to the Accountant

of



of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account at the Luan Town Improvement Commissioners account in the Luan Branch of the

National Bank Limited

I certify <sup>that</sup> the foregoing to be a true copy

Nedua O'Connell Esq.  
John Cunningham Esq.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy

Patrick Elwood

Town Clerk

Patrick Cullin Chairman  
Luan Town Commissioners

Copy deed of Mortgage

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Dated 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885.

Mortgage

From

The Town Commissioners of Luan

To

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland

For securing Repayment of £800  
with Interest, 140 Instalments

Form 3

Whereas by virtue of "the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878," and the Public Health



(Health Ireland) amendment act 1879  
 The Commissioners of Public Works in  
 Ireland, hereinafter called "Commissioners",  
 with the consent of the Lords Commissioners  
 of Her Majesty's Treasury, and on the  
 recommendation of the Local Govern-  
 -ment Board for Ireland, for the purpose  
 of completing the erection of a Town  
 Hall within the district hereinafter  
 mentioned, have agreed to lend and  
 advance to us The Town Commissioners  
 of Traim being the Sanitary authority  
 of the Urban Sanitary District of the  
 Town of Traim pursuant to the Traim  
 Provisional Order 1884, hereinafter  
 called "Grantors" a sum of Eight  
 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 us as such Town  
 Commissioners throughout the said  
 Urban Sanitary District of the  
 Town of Traim and all other the  
 Rates accruing, or which may  
 accrue, arise or be made, taken,  
 levied, collected or received, by or  
 for the use of us throughout the  
 said area of Charge, and  
 applicable to the payment of  
 expenses incurred for sanitary

purposes



purposes. To Hold the same respective  
and all our Estate, Right, Title and  
Interest therein unto the said Commissioners  
Commissioners and their Successors,  
until the said sum of Eight hundred  
pounds, or such portion or portions  
thereof as may be advanced, together  
with interest shall be repaid in  
manner following, that is to say, the  
repayment of the said Principal sum  
of Eight hundred pounds, or such  
portion or portions thereof as may  
from time to time be advanced, to  
be made by Forty Half-yearly payments  
to be calculated at the rate of Two  
pounds ten shillings for every hundred  
pounds, and so in proportion for any  
lesser sum, with interest on the  
principal from time to time remain-  
ing due after the rate of Three  
pounds ten shillings per Centum per  
annum, to be paid to the said  
Commissioners by the said Grantors  
on every First day of May and First  
day of November until the sum of  
Eight hundred pounds or such portion  
or portions thereof as may be advanced  
shall be fully paid off, the first  
of such Half-yearly payments to be  
paid with Interest, as aforesaid on  
whichever of said days shall ensue  
next after the day upon which the  
advance or advances shall have been made.

Given under our Corporate  
Seal this Eighteenth day of June  
one Thousand Eight Hundred and  
Eighty Five

(Seal)



Patrick Culkin  
Chairman Town Loan Commissioners

Thomas A. Egan, Town Commissioner

Charles H. Blake, Town Commissioner

Present when the Corporate Seal of the  
Grantors was affixed

P. J. Conway  
Solicitor Town Commissioners,  
Tuan.

Thomas Higgins  
Solicitor, Tuan

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

The Town Clerk was directed to  
forward the foregoing deed of  
Mortgage to the Solicitor of the  
Board of Works accompanied by  
the Resolutions passed at the Meeting.

After which the Board  
adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting } Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1885.

Patrick Culkin Esq C.T.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Patrick T.  
Gannon, John Cunningham, John H.  
Begley, Michael O'Leary, and  
Charles H. Blake Esq



There were two tenders opened & considered for the putting up of Gas Devices in front of the Town Hall, viz. a Half Toned & Dog & Shamrocks for the purpose of being illuminated on the coming home of His Grace the Archbishop from Rome.

Mr. McKeam, Gasfitter, tendered at the sum of £ 1. 5. 0

Mr. Maher, Gasfitter, tendered at £ 1. 10. 0

On the motion of Mr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Gannon Mr. McKeam's tender was accepted

On the motion of Mr. Shine seconded by Mr. Cunningham it was agreed that Mr. Egan (Contractor) get £ 50 on account for making of concrete footpath at Galway Road, also that Mr. Egan get a sum of £ 100 on account for work at Town Hall building.

Proposed by Mr. Shine, seconded by Mr. Gannon & agreed to, that a new door be erected at principal entrance to Town Hall.

The following notices of motion were handed in

From June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1885.

Take notice that at the next monthly meeting of the Board, I will



Some members on my behalf will propose that a brick or stone weigh House be erected in place of the wooden one now existing.

L. A. Egan

Huam June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~~1885~~ / 85

Take notice that at the next Monthly Meeting of the Board I or some member on my behalf will propose that some action be taken in reference to personalities used towards the Chairman of the Board which appeared in the Huam Herald of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.

L. A. Egan

I hereby give notice that at next Monthly Meeting, I or some other member on my behalf will move that the Board at their then next Monthly Meeting will take into consideration the appointment of a fit & proper person to take charge of the several rooms in the Town Hall, and fixing a salary for such officer.

D. J. Yannon

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1885

Mr Egan proposed Mr. Shinn seconded and it was agreed to.

That the new bracket lamp be erected outside the Town Hall.



Mr. Egan (Town Hall Contractor) was directed to erect a Urinal in connection with the Water Closet off half-landing in Town Hall. Mr. Shine took the Chair for the purpose of signing a Cheque for rent of Temporary Board Room

The Board adjourned to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. to prepare an address of welcome to His Grace the Archbishop on his return from Rome

Adjourned Meeting Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.E.

presiding

Other Commissioners present  
Edward Canball, Michael Shine, Patrick J. Gannon, and Thomas A. Egan Esqs

Mr. Egan proposed Mr. Shine seconded and it was agreed to

that Mr. McKeenan do erect the lamp outside Town Hall, Mr. Maher having refused to do so, also that Mr. Charles J. Lynn lay said lamp for the sum of three shillings

Mr. Gannon suggested that the Chairman & Clerk do prepare the address of Welcome to His Grace, the Archbishop on his return from Rome.

The following is a copy of the address referred to, which was subsequently presented by the Chairman read and presented by the Chairman to His Grace the Archbishop on his arrival in Limerick.



Address of The Town Commissioners of Lismore  
 To His Grace, The Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly,  
 Lord Archbishop,  
 on his return from Rome July 1885.

May it please your Grace

We the Town Commissioners of Lismore, gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to welcome you back from Rome to the ancient city of Saint Iovlath - the Metropolis of our Province. We beg leave to greet you as our Spiritual Father who has discharged his sacred duties with zeal, that is ever regardless of self - a luminous evidence of which we possess in the lucid and instructive sermons that on each recurring Sunday and Holyday we hear from your lips. As Citizens of Lismore we thank you with heartfelt Gratitude for the labours and solicitude so freely devoted - and the sums of money expended - by you in beauty, beautifying and ornamenting our Cathedral. It is not often that refined taste can be bestowed on great works in our ecclesiastical edifices without some sacrifice of the comfort of the congregation, or the solidity of the structure. yet all the advantages here mentioned are harmoniously blended in the improvements you have brought to such a satisfactory conclusion.

As Irishmen who have the interest of our Country at heart and who regard her fair fame as a priceless National Gem, we congratulate your Grace for the acceptable assurances you have been able



to give, to the Sovereign Pontiff, of the  
healtly state of religion in this diocese,  
and the unbroken fidelity of Ireland to  
the Apostolic See - other frequent  
instances are not far to seek, that testify  
to your interest in our local welfare, as  
well as in the Common good of the  
Country; you ably presided over a meeting  
and subscribed a considerable sum of money  
to promote Railway Communication between  
Dublin and the North West. You were one  
of the first Ecclesiastics in Ireland to  
expose and denounce the insidious Govern-  
-ment project of emigrating our people;  
We believe that it is to your Grace  
is due the glory of crushing the odious  
scheme. Having endeavoured to stem  
the exhausting flow of Emigration, with  
practical consistency you gave support to  
"the Irish Land Settlement Company" established  
to provide comfortable holding for tenants  
from overcrowded districts.

We welcome you therefore  
as our father, our friend, and as our  
Archbishop who, by his virtues and  
noble services to Religion has imparted  
additional lustre to the famous See of  
Jarlath. We pray that you may be  
long spared to pacify and instruct your  
spiritual children.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Patrick Cullen, Chairman.

Patrick Edward

Town Clerk

After it was ordered to put a copy of the address  
on the Minutes. The Board adjourned.



Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

The usual Monthly Meeting was held to day

Patrick Sullivan Esq. C. J. B. presiding  
Other Commissioners present  
Richard J. Kelly, Michael Collins,  
Michael A. Macnamara, Lawrence Burke,  
Edward Carroll, Charles A. Blake, Martin  
J. Glynn, <sup>Solr</sup> Thomas A. Egan, Henry F.  
Concanon, Solicitor, John Cunningham and  
Patrick Lyons, and Patrick J. Lannon Esqrs

Mr Glynn having signed his  
declaration as a member of the Board  
took his seat.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
having been read and confirmed finance  
was examined, and cheques were signed.

There were two tenders for the printing  
and advertising contract opened and considered

Mr Connell, Lnam, tendered to execute  
all printing & advertising in connection  
with the business of the Board for Twelve  
months ~~for~~ at the sum of £18.

Mr O'Gook, Lnam, tendered to execute all  
the printing & advertising in connection  
with the business of the Board for Twelve  
months ~~for~~ <sup>at</sup> the sum of £13.

On the motion of Mr Shine,  
seconded by Mr Burke, Mr O'Gook's  
tender was accepted and is as follows



Herald Office  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Gentlemen

I beg to offer to do all the printing  
and advertising for your Board for Twelve  
Months at a sum of £13-

Yours truly  
J. P. Gole

The Town  
Commissioners

Mr Egan proposed in accordance  
with his notice of Motion handed in at  
an adjourned Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> Ult and  
Mr Shine seconded that a Committee  
be appointed to consult with Mr Egan  
(builder) as to plans & specification for the  
erection of a new Brick Weigh House.

The following members are to comprise  
the Committee. Messrs Blake, Gannon, Burke,  
Loyens, Egan and Shine, three to form a  
quorum.

Mr Egan proposed in accordance  
with his notice of Motion given in on the  
27 Ult and Mr Bourke seconded:-

That Mr Kelly be called  
upon to apologise to our Chairman for the  
personalities which he published in the  
"Herald" on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

A poll being taken on the above  
proposition there voted as follows

For Messrs Egan & Burke (2)

Against Messrs Gannon, Glynn, Macnamara  
and



and Shure (4)

Messrs Concanon, Carrall, Kelly and the Chairman declined to vote, and Messrs Blake, Cunningham & Boyous had left the room.

Mr Egan's motion was declared lost.

Mr Gannon adjourned his notice of motion <sup>which was</sup> given in an adjourned meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. <sup>to next Monday Meeting</sup> to take

Mr Gannon adjourns his notice of motion to take into consideration the appointment of a person to take charge of the several rooms in the Town Hall & fix a salary for such officer.

A letter was read from Messrs Chancellors & Son, Dublin, stating that the new clock for Town Hall would be finished this week and erected in the Tower as soon as possible.

There was an application from the Tolls Farmer to the Board for a reduction in his rent for Tolls and Customs, the letter was marked read.

There was a letter read from Messrs Monson & Robinson <sup>Dublin</sup>, asking the Board for an order for a fire proof safe & stating that they would make all prices subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

The Board made no order in the matter.

Ordered to advertise for



for contractors for whitewashing  
After which the Board adjourned

Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885.

Commissioners present.

Messrs Michael Shine, Charles  
H. Blake, and Patrick Lypus.

There not being a quorum there  
was no meeting held.

The meeting was adjourned to  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The usual Monthly Meeting was  
held to day.

Patrick Culkin Esq. C.T.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Patrick  
Lypus, John H. Begley, John Cunningham,  
Michael Shine, Edward Corbell, and  
Lawrence Burke Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
having been read and confirmed, financial  
was examined.



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Mr Gannon's notice of motion, to consider the appointment of a person to take charge of the several rooms in the Town Hall, and fix a salary for such office, was on the motion of Mr Stone further adjourned to next Monthly Meeting.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Lopus, and seconded by Mr Egan was unanimously passed:

Resolved:—

That we the Town Commissioners of Luan take this our first opportunity to protest against the Resolution of the Grand Jury of this County in approving of Paul Spencer's conduct during his vice-royalty which was fraught with such manifold evils to this Country

And that we also protest against non-electors and non-representative Bodies such as the Grand Juries assessing and approving large and ruinous taxes to which they do not contribute a just proportion, and that a reform in the Constitution of such Bodies is imperatively required in the interests of both Luan and Country.

Ordered that copies of the above resolution be sent to the "Luan Herald," "Luan News," "Freeman's Journal," "United Ireland" & "Galway Vindicator," also that a copy be forwarded to Mr Parnell & Mr ordered to write to Mr Townsend C.B. requesting the full amount in detail certified to date, also the bill of extras, & requesting his presence at



at a meeting on Monday next, in order to square  
up with the Town Hall Contractor.  
The signing of cheques, the consideration  
of tenders for whitewashing & a further  
aid of mortgage to the Board of Works  
& some bills and other matters were adjourned  
to tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12.06 noon

The Board then adjourned.  
adjourned meeting

Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1885

Patrick Culpin Esq C.F.B.

presiding  
Other Commissioners present.

Thomas D. Egan, Patrick  
Logan, Michael O'Shine, John Cunningham  
John F. Reagley, Patrick J. Lannon &  
Lawrence Burke Esq

Mr Egan (Town Hall Contractor)  
got a cheque for £50 on account for  
work done at Town Hall, out of balance  
due as per Architects Certificate

Mr Egan (Town Hall Contractor)  
got a cheque for £50 on account of  
Balance <sup>of £78</sup> due as per Architects Certificate,  
for work executed at Town Hall.

The following tenders for whitewashing  
were opened and considered.

John Hogan, Linnam, tendered to white-  
wash the plumbles &c as per advertisement  
for the sum of £2<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>0</sup>.

Patt McAnagle, Linnam, tendered for the  
above work for the sum of £2<sup>0</sup> 0<sup>0</sup>



Patt McAugh's tender was accepted and is as follows

Bishop Street Lham  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

The Chairman  
of Lower Commissioners, Lham.

I hereby propose and agree to whitewash the shambles and walls as per advertisement & subject to inspection for the sum of £2000, and name as my sureties Michael Dwyer vicar street and John Selke, Bishop Street, both of Lham

signed

Names of sureties Patt McAugh  
Michael Dwyer John Selke

~~Some of the bills he holds over to Monday next 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. ~~are read at meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.~~~~

After the signing of cheques for salaries &

The Board adjourned to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Adjourned Meeting } Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 1885

The only members present being Mr Cunningham and the Chairman, there was no meeting held.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Patrick Shood  
Lower Clerk



adjourned }  
Meeting } Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1885.

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.S.  
presiding

Other Commisrs present.  
Lawrence Burke, John  
Cunningham, Thomas A. Egan, and  
John F. Begley Esqs

The Bills held over from last Monday  
meeting were further adjourned to next Monday  
morning.

Mr Lyons proposed, Mr Burke  
seconded and it was unanimously agreed  
to.

That the Board do approve of forwarding  
a petition to Parliament for the extension  
of the accelerated mail service to the  
County of Mayo.

Ordered to have three hundred  
large posters printed and distributed  
through the County directing the attention  
of buyers to the import of September  
Bone Flour to come off <sup>in August</sup> on the 10<sup>th</sup> of next  
month.

Ordered to advertise the letting  
of the Tolls and Customs for the ensuing year  
to come off on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September next.  
Form of advertisement to be the same as last year.

It was agreed that a Committee  
of the Board do meet the directors of  
the Gas Company on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> inst  
for the purpose of arranging the lighting  
contract for the ensuing year. That  
members of the Board do form a quorum.



1885.  
C. G. B.

The following letter was read from Mr. Townsend and ordered to be put on the minutes.

13<sup>th</sup> August 1885.  
Galway

Sir

Please inform the Commissioners that I examined the Town Hall last week & as there were yet some items not yet complete I did not take it up from the Contractor. I gave the Contractor a certificate for an instalment which I think the Commissioners may safely pay as I have retained a substantial sum until the building is completed and the accounts laid out as arranged.

Until the work is quite finished it would be impossible to square accounts; under these circumstances I think it would be useless for me to go to Lismore until Mr. Egan is ready to give up the building complete.

Your obedient servant  
Edward Townsend

The Clerk  
of the Lismore Town Board

Proposed by Mr. Begley, seconded by Mr. Burke & Resolved  
That Mr. Townsend be informed of the amount paid to Mr. Egan Town Hall Contractor.

The Board then adjourned.



Meeting of Committee for the purpose of  
arranging the Gas Lighting Contract of the Town for  
ensuing year.

Patrick Culpin Esq C.T.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

Lawrence Burke, Michael  
Shine and Thomas a Egan Esqs

James McDonnell Esq Director  
and John Murphy Esq Secretary Gas Co  
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 £400.00 be deducted from last  
year's Contract for same.

ordered that the lamp at the Lark  
market gate be changed to the opposite  
side, also that the lamp at the first  
bridge Bishop Street be changed.

The following are the terms agreed  
on between the Commissioners & Gas Company  
as to the public lighting for the ensuing  
year.

29 Lamps at £20.00 per lamp,  
the 2 lamps on the Chapel Road at 25/-  
each, that 29 to be lighted from the 24<sup>th</sup>  
August 1885 to the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1886 both inclusive  
to be extinguished at 11 O'clock each night  
except 8 lamps which are to be left out till  
daybreak and on dark nights throughout  
the year said nights to be defined by the  
Town Inspector, he to call on the Gas  
Company's servant in reference to same



the 2 lamps on the Chapel Road to be lighted on Saturday and Sunday nights and if required for any special defotions during the year, to be lighted by the Parish Clerk.

The lamps to be given in good order to the Gas Company, said Company to put them up and keep them glazed to light, extinguish and keep them during the time, also take them down when necessary and give them up properly glazed and have them all lighted each evening at dusk and for the amount specified.

ordered that the lamps be painted.

The Meetings Separately.

Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1885 -

The usual monthly meeting was held to day.

Patrick Culkin Esq. C.T.B. presiding other Commissioners present

Richard J. Kelly, Henry J. Loucanon Esq., Patrick Lyons, Patrick B. Lannon, Charles H. Blake, Michael H. Macnamara

The Minutes of the meetings of the month previous having been read and confirmed, finance was examined. Amount due to Treasurer £111.8

Mr. Lannon's notice of motion relative to the appointment of a person to take charge of the several several rooms in the Town Hall, was further adjourned to next monthly meeting.



ordered  
There was a cheque for £7<sup>2</sup> 2<sup>9</sup>, balance due as per Architect's Certificate to Town Hall Contractor ~~the~~ ordered Chairman to hold same over till the Town Hall is finished.

ordered to request Mr. Townsend C. to inspect the Hall on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst with a view to taking up same from the Contractor.

There was a cheque for £54 0 0 given to Mr. Patrick Pelguam Merchant in full discharge of his claim upon the Board for all loss damage and inconvenience occasioned to him and his premises in connection with the recent rebuilding of the Town Hall in the years 83-84 & 85.

Mr. Pelguam's original claim was for £37 15 0.

There was a letter read from Thomas Balan (Toll Farmer) asking the Board for an abatement in <sup>his duty for</sup> the present years Tolls & Customs; the letter was marked read. There was also a bill from the Toll Farmer for <sup>the sum of</sup> £1 10 0 cost of publishing the pig markets.

The Board declined paying the said above Bill.

The following tender for the making of an iron lamp bracket, from John Silke (Smith) Swan, was accepted by the Board.

To the Chairman  
of Town Hall Commissioners  
Sir — I propose to make a new  
Iron



111  
Iron Lamp Bracket for the sum of 12/6

John Gilke

Bishop Street Lismore

7/9/85

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Kelly and seconded by the Chairman was unanimously passed

That considering the great extent of destitution that exists in this town principally for the want of decent dwellings for the poor and labouring classes, we now beg as ratepayers to call upon the Board of Guardians of the Lismore Union to at once put into force the salutary provisions of the Labourers Act of last session and by means of that beneficent measure provide for the miserable rack-rented cottiers striving to exist in the hovels which abound in this town, comfortable accommodation and a plot of ground upon which they can raise some crops for their subsistence. We believe the necessities of the case most urgent and pressing and we hope therefore no time will be lost in putting the Act into operation.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Guardians and the two local Guardians.

It was agreed that a representative of the Board to wait on the Board of Guardians at their Meeting on Wednesday next with a view to pressing on the subject of the foregoing Resolution.



The following notice of motion was  
given by Mr Lyons

Board Room, Town Hall, Limerick  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

To The Chairman

Take notice that I, or some  
member on my behalf, shall propose at  
the next Monthly Meeting, to rescind the  
act of the Board of the \_\_\_\_\_; and  
that the proposed Jews Room in the  
Town Hall be not given to the supposed  
members thereof until they refund the  
money to the Commissioners which they  
charged them for the holding of a few  
occasional meetings in their present Room.

"Patk Lyons"

The Chairman gave the following notice  
of motion

Board Room, Limerick  
7<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

Take notice that I or some member  
on my behalf will move at our next  
Monthly Meeting that a lamp be erected  
and lighted at the entrance to the  
Priests Well on the Ballygaddy Road

signed

P. Culpin

By Patrick Blawood Esq  
Town Clerk

Ordered that the proper notices  
be issued previous to the coming presentment  
Sessions



with a view to making an  
sessions for an application at said sessions  
for the ~~making~~ of a gravel footpath on the  
Hall Lane, and a flagged footpath  
opposite <sup>in front of</sup> Mr Laurence Burke's houses from  
Lower vicar Street Lane

~~There was a cheque ordered to  
Mr William Daniel, Dublin, to the amount of  
£33..19..0 for Gasaliers meters & piping  
supplied for Town Hall~~

~~also a cheque to Messrs Muller &  
John Galway, to the amount of £34..8..11  
for supplying marble mantel pieces to Town Hall  
& labour in setting same.~~

~~All cheques having been signed  
together with <sup>allowance</sup> for officers salaries &  
labour.~~

~~The Board adjourned to Monday  
14<sup>th</sup> Inst after having signed cheques  
for salaries &c~~

Special Meeting  
for setting of Falls & Customs

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

Patrick Culkin Esq C.T.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present

Laurence Burke, Patrick Boyce,  
John F. Begley, Martin J. Glynn Esq,  
Michael Kephine, John Cunningham,  
Patrick J. Gannon and Edward Carroll  
Esqrs

There was one tender for the Falls  
and Customs before the Board, from Mr Thomas  
Kolan, Sham, at the sum of £570..0..0



Mr. Glynn proposed Mr. Carroll seconded  
and it was passed unanimously  
That Mr. Rolan's tender  
be accepted:

The tender is as follows

Tram 11<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

The Chairman

The Tram Town Commissioners

S. Gentlemen

I propose and agree to take  
the Tolls and Customs of the Borough  
of Tram from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty  
five to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty six  
as advertised, and I offer for same  
the sum of Five Hundred and Ten  
pounds sterling, payable as advertised,  
and I offer for my sureties for the  
due fulfillment of same James Rolan  
Tram, Wm Keefe, Dunmore, Patt Tierney  
and J<sup>r</sup> Tierney both of Belmont whose  
names are undersigned

Respectfully yours obedient  
Thomas Rolan

We the undersigned will become  
sureties for Thomas Rolan for the above  
James Rolan, Tram.  
William Keefe, Dunmore,  
Patt Tierney, Belmont,  
J<sup>r</sup> Tierney, Belmont.

The following was also attached  
to the tender



The Chairman  
The Luan Town Commissioners  
Gentlemen

I will become surety to the Luan Town Commissioners for Thomas Nolan for the Falls and Customs of the Borough of Luan for the ensuing year

Daniel Corcoran  
Ballinterry  
11<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

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

Notice

To be let

The Falls and Customs of the Borough of Luan to be let on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> September next, from 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1885, to 28<sup>th</sup> September 1886.

The terms of payment to be as follows - The Fall 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> January, 1886; the second on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March; the third on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May; the fourth on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; and the fifth on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, in same year.

The Tenders and Seals offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, willing to



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 Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender.

The Contractor or Tenant declared will have to fulfil the conditions required by the Board, and to pay shall legal expenses, which will be explained by the Clerk.

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

By order of the Commissioners  
Patrick Elwood  
Town Clerk

Commissioners Office Lismore  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The Board adjourned

Adjourned Meeting } Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Patrick Culpin Esq C.T. presiding  
Other Commissioners present.

Richard J. Kelly, Michael O'Hine,  
John Cunningham and Edward Carroll Esqs.

The following letter from Mr. Leonard C.T.  
was read.



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Queen's College, Galway,  
11<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

Sir

I have been away in England for a month and hence the delay in answering your letters. Please inform the Chairman and Commissioners of the Town Board that I will go to Lismore on Wednesday next the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst., and take up the Town Hall from the Contractor if it is finished.

I remain Sir

your obedient servant  
Edward Townsend

The Clerk of the  
Town Commissioners, Lismore.

There was a communication from the Local Government Board stating that they had recommended the Commissioners of the Public Works to issue to the Town Commissioners the sum of £200 being the final instalment of the loan of £800 sanctioned for the purpose of completing the Town Hall in Lismore.

The following letter was read from Mr Morris, Clerk of Lismore Union.

Post Law Office, Lismore  
12<sup>th</sup> September 1885.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant in reference to Labourers Dwellings, having been under consideration of the Board of Guardians of this Union, at their meeting on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst., I am directed  
to



to transmit to you, for the information of  
the Board of Town Commissioners, the enclosed  
copy of a Minute unanimously agreed to,  
by the Guardians in relation to the subject.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

J. Morris

Clerk of Union

Patrick Elwood Esq  
From Board Commissioners  
Lisam

The annexed is a copy of the Minute  
referred to in Mr Morris' letter.

Lisam Union

Board Room, Lisam,  
9<sup>th</sup> September 1885

The letter of the Clerk of the Town  
Commissioners of Lisam in reference to the  
Labourers Dwellings Act, having been this  
day before the Guardians, and the subject  
thereof considered, the following Minute  
was unanimously adopted.

The Lisam Board of Guardians  
have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of the Resolution of the Lisam Town Commis-  
sioners - The Guardians would be happy  
if the Commissioners themselves, would  
become the Sanitary Authority, and thus  
carry into effect the Labourers Act.

If however, the  
Commissioners do not elect to undertake  
this responsibility, the Guardians will  
be ready to carefully consider any scheme  
that the Commissioners may propose,

and



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and the Guardians beg to point out, that the opportunities of the Town Commissioners for inquiry into this subject, are very superior, to those of the Poor Law Guardians, so far as the Town of Guam is concerned.

I Morris

Clerk of Union

After some discussion on the foregoing:

Mr Kelly proposed, Mr Shine seconded and it was passed unanimously.

The Guam Town Commissioners beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolution of the Guam Board of Guardians respecting their request that they construct suitable and sufficient dwellings for the labouring classes in this town, and in reply the Commissioners beg to state that they respectfully consider the action of the Guardians as unsatisfactory and evasive. The Board can't not, under the present circumstances, adopt the Act as they are not the sanitary authority and the delay consequent upon obtaining a Provisional Order from Parliament would be a practical adjournment of this very pressing case, for at least a twelvemonth.

In view of the great destitution of the labourers of the town we consider the prompt operation of the Act as most urgent and pressing, and at present the duty and obligation  
of



of the Union Board, which Authority,  
we trust will not further neglect  
or delay taking action in this important  
matter.

The following Memorial prepared  
by the Board's solicitor was forwarded  
to His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant

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to

His Excellency

The Lord Lieutenant

May it please your Excellency

The Memorial of the  
undersigned Towns <sup>Improvement</sup> Commissioners of the  
Borough of Llan Aberty Isyllt

That the rights to the  
tolls and Customs of the fairs and markets  
of the Borough of Llan were confirmed  
conferred by two Patents one dated the 30<sup>th</sup>  
of March 1673 in the Reign of King James  
the First and the other dated the 10<sup>th</sup>  
October 1716 in the Reign of King George  
the Third on the Sovereign and free  
Burgesses of said Borough and their  
successors for ever and the power to hold  
fairs at stated times of the year was given  
by said Patents

That Memorialists as successors  
of the before mentioned body consisting of a  
Chairman and fourteen Commissioners con-  
stituted under the Towns Improvement Ireland  
Act of 1884 seeing the great necessity for  
establishing five additional fairs to be  
held within said Borough on the following  
days in each succeeding year that is to  
say 20<sup>th</sup> January 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May,  
6<sup>th</sup> August & 13<sup>th</sup> November, respectfully



The following was read from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in answer to a Memorial from the Board praying for the establishment of five additional fairs in the town

Dublin Castle

7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1885.

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of a Memorial of the 31<sup>st</sup> August signed by the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Luan praying for the establishment of five additional fairs annually in that town, and to acquaint you in reply for the information of the Memorialists, that the establishment of new or additional fairs can only be authorised by Letters Patent.

For this purpose it would be necessary that a Memorial should be addressed to the Lord Lieutenant by the owner or owners of existing fairs in the locality - a preliminary fee of £15. 15. 0 to accompany such Memorial.

In the event of Letters Patent being granted, further fees are payable thereon amounting to about £70.

No right is now given to levy tolls.

I am, Sir,  
your obedient servant

W. B. Kaye

The Town Clerk  
Luan

The Board adjourned.



Special Meeting (By Requisition) } Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1885

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.B.  
presiding

Other Commissioners present  
Richard J. Kelly, Richard ~~the~~ Michael O'Shine,  
John Cunningham, Thomas A. Egan, Martin  
J. Elynn <sup>Esq</sup>, Edward Carroll and Laurence  
Purke Esqs

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

Lucan 16<sup>th</sup> September 1885

We the undersigned Town Commissioners  
request that you will call a meeting of  
the Board for Monday next at the  
hour of 12 o'clock noon for the purpose  
of considering Mr Townsend's report on  
the extras of the Town Hall building  
Signed

Patrick Cullen C.F.B.  
Edward Carroll F.B.  
Martin J. Elynn F.B.  
Mr. H. Macnamara F.B.  
T. A. Egan F.B.  
J. Cunningham F.B.

To  
The Town Clerk  
Lucan

The following letter  
was read from Mr Townsend C.F.B.  
(architect of the Town Hall.



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Queen's College  
Galway 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1885

Sir  
I have gone most minutely into Mr Egan's account in reference to the Larkem Town Hall and I now enclose full details in connection with the deductions and extras from the Contract.

A few minor items are still to be completed and for these I have deducted or retained a sum of £9<sup>00</sup>0<sup>00</sup> -

The total amount now due to Mr Egan after deducting the above £9 is £100<sup>00</sup>2<sup>00</sup>. I have much pleasure in stating that Mr Egan has executed the work in a very substantial and satisfactory manner, and that he has shown great fairness in settling his account for extra work.

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant  
Edward Townsend

The Clerk of the  
Larkem Town Commissioners

The Board having carefully considered Mr Townsends details in connection with the deductions <sup>from</sup> and extras of the Town Hall Contract, were of opinion that a sum of £28<sup>00</sup>13<sup>00</sup>0 for deductions should ~~be~~ <sup>have</sup> been £41<sup>00</sup>3<sup>00</sup>0 which would lessen the amount due to the Contractor by <sup>a sum of</sup> £12<sup>00</sup>10<sup>00</sup>0. It was agreed that



Mr Egan (the Contractor) get a cheque  
for £75.0.0 on account.

The Clerk to write to  
Mr Townsend for an explanation of the matter.

ordered that a plan for the  
erection of a stage in the Town Hall,  
sent by Mr Charles Cooke (Town Hall Manager), be  
given to Mr Egan (Town Hall Contractor)  
for the purpose of having said stage  
erected.

The Board then adjourned.

Special Meeting }  
By Requisition } Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1885

Commissioners present

Michael Shine, Richard J.  
Kelly, Patrick J. Gannon, Michael A. Macnamara,  
John Cunningham, and Martin J. Glynn  
Esqs

After the lapse of a quarter of an  
hour

After an interval of a quarter of  
an hour

Mr Gannon proposed Mr Glynn  
seconded and it was unanimously Resolved

That Mr Michael Shine do take  
the Chair and preside at this meeting

Mr Shine then took the Chair.

The Chairman of the Board  
having arrived at 12 - 20 P.M. was asked to  
take the Chair but refused to do so and  
said he protested against the holding of  
the



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the meeting as he considered same illegal,  
he then left the room.

Mr. Lyons handed in a document  
of which the following is a copy, and  
subsequently left the room.

Board Room  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> / 85

To, The Town Clerk

I protest against your  
holding this special meeting in as  
much as my notice of motion is  
not disposed of as yet and which  
is to come off at next monthly meeting

Pat<sup>h</sup> Lyons

The document was deemed  
informal and not accepted by the  
Board

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

To, P. Slood

Clerk of Town Board  
Tuam

We ~~the~~ request that a special  
meeting of the Board Tuam Town  
Commissioners be called for Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 1885 in order to take  
into consideration the expediency of  
handing over the News Room to the  
members thereof in accordance with  
an



an unanimous resolution of the Board  
passed 1<sup>st</sup> June - 85

dated this 17<sup>th</sup> September 1885

signed: -

Richard J. Kelly F.B.  
Michael Shinn F.B.  
John Cunningham F.B.  
John F. Begley F.B.  
Martin J. Glynn F.B.  
P. J. Gannon F.B.  
Lawrence Burke F.B.  
Edward Carroll F.B.  
Mr. H. Macnamara F.B.  
J. A. Egan F.B.

The following Resolution proposed  
by Mr Kelly and seconded by Mr Gannon  
was unanimously passed

I propose that the News Room,  
as described on the plan now before  
the Board, be now given to the  
Secretary and members thereof in  
accordance with a Resolution of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> June proposed after due notice  
by Mr Lyons F.B. and unanimously  
agreed to at that Meeting.

and that we now in  
accordance with the express wish of  
twelve members out of fourteen who  
constitute this Board do hand over  
said Room for the purpose intended.  
signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1885

Richard J. Kelly F.B.  
P. J. Gannon F.B.

passed unanimously

Michael Shinn, Presiding Chairman

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1885



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The following Resolution proposed by  
Mr Glyn, and seconded by Mr Macnamara  
was unanimously passed.

I propose that in compliance  
with the Resolution proposed by Mr Kelly,  
seconded by Mr Gannon and unanimously  
adopted on this day, that the books  
papers and other property of the members  
of the Loan Reading Room be now  
placed in the new News Room in the  
Town Hall to be in future kept there  
and that the Room be declared open  
to the members thereof

Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1885  
Martin Jos Glyn F.R.S.  
M. H. Macnamara F.R.S.

Passed unanimously

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1885-

Michael O'Shine

Presiding Chairman

The Board then adjourned

Special Meeting  
By Requisition } Monday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1885-

The following is the requisition  
calling the meeting.

Loan 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1885

To, The Town Clerk  
Loan

Sir

You are requested to call a Special  
Meeting of the Board for Monday next



28<sup>th</sup> Inst, at the hour of 12 O'Clock noon,  
for the purpose of effecting an  
arrangement with the Gas Company  
for the lighting of the Town Hall and  
Town Clock

signed

Michael Shine F.C.

John Cunningham F.C.

Mr. H. Macnamara F.C.

Richard J. Kelly F.C.

P. J. Lannon F.C.

Martin J. Glynn F.C.

The only member present being  
Mr Shine, there was no meeting held.

Mr Shine adjourned the meeting  
to Monday next.

Patrick Gwood  
Town Clerk



Borough of Luan  
 In the County of Galway to wit.

Election of five Commissioners for the Borough  
 of Luan, in the County Galway.

Take notice

That an election of five Commissioners  
 will be held for the Borough of Luan on the  
 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, next, in said Borough in room  
 of Messrs Martin J. Glynn, Solicitor; Henry J. Conroy,  
 Solicitor; Patrick J. Gannon, Richard J. Kelly, and  
 Charles H. Blake who retire by rotation but  
<sup>who</sup> 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  
 & surnames of the persons nominated with  
 their respective places of abode & 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 Luan, 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 calling. 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 next.

Patrick Colwood  
Town Clerk

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885  
Copies of the foregoing <sup>were</sup> duly  
posted up on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst  
James J. O'K



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Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

The usual Monthly Meeting was held to day

Patrick Culkin Esq C.F.F.

presiding

Other Commissioners present

John F. Begley, Edward Carroll, Michael Collins, Patrick J. Gannon, Thomas A. Egan, Patrick Lyons, and Richard J. Kelly Esqs

The minutes of the meetings held during the past month having been read

The Chairman declined signing those the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of said meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of said month, he not having been the chairman who presided at said meeting.

The Chairman having signed the minutes of the meetings held previous to the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo.

Mr Shine, on the motion of Mr Gannon, seconded by Mr Egan, then took the chair and signed the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo

Finance was then examined and cheques were signed.

Mr Gannon proposed it and it was duly seconded and unanimously agreed to

That Bernard McHugh (Town Inspector) be appointed to take charge of the several Rooms in the Town Hall temporarily



did not put  
Mr. Lyons, ~~withdrew~~ his notice of motion  
given in at previous monthly meeting, as  
sufficient notice of same was not given  
in the circular convening this days  
meeting

in accordance with his notice of motion  
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded  
by Mr. Steine & resolved.

That a lamp be erected  
and lighted at the entrance to the  
priests well on the Ballygaddy Road.

Messrs Edward O'Donnell & Patrick  
Waldron were appointed enumerators for  
the coming October fairs, the Town  
Inspector Pto keep the streets clear as  
usual during the three days fair.

All Bills & letters held over  
to adjourned meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Inst

The Board adjourned to Monday  
12<sup>th</sup> Inst



Adjourned Meeting } Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> 1885

Patrick Culpin Esq C.F.S. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Thomas A Egan, Michael O'Shine,  
John Cunningham, Edward Carroll,  
J Martin G. Glynn & Patrick J Gannon,  
Esqs

All Bills and letters were  
further adjourned to next monthly  
meeting.

Proposed by Mr Gannon,  
seconded by the Chairman & Resolved  
that the tariff to be charged  
for the use of the Hall to Theatrical  
Companies be as follows

£ 1.. 1.. 0 for first right and  
10s 6d for every additional right.

That £- be charged for the  
use of the Chairs each right, any  
chairs damaged to be paid for

Gas light to be given free of  
charge.

The additional Insurance on  
necessary for scenic performances  
to be arranged before Mr Charles Cooke's  
Theatrical Co arrives on the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst

10s 6d to be charged to  
auctioneers for each <sup>day</sup> the Hall is occupied  
by same.

(Builder)  
Mr Egan proposed to pane the  
passage under the Reading Room along  
the



the rear of the Town Hall for the  
sum of £16.0.0 or 1/6 per superficial  
yard

ordered to advertise for Contractors  
for the above work

The following letter was  
read from Mr. Egan (Builder)

Tram October 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

Gentlemen

With reference to the houses  
in Tower I beg to say that I have  
carried out the instructions given by  
Mr. Townsend the day he made his  
final inspection.

I am Gentlemen

Your obedient servant  
Thomas Egan

A letter from Mr. Egan (Town Hall  
Contractor) asking for compensation for  
losses sustained in his Contract for Town  
Hall, was adjourned to next Monthly  
Meeting.

Mr. Shine gave in the following  
notice of motion in reference to same.

Tram October 12<sup>th</sup> 85

Take notice that I or some  
member on my behalf will at the  
next Monthly Meeting move that the  
letter of Mr. Thomas Egan (Contractor)  
applying for compensation, be taken  
into consideration.

signed:-

Michael Shine.



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Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded  
by Mr Egan & unanimously resolved

That we the Luan Town Commissioners  
in meeting assembled viewing with disquietude  
and alarm the gloomy outlook in the condition  
of things at present in the country, because  
principally of the great depression in the prices  
of all agricultural produce, the staple source  
of wealth or use to our fellow countrymen  
respectfully but earnestly call upon the  
land-owners in Galway to give to their tenants  
this year an abatement in their rents  
proportionate to the depression of the times in  
order to enable them to tide over what appears  
to us will be an exceptionally severe winter.  
J. A. Egan Signed Patrick Gannon

Proposed by Mr Cunningham Seconded  
by Mr Gannon & unanimously resolved.

That we as Town Commissioners  
of the town are the local representatives  
of the People of the town and as such  
should concern ourselves with the wants  
& necessities of the People within the townships,  
we hereby resolve that the landlords and  
all concerned in house property in  
Luan be asked to amicably arrange  
the rents in accordance with the condition  
of the depressed times and either by  
arbitration, or otherwise & we call <sup>upon</sup> the  
local National League to take this matter  
into their earnest consideration  
Patrick Gannon Signed John Cunningham

Ordered that copies of the above resolutions  
be sent to the Board of Guardians.



The following letter was received from  
Mr Brady.

Guam 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1885

To the Chairman Town Commissioners

Sir

In accordance with the orders I received from your Board last Wednesday week I kept the four dials of the Clock illuminated every night & until six every morning up to the end of September. I observed by the meter that the consumption of gas did not exceed 100 feet per night. So that during the seven months having short nights the consumption of gas will be less & I can undertake to keep the 4 dials illuminated at a cost of nine or ten pounds per annum.

I hope you will kindly order a ladder to be put to the clock from the hall of the temperance room as I wont be able to get into the clock whenever there are meetings, plays, or bazaars held in the Board room.

Yours respectfully  
E Brady.

Mr Green Builder got directions to make the trap door referred to in Mr Brady's letter, also to make a wicket in Town Hall gate.

The Gas contract for lighting of Town Hall was adjourned to next meeting.

The Board then adjourned.



The following nomination papers were handed in.

Town of Luan

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Luan or Township of Luan to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885.

Nomination Paper

I the undersigned J. A. Egan of Luan, in the County of Galway, being entitled to vote in the Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Luan, do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as Commissioner for the said Borough

Surname	Other names	Abode	Rank, Profession or occupation
Dohilly	James	Luan	Merchant

Signed: - J. A. Egan

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885

Dohilly, James, Luan, Merchant was also nominated by Patrick Cullen in like form

Hard, Martin, C. Luan Merchant was nominated by J. A. Egan and Patrick Cullen in like form



McHugh Patrick, Luam Merchant was  
nominated by Patrick Cullen and L. A. Egan  
in like form

MacPhelim John, Luam, Newspaper Proprietor,  
was nominated by Patrick Cullen in like  
form.

Bodkin, Thomas, Luam, Medical Doctor,  
was nominated by Patrick Cullen and  
L. A. Egan in like form.

Glynn Martin J. Dublin Road Luam, Solicitor,  
was nominated by L. A. Egan, Michael C.  
Shine and Michael Burke in like form.

Concanon Henry J. Circular Road Luam,  
Solicitor, was nominated by Samuel  
McKeegan and Michael Shine in like form.

Blake Charles H. Shop Street, Luam, Brewer  
and Farmer, was nominated by Francis  
Keane, Michael Shine, and Michael Burke  
in like form

Gannon Patrick J. Fullinodaly Road, Luam,  
Farmer, was nominated by Francis Keane,  
and Michael Shine in like form.

Kelly Richard J. Dublin Road, Luam,  
Newspaper Proprietor, was nominated by  
Michael Shine, Michael Burke &  
John Cunningham in like form

Costello Patrick J. Foster Place, Luam  
Commission Agent and Commercial Traveller  
was nominated by James Killy, Patrick  
Naughton, and P. L. Gannon in like  
form.



# Notice of Nomination Town of Luam

## Election of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Luam, hereby give notice that the Christian Names and Surnames of the persons nominated for Election as Commissioners for the said Town & Borough of Luam and their respective places of abode and description and the names of the parties nominating them are as follow:—

Surnames	Other Names	Places of persons nominated	Description of persons nominated	Names of persons by whom nominated
Robilly	James	Luam	Merchant	L.A. Egan & Patk Culkin
Ward	Martin C	Luam	Merchant	L.A. Egan & Patk Culkin
McHugh	Patrick	Luam	Merchant	Patrick Culkin & L.A. Egan
MacShelphie	John	Luam	Newspaper Proprietor	Patk Culkin
Bodkin	Thomas	Luam	Medical Doctor	Patk Culkin & L.A. Egan
Glynn	Martin E	Dublin Rd Luam	Solicitor	L.A. Egan Wm Cline & Wm Burke
Concanon	Henry E	Arundel Rd Luam	Solicitor	Saml Jackson & Wm Burke
Blake	Charles H	Shop St Luam	Brewer and Farmer	Francis Keane Wm Cline and Wm Burke
Gannon	Patk J	Tullinaddy Rd Luam	Farmer	Francis Keane & Michl Cline



Kelly	Richard	Dublin	Newspaper	Mr. O'Connell
		RD Linn	Proprietor	Burke & Geo Canning
Castello	Patk J	Hostel Plac	Commission	James Cahilly
		Linn	agent of	Patk Langton
			Commercial	J. P. J. Linn
			Traveller	

### Notice

Notice is hereby given that the above election will be held in the Town Hall Linn on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October Just.

Polling Booth to open at 9<sup>th</sup> am. & close at 4 o'c. P. M.

signed

Patrick Blood  
Town Clerk

Dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 1885.

The foregoing was posted up on the 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Just.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1885.

The Election of Commissioners was not held to day, said Election was adjourned to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Just by the advice of the Boards who informed the Chairman that the notice given of the Candidates nominated was too short as it should have been posted in the public places of the town, two clear days before the holding of the Election, in accordance with the acts of Parliament bearing on the matter.



The following notice was then posted by direction of the Boards Solicitor, outside the polling place and in the Market square.

Borough of Lham

Take notice that the Election of five Commissioners which was fixed for this day, stands adjourned to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Inst.

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 1885

Patrick Culkin C.P.S.  
Returning Officer

Patrick Shwood  
Town Clerk

To all whom it may concern.

Notice of adjournment of Election of Commissioners to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct Inst.

Town of Lham Election of Commissioners

We the undersigned being the Chairman and Town Clerk for the said Town of Lham, hereby give notice that the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated for Election of Commissioners for the said Town & Borough of Lham, and their respective places of abode and description & the names of the persons nominating them are as follow:-



Surnames	Other Names	Places of abode of persons nominated	Description of persons nominated	Names of persons by whom nominated
Hobilly	James	Lisacm	Merchant	J. A. Egan & Patk Culkin
Ward	Martin C	Lisacm	Merchant	J. A. Egan & Patk Culkin
McHugh	Patrick	Lisacm	Merchant	Patk Culkin & J. A. Egan
MacPhelan	John	Lisacm	Newspaper Proprietor	Patk Culkin
Robkin	Thomas	Lisacm	Medical Doctor	Patk Culkin & J. A. Egan
Glynn	Martin J	Dublin Road Lisacm	Solicitor	J. A. Egan J. Collins & J. Burke
Concanon	Henry J	Circle Rd Lisacm	Solicitor	Samuel McEgan & J. Collins
Blake	Charles H.	Shop Street Lisacm	Brewer & Farmer	Francis Keane J. Collins & J. Burke
Gannon	Patrick J	Fullinaddy Rd Lisacm	Farmer	Francis Keane & J. Collins
Kelly	Richard J.	Dublin Rd Lisacm	Newspaper Proprietor	J. Collins J. Burke & J. Cunningham
Castillo	Patk J.	Postal Place Lisacm	Commission Agent & Commercial Traveller	Jos Malibelly Patk Kaughan & P. J. Somers

### Notice

Notice is hereby given that the above election has been adjourned from the 15th Inst., and will be held pursuant to adjournment in the



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the Town Hall Room on Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> of October Inst.

Polling will take place on  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, and  
Polling Booth will open at 9 o'clock  
A.M. and close at 4 o'clock P.M.

Signed

Patrick Culkin C.T.B.  
Returning Officer

Patrick Shood  
Town Clerk

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 1885.

The foregoing was duly advertised  
in one of the local papers, and  
placarded in the public thorough-  
fares of the Town on the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1885.

Whereby the whole of the  
Candidates went to the Poll on  
Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October  
1885.

Patrick Culkin Esq. Chairman of  
the Board opened the Booth at 9 o'clock  
A.M. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct 1885.  
I closed same at 4 o'clock P.M. on same  
day.

The Ballot Papers being taken  
out of the Box & Counted the number  
of votes for each Candidate is as  
follows

Charles H. Blake	37
Thos. Bodkin	54
Henry J. Concannon	33



Patrick J. Costello	26
Martin J. Glynn	23
Paul J. Gannon	28
Richard J. Kelly	12
Patrick McHugh	50
John MacPhillin	43
Das Robilly	48
Martin C. Ward	50

The Chairman declared the following gentlemen duly elected (they) being the highest on the list

Notice of Candidates Elected  
Town of Luan  
Election of Commissioners

I the undersigned being the returning officer for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town of Luan, 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
Bodkin Thomas	Dublin Rd	Medical Doctor
McHugh Patrick	High Street	Merchant
Ward Martin C	Near St	Merchant
Robilly James	Dublin Rd	Merchant
MacPhillin John	Shop Street	Newspaper Proprietor

Signed: -

Patrick Calkin C. J. B.  
Returning Officer

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1885.



Copies of the foregoing were posted  
up in the town on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
October 1885 - also a copy given to  
each of the local papers.



Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

The usual monthly meeting was held today

Patrick Cullen Esq C.F.B. presiding  
other Commissioners present

Thomas a Egan, ~~Justin C.~~  
Martin C. Ward, Patrick McHugh,  
John Cunningham, Michael Collins, and  
Michael H. Macnamara Esqs

The Minutes of previous meeting  
having been read and confirmed, Finance  
was examined and cheques were signed.

Messrs Ward and McHugh two  
of the recently elected Commissioners  
having signed their respective declarations  
took their seats as members of the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting  
having been read and confirmed,  
finance was examined and cheques were  
signed.

Amongst other cheques there was one  
issued to H. B. Soady Esq, Secretary  
Board of Public Works, for the sum of  
£27. 10. 4, being principal & interest on  
loan of £800, for one half year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> October last.

ordered to deduct from Mr Maher's  
Bill for erection of lamp at Bally-  
gaddy Road, when paying said Bill  
a sum of six shillings, viz 4/- paid  
to John Harmon & 2/- paid to Pat  
Kennedy, both men being employed by  
Mr Maher to assist him in the above work



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but owing to Mr. Fisher's absence, unable  
to do any work.

The following letter held over  
from the last Monthly Meeting was  
read

Gentlemen

I beg respectfully to submit  
for your kindly consideration a matter  
which you will not I trust deem premature  
to bring before you or unfair on my  
part to apply for, I was as you are  
aware obliged on two occasions while  
having the Town Hall contract in  
hand to suspend work owing to  
your difficulty to get a loan, I need  
hardly explain to you as practical  
gentlemen that apart from the  
very low estimate at which I  
suffered, I must have suffered in  
pocket by reason of having to draw  
my men so often from the work  
I being thereby necessitated to get  
new men who were unacquainted  
with the building and consequently  
not able for a long time to execute  
as much work as if they were there  
from the beginning. Believing  
gentlemen you would not wish any  
person to suffer in his contract  
by any fault of yours least of all  
me in so heavy an undertaking I  
hope you will be so kind as to  
recomp me at least a portion of the  
loss I have sustained.

I am Gentlemen

Respectfully your Obedt Servant

Thomas Eggar

Leam Oct 5<sup>th</sup> / 85

Leam  
Town Commissioners



after the reading of the foregoing letter

Mr Shine who had given notice at the previous monthly meeting that he would move to have Mr Egan's application considered by the Board - proposed and Mr Cunningham seconded at Mr Egan's suggestion that the matter be deferred till the next monthly meeting in order to give Mr Egan an opportunity of getting Council's opinion as to his claim for compensation and the power of the Board to grant same.

The Board agreed to the above

The above was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Cunningham seconded the following

That Mr Conway the Board's solicitor be requested to furnish his bill for expenses incurred through getting Council's opinion in connection with the recent election of Commissioners in order that the Town Clerk be called on to pay same.

A poll being taken on the above these voted as follows

For the Proposition

Messrs Shine and Cunningham

(2)

Against

Messrs Egan, McHugh, Ward and the Chairman (4)



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Mr Macnamara having previously left the room did not vote.

The motion was declared lost by a majority of two votes.

The following tenders for the paving of the passage at the rear of the Town Hall were opened and considered

Tuam November 2<sup>nd</sup> 185

To  
The Chairman  
Town Commissioners, Tuam.

I propose and agree to do the paving from the Urinals to the inside of the front gate according to advertisement for the sum of 2/5 per square yard, finding all materials and attendance.

Edward Kenny

To The Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby agree to pave the passage from the inside of Town Hall gate to Urinals at rear of Lecture Room, finding sand stones and labour, and making the required channels for carrying the water into the sewer traps for the sum of five pounds 10s or one shilling per yard.

1/4 per yard.

Tuam Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 85

Thomas Egan



"The Chair Mr Egan proposed the  
Chairman seconded and it was agreed to  
unanimously

by the Board That the lowest tender be  
accepted. Mr Egan's tender being the  
lowest was accepted.

"The Town Inspector having  
reported that the Water Closet in the  
Town Hall was leaking owing to  
Mr McQuane plugging the down pipe,  
Mr McQuane was called before the Board  
and he agreed to the Board putting  
a connecting pipe between the sewer  
and closets to carry off the overflow  
of water from the tank

"The following tenders for keeping  
in repair for twelve months the Town  
pumps and the water closets & Urinals of  
the Town Hall

"The Chairman

Town Commissioners, Lism.

I propose to keep in repair for twelve  
months the town pumps, water closets,  
Urinals and Lavatories in town Hall for  
the sum of £10.

yours respectfully  
Peter Mahon

Gas Works, Lism.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 85.

To The Chairman & Gentlemen  
of Lism Town Town Commissioners  
Gentlemen

I propose and agree to keep



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in good working order the Town pumps,  
Water closets, urinals and Lavatories  
of Town Hall and also to keep a good  
supply of water in the cistern, finding  
all materials myself, for 12 months for  
the sum of ten pounds ~~the~~ Sterling  
(£10)

Samuel McKean  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1885.

Mr McKean's tender was accepted  
on the motion of Mr Shine seconded by  
Mr Egan.

The following tender for Bill-  
posting was also accepted by the Board  
on the motion of Mr Egan seconded  
by ~~Mr~~ the Chairman.

The Town  
Town Commissioners  
Gentlemen

As my year is up for Bill posting,  
I agree to continue for another twelve  
months for the same.

David Flanagan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1885.

Amongst other bills held over till the  
next monthly meeting was one from Mr. Thomas  
C. G. Galway <sup>proposing</sup> for plans specifications &c for  
Town Hall building & Clock Tower.

The Board adjourned.



Special Meeting  
for Election of Chairman

Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Commissioners present.

Thomas A. Egan, Patrick  
Culkin, Patrick McHugh, John MacPhlipin,  
Dr Thomas Bodkin M.D., Patrick Lyons,  
Laurence Burke, Martin C. Ward and  
James Kobilly Esqrs

Proposed by Mr Lyons, seconded  
by Mr Ward and unanimously Resolved  
that the Clerk do take the  
Chair

The Clerk having taken the Chair  
Messrs John MacPhlipin, James Kobilly,  
and Dr Thomas Bodkin signed their  
respective declarations and took their seats  
as members of the Board

The Clerk <sup>having</sup> then read the  
circular convening the meeting

Mr Lyons proposed Mr Burke  
seconded and it was unanimously Resolved  
that Mr Culkin be reelected as  
Chairman for the ensuing year

Proposed by Mr Ward ~~proposed~~ seconded by  
Mr Egan and unanimously Resolved:-

that a vote of thanks be passed  
to Mr Culkin for his dignified and  
business-like behaviour in the Chair  
during the past year.

Mr Culkin having taken the Chair



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thanked the Board for reelecting him and read the following requisition in compliance with which he now accepted the position of Chairman

Tham November 19<sup>th</sup> 1885

to,

Patrick Culkin Esq

Chairman of the Tham Town Commissioners

Dear Sir

We the undersigned members of the Tham Town Board respectfully ask you to allow yourself to be reelected as our Chairman for the ensuing year. We consider you deserve the best thanks of the people of Tham for your unceasing efforts during your year of office to further the interests of the town, as well as for the patriotic and Rational principles you have displayed on every occasion that anything tending towards the advancement of our Country came before you.

Signed -

J. A. Egan J.C.  
Patrick Reynolds J.C.  
Martin C. Ward J.C.  
James Kibilly J.C.  
Patrick McPhigle J.C.  
John MacPhelipin J.C.  
Mr H. Macnamara J.C.  
Laurence Burke J.C.  
Thomas Bodkin J.C.

After the reading of the above requisition the Board adjourned.



Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

There not being a quorum present  
there was no meeting held

Messrs Shinn and Egan were the  
only members present.

The meeting stands adjourned  
to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Patrick Blwood  
Town Clerk

Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> 1885.

A meeting of the Board specially convened  
for the purpose of passing a vote of  
condolence with Mr. Thomas Bodkin R.C.  
on the premature demise of his son Mr  
P. L. Bodkin, was held this day.

Patrick Culkim Esq. C.T.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Patrick Lyons, Michael O'Shine,  
Patrick McHugh, Edward Carroll, John  
Cunningham, Thomas A. Egan, and James  
Robilly Esqs

The following proposed by Mr. Lyons  
and seconded by the Chairman was passed  
unanimously, and copies of same ordered to  
be forwarded to Mr. Thomas Bodkin R.C.  
Mr. Matthew Bodkin R.C. Mr. McDonough,  
and Mr. L. B. Dowling relatives of the deceased

Resolved:-

That we the Commissioners of the  
Borough of Tuam express our condolence and  
deepest sympathy with our respected fellow  
Commissioner Mr. Thomas Bodkin on the



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unparalleled.

unparalleled grief that he must feel on the death of his son Dr. P. J. Bodkin. We hereby solemnly record our conviction that the Town of Shan has suffered a public loss in the too early death of a citizen, whose life was a model to all who are desirous to follow the example of Christian virtue. In him success at his noble profession did not diminish the respect that a good man no matter how exalted, should feel for the poor, who mourn with unconcealed grief the generous friend that relieved their poverty, the skilful doctor that endeavoured to alleviate or remove the pangs of disease. In his death the Nation has lost a patriot who contributed his own share as well to the success of the Local Branch of the National League as to the great triumph of the National Cause. The death of such a man is a loss to any Community and we have to-day to deplore a loss so serious and irremediable.

The Board adjourned

Special Meeting } Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
By Requisition)

Commissioners present  
Michael C. Shive,  
John F. Begley, John Cunningham  
and Edward Carroll Esqs

There not being a quorum present there was no meeting held.

The following is a copy of the requisition convening the meeting.



Tham December 8<sup>th</sup> /85-

Sir

you are hereby requested to convene a special meeting of the Tham Town Board for Friday next at 12 o'c. noon, for the purpose of considering an application from the Tham Dramatic Club for the use of the large room in the Town Hall for their plays on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

signed:-

John F. Begley J.C.

John Cunningham M.B.

Edward Carrall M.B.

Lawrence Burke M.B.

Martin C. Wood M.B.

James Hoolily M.B.

Patrick McHugh M.B.

<sup>401</sup>  
Patrick Elwood Esq  
Town Clerk



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1885

The monthly meeting was not held to-day, owing to the burial of the late Dr. P. J. Bodkin taking place there was not a quorum and the business was consequently adjourned to the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1885

Adjourned }  
Meeting }

Patrick Bulkin Esq. S. J. C.  
presiding

Other commissioners present - Michl. S. Shine  
John Cunningham M. H. Macnamara Patrick M<sup>o</sup> Hugh  
M. S. Ward, Patrick Lyons, Edward Carroll and  
J. A.egan Esqs.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk Mr. Patrick Glwood requesting the Board to grant him three weeks leave of absence he being indisposed  
granted unanimously

Matters of finance were then gone into.  
Francis Courell was ordered £10 in part payment of bill furnished £16. 17. 6 for advertising and printing. balance to be discharged when the Clerk vouchers for the items

Messrs. Curtis and Sons were ordered £20 on account of bills presented for gasaliers &c.

The secretary Quam Esq. Mr. John Murphy was ordered £50 on account of gas bill due 1<sup>st</sup> May last

A bill from Mr. Thomas Egan for



supplying tables for Town Hall, measuring foot-  
-paths paving at rear of Town Hall and other  
works £ 37 was examined and £ 35 was ordered him  
in full discharge of said bill

The following resolution from the Town  
Council of Lork was unanimously adopted:—

That recognising the abnormal  
depression in the prices of agricultural products  
and impossibility of realizing any price at all  
for some, and also recognising that the  
interests of the Town and agricultural community  
are inseparably linked together; we the Town  
Commissioners of Tuam hereby place on record  
our opinion, that in the interests of the farmers  
and traders and for the maintenance of harmony  
and peace amongst all Classes, landlords should  
make a general reduction on the rents now due,  
commensurate with the current depreciation in  
the value of agricultural produce

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Brady  
Contractor for keeping the Town Clock in proper  
order relative to leakage in the clock Tower,  
consideration of which was deferred to next  
meeting

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board



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

The usual monthly meeting was held to-day

Patrick Balkin Esq. C.V. C, presiding  
other Commissioners present

Patrick Lyons, Laurence Burke  
Patrick McHugh, Michael C. Shine, John Birmingham  
and Thomas A. Ryan Esqs.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

Matters ~~for~~ finance were proceeded with and disposed of

Rev. Michael O'Connell, Adm. came before the Board, and applied on the part of the Archbishop for the Lecture room of the Town Hall to be utilised for the benefit and advantage of the general community and should said room afford not, to those who use it, ample accommodation that the billiard room adjoining be also given to his Grace

Ordered unanimously that said rooms be given to the Archbishop

The Town Inspector's report having been read, that officer, was ordered to employ men to cleanse the streets whenever the contractor for cleansing failed to do the work

Mr. Laurence Burke having brought under notice of the Board, the necessity for a new weigh bridge, the one at present in use being considered inaccurate, the Clerk was ordered to write to hardware firms for quotations, with a view to procure a new one.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Brady relative to amount of gas consumed in illuminating the Clock dials and to the fact that rain still comes through the roof of clock tower, notice of which he had sent to the Architect before the latter gave the Contractor his final certificate



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Mr. Michael B. Shine, handed in the following notice  
of motion

Tuam

January 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf  
will at the next monthly <sup>meeting</sup> propose that an advertisement  
be issued for the appointment of a caretaker for the  
several rooms in the Town Hall

Michael B. Shine

The following resolution was unanimously passed and  
a copy of it, ordered to be forwarded to the Postmaster  
General

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners  
beg most respectfully to call the attention of the Post  
master General to the serious inconvenience at present  
suffered by the people of Tuam owing to the Waterford  
and Limerick Railway Company not running trains  
in connection with the Midland Great Western mail  
trains since the recent mail acceleration to Galway town;  
and we also beg to state that we have derived no benefit  
whatsoever from the improved mail service to the west of  
Ireland, but on the contrary have experienced considerable  
inconvenience; and we request that immediate steps will  
be taken to meet the public requirement

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board



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

The usual monthly meeting was held to day

Patrick Bulkin Esqr. C.T.C. presiding  
other Commissioners present-

Patrick Lyons, John MacPhilpin  
M. H. Macnamara, Laurence Burke, Patrick McHugh  
M. C. Ward, J. A. Egan, and John Cunningham. Esqrs.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read  
and signed

Mr. Lyons proposed and Mr. Burke seconded

That Mr. Michael Fahy be elected as commissioner  
to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of  
Dr. Thomas Bodkin

Mr. Fahy was elected unanimously

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  
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 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 1886



The Chairman proposed and Mr. Mac Philkin seconded the following resolutions which were unanimously passed:—

"That at this our first meeting after the melancholy event, we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, express our deep regret at the premature demise of Mr. J. A. Egan, and tender to Mr. Egan (member of this Board) and to his family, our most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

"That we hereby express our deep sense of the loss we as a public body, have sustained by the death of Mr. Thomas Bodkin M.D. who, for many years, had been member of this board; and sympathise with his son Mr. Matthew McDonnell Bodkin, and the rest of the family in their sorrow, for their dear departed father."

"and that copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the respective families."

The monthly salaries of the officers were then paid

and the Board adjourned to Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Adjourned meeting was held today

Patrick Calkin Esq. C.T.C. presiding  
Other Commissioners present

Patrick Lyons, Michl. C. Shine  
J. A. Egan, John Cunningham, Edward Corroll  
Laurence Blake and Patrick McHugh Esqs.

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.

Capt. Hancock was ordered cheque £20.11 rent 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 clockdials.

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 proportionally 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. Chancellors son contractors be written to informing them of said remark.

The following notices of motion were handed in by Mr. Shine;—

Tuam

8 February 1886

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

Michael B Shine

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf, will at the next monthly meeting, <sup>move</sup> that for the future no payment be made to the Town bank for services in connection with elections

Michl. B. Shine



A letter was read from the Post-master general acknowledging receipt of resolution passed on Jan'y 4<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

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

The usual monthly meeting was held to-day

Patrick Bulkin Esq. C.T.C. presiding  
other Commissioners present.

M. H. Maenamara, M. C. Ward, J. A. Egan  
M. C. Shine, James Kihilly, Patrick M<sup>c</sup>. Hugh and  
Lawrence Burke Esqrs.

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 Col. Nolan M.P.

Ballinderry 16<sup>th</sup> Feby. '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 Tram 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 Bulkin Esq.  
C.T.C. Chairman"



Mr. Edward O'Donnell offered himself for the office of Caretaker of the rooms of the Town Hall at the yearly salary of £6.

Mr. M. B. Shine proposed that Mr. O'Donnell be appointed to the office, but getting no seconds the proposition was not entertained

The following tender was read from Mr. B. Mc Hugh Town Inspector.

Tuam  
Mach 1st 1886

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The Chairman and  
Town Commr. of Tuam  
Gentlemen

I wish to offer my services as caretaker of the several rooms <sup>in</sup> of the Town Hall, and to keep Board room and windows thereof clean for the sum of £5.0.0 per annum

I am Gentlemen  
your obedient servant  
B. Mc Hugh

On the motion of Mr. Patrick Mc Hugh seconded by Mr. J. A. Egan, Mr. B. Mc Hugh's tender was declared accepted

"The following copy resolution from the Glennamaddy Board of Guardians, was, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. 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 prices 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 the co-operation and support"



Mr. M. B. Ward proposed and Mr. Patrick Mc. Hugh 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 Mr. Gladstone in reference to the national claims of Ireland, we feel justified in hoping that the new terms 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 infeasible 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 ill-will and contention it would, for the first time in their history, give a fair chance for the growth of friendly relations between ~~the~~<sup>the people of</sup> 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"

~~On the motion of Mr. M. B. Shine of which he had given due notice, seconded by Mr. J. A.egan it was passed that in future the Town Clerk get no extra remuneration for his services in connection with contested elections~~



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Mr. P. J. Conway, the Board's solicitor submitted the following letter

"Dublin Febry. 16<sup>th</sup> 1886

To

"P. J. Conway Esq. Solicitor, Tuam"

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Febry, we beg to inform you that if you refer to our estimate you will find that the clock contains in every respect the provisions<sup>contained</sup> 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 Tuam Town Hall has been fitted up in the strictest 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 favourable 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

fathfully yours,

"Chancellor & Son."

after some discussion the matter was ordered to be again referred to Mr. Conway.

Mr. M. B. Shine according to notice moved that a contractor be advertised for to make a footpath on the Mall



between White's corner and the entrance gate to the  
Protestant Church

Mr. Macnamara seconded the motion

Mr. Laurence 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

Mr. M. B. Shine withdrew his motion

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be applied to for increase of their grant towards  
defraying the cost of construction of the footpath

The Board having adopted the suggestion

Mr. M. B. 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

Tues 7th 19th 1886

W. J. Conway Esq.  
Sol. Town



is

In reply to your letter on the 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 Blwood

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

Signed on behalf of the Board

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

Adjourned meeting

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

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

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

A special meeting was held to-day 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
- M. Fahy
- M. H. Maenanara
- M. B. Shine



John Cunningham  
Edward Carroll  
Past. Mr. Hugh  
James Shilly

The following Commissioners attended  
the Comm<sup>l</sup> meeting  
Patrick Balkin Esq. C.T.C. presiding  
J. A. Egan, Mr. H. Macnamara, Patrick Lyons, Michael  
Fahy, James Shilly, John F. Begley, Edward Carroll  
and John Cunningham Esqs.

Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Macnamara 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 and Macnamara (2)  
having voted for it-

And Messrs. Lyons, Fahy, Shilly, Begley, Carroll  
and Cunningham (6)  
having voted against it.

The Board adjourned  
Signed on behalf of the Board

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1876

Adjourned meeting was held today

Patrick Balkin Esq. C.T.C. presiding  
other Commissioners present-

Patrick Lyons, John Mac Philipin, Michael Fahy  
M. C. Ward, Laurence Burke and John Cunningham Esqs.  
Mr. Townsends bill

For plan specifications inspection, 40. of Town Hall £ 93. 11. 3



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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 leakage which must be staunched; also to inform him that payment of his bill was deferred till the contract be satisfactorily completed

Mr. Chancellor's bill £105-  
discussion

the matter  
was next under

Messrs. Fahy and Lyons and other members of the board having said that in their opinion the bell of the Town clock was far from being as good an article as Messrs. Chancellor's 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 Luam

Mr. Lyons proposed and Mr. Egan seconded and it was unanimously resolved

"That the Luam Town Commissioners take this our earliest opportunity to repudiate and protest against the action of a self-elected and nonrepresentative 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 constituted bodies as grand juries be abolished we shall have neither peace nor happiness in this country"

The following resolution, <sup>proposed</sup> by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Burke was unanimously adopted

"That the members of the Luam Town Board view with alarm the destitute state of the tradesmen and labourers of this town and locality and that we beg the



attention of the Government to the urgent necessity of providing employment for the labouring class in the shape of useful public works, which if the Government refuse we fear that the fate of the people will be most disastrous. Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to our county members and the Chief Secretary for Ireland

The following letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes

Lucan March 15<sup>th</sup> '86  
To the Chairman Lucan Town Council Board  
Sir

Any over charge in the Bill furnished for Lucan News account I will hold you free  
I am Sir  
your obedient servant  
Francis Couvell

P. Sulkin Esq.

Francis Couvell was ordered cheque £6.17.6 Balance due for printing and advertising

The following report from Mr. B. Mc Hugh caretaker of the Town Hall was ordered to be put on the minutes

Board room March 15<sup>th</sup> 1886

Gentlemen

as caretaker of this Hall I wish to bring under your notice the violation of the rules laid down by the Board.

Last night certain members of the Billiard room commenced a game of Billiards at five minutes to eleven o'clock after I giving the usual caution with regards to rules they finished the game at 20 minutes past eleven o'clock your direction to me to being to close the Billiard room at half past ten. P.M. or immediately <sup>after</sup> a game commenced before 10.30 P.M. is finished, I hereby respectfully notice you that any time in future members of the club refuse to leave the room at the time specified for closing it I shall not wait up after that to close the room nor shall I be responsible to you for anything that may hereafter happen the room <sup>I am gentlemen you etc. etc. B. Mc Hugh</sup> the Board adjourned  
A letter was ordered to be written to the Secretary of the Billiard room on the subject



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

A special meeting was held today for the purpose of receiving representatives of the several rooms of the Town Hall and considering their respective applications as to re-allocating said rooms

Patrick Culkinn Esq. C.T.B. presiding  
other Comms. present

Michael Fahy, M.C. Shine John, Begley  
James Nohilly, Patrick Lyons, M.C. Ward Esqrs.

after having fully heard all that the representatives had to say on the matter and same being duly discussed and considered

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Proposed by P. Culkinn

Seconded by M. Ward

That we the Tuam Town Comms. having considered the arrangement come to between the members of the Tuam temperance and Catholic reading room, <sup>and the members</sup> do hereby sanction the exchange of rooms <sup>reserving</sup> to the reading room <sup>of the reading room</sup> whatever rights, if any, it may possess, and also that we accommodate <sup>the</sup> members of the Temperance and Catholic Reading Room with the use of the large room upstairs except when used by the Comms. and given by them for special occasions and further that we accommodate the members of the Billiard Room with the use of the smaller room down stairs

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board



Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> 88

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held today

That the undersigned request that you will convene a meeting of the Commrs on Friday next the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. for the purpose of considering the amount of gas consumed by the several rooms of the Town Hall

Patrick Calkin Esq.      J.P.  
J. A. Ryan                  J.P.  
M. Fahy                      J.P.  
E. Carroll                   J.P.  
P. M. C. Hugh              J.P.

Patrick Calkin Esq presiding  
other Commrs present

Patrick Lyons, Michael Fahy, M. C. Ward  
Edward Carroll and Patrick M. C. Hugh Esqs  
Mr. Patrick Murphy one of the directors and  
Mr. John Murphy Secretary of the Gas Company  
attended

The secretary submitted the company's bill for gas consumed in the news room, board room and billiard room £33.9.0

and for lighting the clock tower from last Sept.  
£19.17.0

Mr. Carroll proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that each room pay £11.3.0 one third the amount of the gas bill

The Chairman proposed as an amendment and Mr. Lyons seconded

That the Billiard room pay £16.14.6  
News room                                  11.3.0  
and board room                              5.16.6

Those voted for the amendment The Chairman & Mr. Lyons (2)  
against Messrs. Fahy, Ward, Carroll & M. C. Hugh  
and Burke (5)



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Mr. Carroll's motion was then put and declared carried  
by (5) against (2)

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

10 Downing St. Whitehall  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1886

"Sir

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

I am Sir your obedient servant  
G. W. Spencer Lyttelton

"The Town Clerk"

Chief Secretary's Office  
Dublin Castle  
19<sup>th</sup> March 1886

"Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. forwarding copy of a resolution  
adopted by the Town Commr. of Limerick

I am Sir your obedient servant  
"R. J. C. Hamilton

"The Town Clerk Liam"

"Ballinderry Liam  
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 Liam from the want of employment. Until a  
railroad is run northwards from Liam 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 state of 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  
G. F. Nolan

P. Balkin Esq J. S. I.

House of Commons Library  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1886

Patrick Blwood,  
Clerk of the Town Board Tuam

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for sending me copies of the resolutions of your <sup>Town</sup> Board dated 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. With reference to the Tuam and Athlery mails, I have already done something in that direction. At the request of Mr. 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 Athlery. On the subject of the resolution which aims at the employment of the people by means of ~~the~~ 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 and wherever it can be done. At the present time we are in a state of



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suspense, waiting to see what measures may be  
brought forward by the Prime Minister on  
Land Reform and Home Government, but if the Luan  
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 in condemnation of those  
now almost obsolete bodies, the grand juris the  
patriotic action of the Luan Town Board deserves  
the highest commendation and I trust and hope  
this example will be followed by all  
the representative bodies in Ireland

your obedient servant  
"Matt Harris"

House of Commons Library  
March 14<sup>th</sup> 1886

"Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the honour of receiving  
the resolution of the Luan Town Comms on the subject  
of the distress of the laboring classes. I am <sup>constantly</sup> ~~certainly~~  
arguing 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

Dear Sir yours very truly  
"W. H. O'Shea."

"Blood & Co."

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



"Dear Sir

In compliance with the wishes of the Tuam Town Commrs I called again today at the General Post Office. I was there informed that with regard to the <sup>day</sup> mail the department had entered into 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 night mail but did not express the same belief in its being accepted.

Believe me faithfully yours

J. P. Nolan.

Patrick Bulkin Esq. & J.B. Tuam

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 copy of resolution passed by the Commrs of Tuam which would have been replied to earlier had it not being been for illness which has detained me at home for a few days. you will inform the Commrs that I shall be very pleased to support G. P. Nolan in whatever action is considered most suitable

Yours Truly  
R. J. Foley.

P. Blood Esq. Town Clerk

The Board adjourned

Signed on behalf of the Board