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## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1891

The usual <sup>Monthly</sup> Meeting of the Board was held to day  
Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan Michael Daly Michael C Shure  
Patrick Lyons Thomas Flaherty Patrick M Hugh  
and Laurence Burke Esquires

The minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and  
Signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded  
with and disposed of

The following letters were read

The National Bank Limited  
Dated 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1891

Francis Carlett Esq  
Qua Clu R  
Duan

Dear Sir

~~at the meeting of the Board on the 7th Decr 1891~~

Galway County Council Archives

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1891

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Board was held to day  
Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A. Egan, Michael Doherty, Michael C. Shmie,  
Patrick Soyars, Thomas Doherty, Patrick M. Nugh  
and Laurence Burke Esquires

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The National Bank Limited  
Inam 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1891

Francis Collett Esq  
Inam Clerk  
Inam

Dear Sir

Please call the attention of the Commissioners  
to their current account which is now overdrawn £170. 18. 3 whilst  
the over draft sanctioned by my Directors at the request of the Commissioners  
is £150 only. A sum of £20. remains due on foot of the late J. J. Farmer's  
promissory and I would respectfully suggest that steps should be taken to have this  
amount collected and lodged at once

I am dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
C. W. P. Quinn  
Manager

Rocks Town Balla  
30<sup>th</sup> November 1891

Francis Collett Esq  
Inam Clerk  
Inam

Dear Sir

Must you will be so kind as to  
convey to the Chairman and the members of the Inam Commissioners  
of Inam my sincere thanks (in which I am joined by the other members  
of my family) for the kind expressions of sympathy as expressed  
in the resolution unanimously passed by them on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

I am

I am dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
William Stally

Bishop Street  
Inam 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1891

To  
The Chairman and Gentlemen  
Inam Inam Commissioners

Gentlemen

I beg to bring under your notice  
the action of one of our Town Merchants with the assistance of the Sheriff's Bailiff  
in trying to get a pound registered with in your Borough, and as the responsible  
party in such matters, I beg your assistance in holding what has been in our  
possession this 50 years and or over, during which time you never heard any  
complaints or losses, trusting this will receive your kind consideration and you  
will protect me from that dreaded grabber

I am an Gentleman  
J. M. Dwyer  
Annual Dwyer

It was agreed that Mrs Dwyer get a strong protest drawn  
up to lay before the Magistrates at petty sessions and that all  
the Commissioners would sign it

There were three tenders for raising the new cess of the  
Town Hall, after some discussion they were returned unopened and the  
doing of them deferred for the present

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1891

Special Meeting }  
By requisition

Patrick Cullen Esq. etc. presided

The following Commissioners present were

- Michael Doherty John McPhelin Patrick Lyons
- Thomas A. Egan Thomas Flaherty Francis Keane
- Michael Keane Patrick M. Hugh Thomas Murray Esquires

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Towns Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a meeting of the Board on Wednesday next the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. at 1 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of preparing an address for Mr. Wm O'Brien M.P. and other M.P.'s who will attend the Convention at Galway on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Dated Decr. 12<sup>th</sup> 1891.

- Patrick Cullen Esq. etc.
- Dr. Doherty etc.
- Patrick Lyons etc.
- Thomas Flaherty etc.
- Patrick M. Hugh etc.

Dr. McPhelin proposed Dr. Lyons seconded that the following address be presented to Mr. O'Brien Esq. M.P.

We the undersigned on behalf of the Inam Town Commissioners and voicing the genuine National sentiments of the people of Duam, desire to avail ourselves of the present opportunity of tendering to you a hearty welcome to the City of the Tribes and to the County of Galway, with both of which your name must ever remain familiarly associated, we cannot forget the many dreary days of imprisonment you spent within the prison walls of this city to prove your submission to English dictation. Neither can the downtrodden tenants of Galway soon forget even at the cry of the present day hill-siders, the many bitter struggles you so bravely fought by their sides, the many sacrifices you made, and the many dangers you risked to help them to trample upon the cruel system of Landlordism with which they were oppressed.

We desire to convey to you our unbounded admiration of your indomitable courage, your unselfish patriotism, and your unswerving advocacy of the cause of the poor wretched tenants of Ireland, those wounded soldiers who have made such unparalleled heroic sacrifices in the cause of the tenants of Ireland, but who were so ruthlessly, so shamefully deserted in their hour of need, and on the very victory by the would-be modern saviours of our country, we desire too to express to you and to your faithful and inseparable comrades in suffering and sacrifice for pure and ardent love of country

honour John Dillon, the intense feelings of satisfaction and joy which the people of Duam, in conjunction with the people of Ireland, felt when at the present gate of this city you proclaimed your unswerving loyalty to the people of Duam by the voice of an ambitious dictator, and when you so unhesitatingly cast in your lot with all true lovers of your country to save her from ruin at the hands of those unfaithful sons she trusted too implicitly and too well.

We grieve to think that amongst these degenerate sons who have so basely betrayed their faith and fatherland, should be found a representative of the Patriotic County of Galway. We beg to tender to you and to the Irish party under the leadership of Mr. Justin M. Gaffney M.P. our entire confidence and we promise that when the time comes when republicanism and terrorism cannot stifle the expression of the real feeling of the country, the electors of Duam who have never been behind in the struggle for the freedom of their country will do their part to wipe out any stain upon their constitution, and to stamp out factionalism as the curse of our country and the destruction of our people.

We thank you for your noble efforts to restore peace and harmony to our dear afflicted and distracted country, even at the expense of misrepresentation and calumny, but as your unceasing efforts have been so persistently and so scornfully rejected, we beg to suggest that the time for concentration has passed away, the golden opportunity has been spurned and it is now the duty of every Nationalist to join hand to hand to fight shoulder to shoulder until freedom has been done from every corner of the land, and until the Irish party united once again, we shall have achieved independence for our country.

John McPhelin  
Patrick Lyons

Dr. Shine proposed as an amendment Dr. Egan seconded that the following address be presented

Gentlemen. Representing and voicing as we do the independent thought of this Board and neighbourhood, we desire on this your first convention in the City of the Tribes since the death of the unpurchasable leader of the Irish people whom your treachery helped to put in an untimely grave, to inform you that any address from this neighbourhood welcoming you represents only the Whig element which now as in the days of Keogh and Saddleir is fast working destruction to the hopes of ill-fated Ireland, you will have men addressing you from here who twelve months ago after the divorce Court proceedings, and on the day of the Seimsta Hall proceedings, attended a convention in Galway representing all the patriotism of the country,

at that convention which many of you attended, resolutions were passed proclaiming loyalty to the Irish Leader and independence of English party, alas, what mockery those resolutions seem now, following the example of yourselves and the other turncoat Irish members, many members of this Board acting under strong pressure are now giving expression to views which we believe are not their own and certainly are not those of whom they are supposed to represent, but of others who made them more as chessmen on a board, we desire to inform you that the seed of true National independence sown by the lamented Leader

Leaders of the Irish people has borne good fruit here and that notwithstanding intervention of the worst kind, we are determined that the class of Home Rule, as defined by Michael Davitt, anything offered by England, is not what we have been taught or are willing to accept.

In conclusion rest assured that this town and neighbourhood stands firmly by the old cause and has not faith in fair weather politicians of your class

Michael A. Shinn  
Thomas A. Egan

a vote was then taken

For Amendment

Shinn  
Keane  
Egan 3

Against

Murphy  
McHugh  
Flaherty  
Loyens  
McPhelipin  
Juby  
the Chairman 7

Majority 4

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Michael Juby Michael Cullen Patrick McHugh and Thomas A. Egan Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following is a copy of the letter written to the Patriotic Assurance Co. and their reply to same

Jona commissioners office  
Inam 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan'y 1892

The Patriotic Assurance Co.  
9 College Green  
Dublin

Gentlemen

I beg to acquaint you that owing to the failure of the Gas. Co. of this town we are obliged to light the Jona lamps and the Jona Hall with oil, and as there seems to be no apparent prospect of their resuming business at present, I am thus directed to inform you of same

I am  
Gentlemen  
In obedient servt  
Bernard H. Kelly  
Jona Club

Patriotic Assurance Co  
9 College Green  
Dublin Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Jona Clerk  
Inam

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst and I note that the Jona Hall is to be lighted with oil lamps, there will be no objection to this if you will see the lamps are so hung in the Hall as not to endanger any woodwork &c &c

Yours truly  
Bernard H. Kelly  
Manager

The meeting adjourned to Monday next 11<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board Patrick Cullen Chairman

Adjourned Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1892

Here not being a quorum no meeting was held

Francis Coakett  
Jona Chitt

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present. Patrick Cullen c s c

Here not being a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 8<sup>th</sup> instant

Francis Coakett  
Jona Chitt

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1892

Special meeting  
By requisition

Present

Patrick Cullen Esq c s c

and Patrick M Hugh Esq.

Here not being a quorum there was no meeting held

Signed on behalf of the Board

Francis Coakett Jona Chitt

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Adjourned Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1892

Patrick Cullen Esq. c s c Presided

The other Commissioners present were

John C Donling M D Michael Fahy Patrick M Hugh  
and Patrick Lyons Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following letter was read from Mr. Perry Co. Surveyor

County Surveyor's office  
Galway 29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1891

Dear Sir

The presentment for the footpath which you note about will not lapse I shall keep it on the books for a reasonable time to suit the convenience of the Town Commissioners

I am  
Very faithfully yours

James Perry

The following communications were read

Irish Land Commission  
Agricultural Department  
Dublin 25<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1892

Markets and Fairs (weighing of Cattle)  
Acts, 1887 and 1891

Sir,

I am directed by the Irish Land Commission to draw your attention to Clause 2 of the Markets and Fairs (weighing of Cattle) Act 1887, which grants that "this Act, save as is hereinafter provided, shall apply to all Markets and Fairs in which are for the time being authorized to be taken" and actually are taken in respect of cattle by any company, corporation, or person, and every such company, corporation, or person is in this Act called, the Market authority, and to request that you will inform me whether

I am Town Commissioners

are the Market authority, authorized to take tolls in respect of Cattle, Sheep, or Swine, exposed for sale at the fair of Inam, and if so, that you will inform me to whom communications relating to the administration of the Acts referred to herein should be addressed on behalf of Inam Town Commissioners being the Market authority,

I am,

Sir

Your obedient servant  
John H. Franks

Believe

Inam Town Commissioners, Inam

The clerk was directed to reply that it was to him such communications should be addressed

Maam 29<sup>th</sup> X 11. 91.

Sir  
On the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Const. Geary when on beat duty in Maam found several articles of shop goods exposed for sale outside Martin Dookin's Shop front in shop street. The goods consisted of a whole side of pork, baskets, buckets and spade handles and were so exhibited as to inconvenience passengers on the footway. This is in direct breach of the Town's Improvement Act, Sec. 72. Mr. Dookin had been previously cautioned, please let me know will the Town Commissioners prosecute in the case

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
J O Taylor  
D J

The Chairman  
Town Commissioners  
Maam

The clerk was directed to send the following reply

Town Commissioners Office  
Maam 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1892

Sir,  
I am directed by my Board to acknowledge rec<sup>d</sup> of your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov last in reference to Mr. Dookin, which was fully discussed at their meeting held in Monday last, and they consider that those several articles exhibited by Mr. Dookin was no obstruction to the thoroughfare. Hence for my Board declines to order a prosecution.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
J O Taylor  
D J

J O Taylor Esq  
D J  
Maam

Poor Law Office  
Maam 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1892

Dear Sir  
I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union, acting as the Sanitary Authority to draw the attention of the Commissioners to the fact that the Mud of the streets is swept by their contractor into the channels & sewers of the town. This objectionable practice entails a large expense to the Sanitary Authority in again removing from the same. His same Mud and the Guardians trust that the Commissioners will cause their contractor to discontinue in future the practice referred to

Truly yours  
E J Morris  
Clerk of the Union

J O Taylor Esq  
D J  
Maam

Ordered according

The following letter was read from the Town Inspector

Town Hall  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1892

Gentlemen  
I beg to report to you that I have got taken up the Kib stone flags and paving at Mr. Benke's House which is being taken down by the Railway Contractors that a double Kib is required at Mr. Benke's the vice here a Hotel Benke's and that the police on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> ult went about all the lanes and roads taking all the empty carts which they found to the pound, for coran's yard. This course on bad treatment to the country people and injurious to the Markets of our Town

I am Gentlemen  
Yours Off  
B M Hugh

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day  
Patrick Cullin Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

Michael Juby Thomas A Egan Patrick McHugh and  
Patrick Lyons Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting <sup>having been</sup> read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposal of

The following letter was received from the Amenity Association of Simerick

Town Hall Simerick  
February 18<sup>th</sup> 1892

Dear Sir  
I have been instructed by Committee of above Association, to forward you Resolution annexed herewith, for adoption at next meeting of your Board, as it is considered essential that as much publication as possible should be given to the various expressions of sympathy with the Petitioners, since we are obliged by you letting me know when the resolution has been brought before you & has met with your Board's approval or otherwise. Faithfully yours  
James Jones  
Am. Sec.

Resolution

Proposed by Mr O'Brien, seconded by Mr. M. J. Keatinge, and unanimously adopted at meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> 1892

Resolved. That we earnestly request our fellow countrymen and all lovers of Justice, to use their <sup>utmost</sup> exertions in promoting the release of the Irish Political Prisoners imprisoned in English Dungeons, by forming Associations for that purpose throughout Ireland and Great Britain, and in striving to secure the support of their Representatives in Parliament on their behalf, and that we do not consider that any Parliamentary Representative who does not support the cause of Amalgamation should be deemed worthy of confidence

The above resolution was unanimously adopted and the clerk ordered to communicate same to the Secretary of the Association

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1892

Special meeting }  
By requisition } Patrick Cullkin Esqr @ J C presided

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas Flaherty Thomas Munroe  
and Patrick W. Hagan Esqr's

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Juvenile Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Juvenile Board for Monday next the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering an important communication from J. O. Taylor Esqr D. J. R. J. C. in reference to Joe Flanagan making use of indecent and abusive language on the public streets on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult.

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 1892

In  
Mr Francis Corbett

John Clark

Patrick Cullkin @ J C  
Mr Fahy J C  
Thomas Munroe J C  
Mr J. Hagan J C  
Thos Flaherty J C  
Francis Keam J C  
J A Egan J C

The following is the communication received from the District Inspector  
Juvenile Improvement Act (sec 72)

Swan  
8. 11. 92

Sir

On the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. Constable Walker heard a boy named Joe Flanagan of Sullmadaly Road make use of most foul and indecent language near the bridge in shop st. Flanagan was shouting at the time and the constable in forming his language could be heard half way up shop st. On the constable remonstrating with him, he Flanagan told him to go to hell. I request you will take proceedings in this case in the interests of the town, awaiting your reply

I am sir  
Yours obedient servant  
J O Taylor  
D J R J C

The chairman to the  
Juvenile Commissioners  
Swan

The following resolution was proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Flaherty and unanimously adopted

Resolved. That our secretary be directed to instruct the Board's solicitor to take such legal steps as he deems necessary against Joe Flanagan for the indecent and abusive language he made use of in the public streets of Swan on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult and that the future chairman for the time being be empowered to prosecute at Petty Sessions for obstructions and abusive language as he deems fit

Unanimously passed by the Board  
dated March 14<sup>th</sup> 1892

P Cullkin @ J C  
J Flaherty J C

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners <sup>present</sup> were

Michael Fahy Thomas A Egan John M. Philpin  
Patrick M. Hugh and Laurence Burke Esquires

The following letter was received from the Mayor of Waterford

Mayor's office City Hall  
Waterford 16<sup>th</sup> March 1892

Dear Sir

My corporation, who have passed a Resolution on the Education Question (copy of which has already been sent you) are anxious that a deputation should wait on the Chief Secretary to press the claims of the Christian Brothers, if we can arrange date for same I shall be glad to know if you would form one of the deputation.

In answer at your earliest convenience will oblige

Yours truly  
John Manning Mayor

The Chairman  
Some Commissioners  
Inam

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman  
Patrick Cullen Esq. seconded by Thomas A Egan Esq. J.C. and unanimously  
adopted

I propose that the Lease and Counterpart of Inam Fair Green dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 1892 be executed on behalf of the Lessees, the Inam Town Commissioners, by Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman and Thomas A Egan Esq. two of such Commissioners, same having been already executed by E. Concaunon Esq. the Lessor, and that said Lease be duly registered

Patrick Cullen e s c  
Thomas A Egan J C

The Lease was made by Mr. Concaunon for a term of 20 years at £45 per year to be paid by two equal <sup>payments</sup> instalments 1<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> Sept in each year and is from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1890

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1892  
The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

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

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman Patrick Cullen Esq. seconded by Michael Fahy Esq. and unanimously adopted

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Inam Town Commissioners the Christian Brothers schools are eminently entitled to aid from the state and that no Education Bill, in which they are not included will meet the wishes of the Irish people

The clerk was ordered to send copies of the foregoing resolution to the

Chief Sec. Col. Nolan M.P. P. J. Foley Esq. M.P. David Sheehy Esq. M.P. and John Roche Esq. M.P.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

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1890  
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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1892

Special meeting convened for the purpose of passing the following resolution

Present. Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners ~~present~~ were

Thomas A Egan Michael C. Shine Thomas Munroe & Michael Fahy Esquires

We the undersigned Inam Commissioners viewing the feelings of the inhabitants of this town & neighbourhood protest against the purchase of the Aheroy and Ennis Railway by the Midland Company as we believe it will be a serious injury to the <sup>interests</sup> commerce of the town's people

Signed. Patrick Cullen e s c

The clerk was directed to send copies of the foregoing resolution by telegraph to each of the following gentlemen  
Major Col. Nolan M.P. P. B. Bernard Esq. and Richard Adams J.C.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1892

Special Meeting }  
By request

Patrick Cullkin Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Patrick Lyons Laurence Burke  
Michael L. Shine and Francis Keane Esquires

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Town Board for Friday next the 27<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of making arrangements with the Board of Guardians for a water supply for the Town, also to take into consideration the changes recently made in the Railway arrangements which are not considered suitable to the Town

Patrick Cullkin c o c  
Thomas Moore o c  
J. A. Egan o c  
Francis Keane o c  
Dr Fahy o c  
M. L. Shine o c

To

Dr Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892

The following resolution was proposed by Michael Fahy Esq. seconded by Patrick Lyons Esq. and unanimously adopted

That the Town Board agree to pay the Sanitary Authority the sum of £12. for the first year for a supply of water for the watering of the streets of the Town also for the Town Hall Building

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

Michael Fahy  
Patrick Lyons

order that a copy be sent to Mr Morris Clerk of the Council

After some discussion in reference to Drain accommodation. The Chairman suggested that a committee be appointed to wait on Percy D. Bernard Esq. Chairman of the Waterford & Limerick Railway Company was unanimously agreed to

The following Gentlemen were named

The Chairman Mr. Shine Mr. Burke Mr. Fahy & Mr. Egan and the Clerk was directed to communicate same to Mr Bernard

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 13<sup>th</sup> inst

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1892

Adjourned monthly }  
Meeting

Patrick Cullkin Esq. & J. C. presided

The other commissioners present were

Thomas A. Egan Michael Fahy Patrick M. Hugh and Michael L. Shine Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following correspondence was read

N<sup>o</sup> 6308.

Dublin Castle  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1892

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Commissioners of Suam on the subject of Education

I am  
Sir

Your obedient servant  
W. B. Han

The Town Clerk  
Suam  
Co. Galway

House of Commons  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1892

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the Suam Town Commissioners, at their meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. which will have my best attention and support

J. Corbett Esq.

Yours faithfully  
P. J. Foley

Woodford Mills  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 192

Dr Sir  
I beg to acknowledge receipt of resolution and beg to assure the Board  
it will have my best attention

Sincerely yours  
John Roche

Killa Durmount  
Barrett  
1<sup>st</sup> June 192

Dear Sir  
I have been obliged to come here on account of the very serious illness  
of my eldest girl, and only received yours of 27<sup>th</sup> ult today forwarded from  
London. It will give me much pleasure to receive a deputation from the Tuam  
Town Commissioners, & to hear any suggestions they have to make as to train  
arrangements between Tuam & Athlone, and when next in Tuam will call on  
Mr. Cullkin with regard to it

I am  
Yours faithfully  
Percy B. Bernard

John Cullkin  
Tuam Commissioners office  
Tuam

The following letter was read from the Toll Farmer

Bishop street  
Tuam  
6<sup>th</sup> June 1892

Gentlemen  
Owing to the bad fairs that have been recently held, it will be  
utterly impossible for me to discharge my liability to you, you are well  
aware how extremely bad the May Fair was, and which is the principal  
fair for me, and in consequence I realized but a very small sum.

I trust you will put your heads together and come to my assistance  
and give me a substantial reduction, I would not trouble you Board  
were it not that I am reluctantly obliged to do so, Hoping you will see  
your way for doing something for me

I am Gentlemen  
Your obedient servant  
Thomas Sild

To  
The Chairman & Members  
of the Tuam Board

The clerk was directed to make out a statement of the liabilities of  
the Board and have it lay before a special meeting to be convened for  
Friday next the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

It was ordered that no play bills be allowed to be posted up on  
the door of the Town Hall for the future

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1892

Special meeting } Present. Patrick Cullkin Esq C J C  
By request

The other commissioners were

Michael Dohy Michael O'Shine & Laurence Burke Esquires

There not being a quorum, there was no meeting held

Francis Corbett  
John Cullkin

The following is the requisition by which it was convened

We the undersigned Tuam Commissioners request you will convene a special  
meeting of the Tuam Board for Friday next the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon, for  
the purpose of receiving a statement from the Tuam Clerk of the financial state of  
the Board, with a view to applying to the National Bank for power to  
overdraw their account, also to take into consideration a letter from the  
Toll Farmer applying for a reduction in the Tolls & Customs  
dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1892

Patrick Cullkin C J C  
Michael O'Shine J C  
J. A. Cogan J C  
M. Dohy J C  
Francis Keane J C  
Laurence Burke J C

To  
Mr. Francis Corbett  
John Cullkin

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1892

The usual monthly meeting

There not being a quorum the meeting stands adjourned to Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Toum Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1892

Adjourned monthly meeting

Present, Patrick Cullin Esq. e J C

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy, Thomas Flaherty Esquires

There not being a quorum the meeting was further adjourned to Monday next the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Toum Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1892

Adjourned monthly meeting

Here being no quorum the meeting was further adjourned to Monday next the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett - Toum Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1892

Adjourned monthly meeting

Patrick Cullin Esq. e J C President

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy, Thomas A. Egan, Patrick W. Hough & Thomas Flaherty Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting <sup>being</sup> read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following communication was read from the Toum Commissioners of Maryborough

Toum Hall Maryborough  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

Sir  
I am directed by the Maryborough Toum Commissioners to send you copy of resolution, passed at their meeting to day, with statement of facts, and ask your co-operation and assistance

Yours respectfully  
George Vanston  
Toum Clerk

Resolution

Proposed by Thomas A. Mill, seconded by Nicholas Walsh

Resolved - That we, the Maryborough Toum Commissioners, desire to express our sincere sympathy with our respected Lord's man, Mr John Hupwell, under the gross legal injustice of which he has been the victim, and we also reprobate in the strongest manner the action of his landlord in his dealing with Mr Hupwell, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Toum Commission in Ireland, together with an explanation of the facts of the case with a view of obtaining their assistance in procuring a change in the unjust laws now existing regarding the relations between landlords and tenants in cities and towns in Ireland, and that we call upon them to press their candidates at the approaching General Election, and to make this a test question with them, passed unanimously

Statement of Facts

In 1871, Mr Hupwell, purchased the tenancy of house No. 1, Church Street Maryborough for the sum of £190, at the yearly rent £28 per annum, Mr Hupwell reconstructed the shop and premises all which were in a ruinous condition, at an outlay of over £600 and built up a fine business. In 1888, he was wronged by the head landlord Mr J. Cassan, not to pay rent to Mr O'Brien and in 1891, a suit for possession was instituted - the immediate owner Mr O'Brien not being aware of the transaction on the issue of the writ for possession, Mr Cassan demanded from Mr Hupwell four years' mesne rent, at the increased rent of £50 per year (£200) with interest and compound interest on same, He also demanded the legal costs incurred in establishing his claim, together with the sum of a large portion of yard, on which Mr Hupwell had built stores and stabling, leaving nothing more than the dwelling house and small yard, which would be quite insufficient for Mr Hupwell in carrying

on his large business. Sooner than destroy his business Mr Hipwell consented to pay these most unjust demands. if undampned; also to surrender the house, but stated his house was useless to him without trees and land. As Mr Cassan would not agree to this. Mr Hipwell then offered to pay him the above sums and an additional £30 if left in possession for six months, so as to clear off his large stock.

Mr Cassan also refused this and the sheriff was instructed to put him out, and possession was taken on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1892 by the sheriff.

on the motion of the chairman the resolution was unanimously adopted and copies of the whole documents were ordered to be sent to all the M P's of Galway County.

The clerk was directed to communicate with the Local Government Board and to enclose them the full farmer's letter.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Augt 1892

The usual monthly meeting

Present Patrick Cullkin Esqr. C. J. C.

The other commissioners were

Michael Fahy Thomas A Egan & Francis Deane Esquires

Here not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 8<sup>th</sup> instant

Francis Corbett  
John Clark

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Adjourned monthly meeting } Present Patrick Cullkin Esqr. C. J. C.

Here not being a quorum the meeting was further adjourned to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
John Clark

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Adjourned monthly meeting } Present Patrick Cullkin Esqr. C. J. C.

The other commissioners were

Patrick M. Hugh & Laurence Burke Esquires

Here not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned

Francis Corbett  
John Clark

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Augt 1892

Special meeting by requisition } Patrick Cullkin Esqr. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Michael Fahy Thomas Flaherty John M. Plappin and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next the 19<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock here for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of the Board, and to consider the letting of the Docks & Customs sweeping & cleansing & watering of the streets and the printing contract for the year dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 1892

- Patrick Culkern c o c
- Michael Fahy o e
- Thomas Flaherty o e
- Patrick McHugh o e
- Francis Keane o e
- Lawrence Burke o e

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded <sup>with</sup> and disposed of

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Flaherty seconded by Mr. Fahy & unanimously adopted

Resolved, that we the Duam Town Commissioners, take this our first opportunity of conveying our heartfelt congratulations to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, on his accession to Power, we also tender to the Nationalists of our Ireland our best thanks for the noble efforts they have made at the General Election in returning so many members of the Nationalist Party to Parliament, in spite of the cruel coercion & of the Tory Government who used every foul means in their power to defeat Home Rule and put it beyond the aspirations of the Irish Nation for centuries

Thomas Flaherty  
Michael Fahy

Copies of the above resolution was ordered to be sent to

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone Right Hon. John Morley Chief Secretary Mr. Justice McCarty Freeman's Journal the Lord Chancellor & Doctor James

Mr. Gray was allowed permission by the majority of the Board to connect by pipe the Town Hall water tank with water closet on his Hotel premises, which he undertook to cut away at any time the Commissioners wished to do so

Ordered that the sweeping & cleansing & watering of the streets, also the printing & advertising contract for the next 12 months be advertised for next monthly meeting

Ordered that the Docks & Customs be advertised for letting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September next

The clerk was ordered to give Mr. Conroy <sup>Baro</sup> instructions to supply the Docks this meeting for next year 1892. Done since the 7<sup>th</sup> ult.  
Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkern Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Culkern Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

John McPhelphin Thomas Flaherty Patrick Lyons Patrick McHugh & Michael Eschme Esquires

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

Doctor Douling having been disqualified as Commissioner by absence of six months from the meeting of the Board, he was unanimously re-elected on the motion of Mr. Flaherty seconded by Mr. Lyons

Mr. John Cunningham, Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. McHugh, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Michael Fahy.

The following resolution proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. McPhelphin was unanimously passed

Resolved, we the Duam Town Commissioners deeply regret to have to place on record the great loss, they have sustained by the death of the late Mr. Michael Fahy J. Esq. deceased was universally respected by all classes in the County, as an upright and honourable Citizen, this Board loses a most useful and active member whose advice and sound judgment we always sought when the critical affairs of the Board required it, we offer our sincere sympathy to his representatives Mr. Francis McKeever Mrs. McKeever his sister and to his nephews the Drury O'Neira

Patrick Culkern  
John McPhelphin

The Board then adjourned out of respect for the memory of Mr. Fahy

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkern Chairman

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1892

Special meeting  
By request } Present

Patrick Calkin Esqr C J C

The other commissioners were

Thomas A Egan Michael L Shine & Francis Keane Esqrs

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of reading and signing the minutes of the last monthly meeting, also to consider tenders for the sweeping cleaning & watering of the streets and the printing and advertising contract for twelve months dated 6<sup>th</sup> sept 1892

- Patrick Calkin C J C
- Pat<sup>l</sup> Lyons J C
- Laurance Burke J C
- Thomas Munroe J C
- Thomas Flaherty J C
- Francis Keane J C

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Friday next <sup>the</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> inst

Francis Keane  
Jm Calkin

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman

A special meeting was held to day for the purpose of letting the Docks and Customs for the ensuing year

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1892

Patrick Calkin Esqr. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan Michael L Shine Laurance Burke  
Francis Keane & John Cunningham Esquires

Mr Cunningham having signed his declaration took his seat at the Board

There was but one tender for the Docks & Customs from the present Bill  
Farmer Mr. Thomas Silke for £ 550

Mr. Shine proposed & Mr. Burke seconded the following resolution

Propose that the tenders be opened and in the event of Mr. Silke's tender being considered sufficient, it be accepted subject to a special meeting being called for Tuesday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon, to consider Mr. Farmer's application for a reduction, he to abide by the result of decision of that meeting

Michael L Shine  
Laurance Burke

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board

Local Government Board  
Dublin 14<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and in reply, I am to state that the matter to which you refer is one in regard to which the Local Government Board do not possess any jurisdiction and they think the Town Commissioners should be guided by legal advice

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
Thomas A. Mooney  
Secretary

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1892

Adjourned special meeting from the 9<sup>th</sup> inst } Patrick Calkin Esqr C J C presided

The other commissioners present were

John Mc Philpin Thomas Flaherty Michael L Shine  
John Cunningham and Thomas Munroe Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having <sup>been</sup> read and signed

The following letters were read, acknowledging the receipt of the Board resolution congratulating Mr. Gladstone and his party on <sup>their</sup> return to power

I John E. Dowling 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 Towns Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the ~~net~~ net annual value of upwards of £4.

John Dowling

Subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1892

Patrick Culkinn

I John Cunningham 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 Towns Councils and Local Boards Act 1880

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value of upwards of £4-

John Cunningham

Subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1892

Patrick Culkinn

10 Donny Street  
Whitehall  
26<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Sir

I am directed by Mr. Gladstone to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution from the Duam Town Commissioners which you have forwarded to him.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
H. Stan

I Content Copy

Chief Secretary's Office  
Dublin Castle  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892

Sir

Mr. Morley desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. with its enclosed resolution which you were good enough to send him.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Lawrence C. Donnell

The Duam Clerk  
Duam

2 Rullana Square  
Dublin 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1892

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the resolution of your Board

Yours  
J. Walker

20 Cheyne Gardens  
Chelsea Embankment W  
London August 23<sup>rd</sup> 92

Dear Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the resolution passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. by the Duam Town Commissioners a resolution which I need hardly say, has my entire sympathy

Very truly yours  
Arthur M. Compton



There was but one tender for printing & advertising from Mr. Richard J. Kelly for £20

Mr. McPhlipin proposed & Mr. Flaherty seconded that it be accepted was unanimously agreed to

The tender is as follows

Herald office  
Dublin Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Written on  
I beg to offer to do all the printing and advertising required by your Board for the ensuing twelve months in accordance to the terms of your advertisement for the sum of £20 and enclose my sureties  
Yours faithfully  
Richard J. Kelly

The Chairman Board of  
Inam Town Commissioners

We agree to become sureties for Mr. Richard J. Kelly for the Inam Board printing and advertising contract

Witness

William Daly  
Henry Kelly

There was but one tender for the sweeping, cleaning & watering of the streets from the present contractor Mr. Edward Monaghan for £52.

Mr. McPhlipin proposed & Mr. Flaherty seconded that it be accepted was unanimously agreed to

The tender is as follows

Dublin September 9<sup>th</sup> 1892

To the Chairman & Gentlemen of the  
Inam Town Commissioners

I Edward Monaghan respectfully propose and agree to do the sweeping, cleaning & watering and remove all stones and manure according to advertisement for Twelve Months and at the following

1 - Decum for the sum of	£20. 0. 0
2 - do do do	18. 0. 0
3 - do do do	14. 0. 0
	<hr/> 52. 0. 0

and offer as my sureties

Witness

Thomas Murrell

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin

Chairman

Witness  
Martin Griffin  
Catherine Murrell

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1892

Special meeting  
By request

Patrick Calkin Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A. Egan Patrick Lyons Thomas Flaherty John McPhlipin  
Michael O'Shine Francis Keane Laurence Burke Thomas Murrell  
and John Cunningham Esquires

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

That the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon, to consider the Toll Farmers application for an abatement in the Tolls & Customs for the past year

- Patrick Calkin 20c
- J. A. Egan 20c
- Laurence Burke 20c
- Michael O'Shine 20c
- Francis Keane 20c
- John Cunningham 20c
- John McPhlipin 20c
- Thomas Murrell 20c

Mr. Egan proposed & Mr. Shine seconded the following resolution

That they propose that the late Toll Farmers be allowed the sum of twenty five pounds reduction in the Tolls for the years 1891 & 1892  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 92

J. A. Egan  
Michael O'Shine

Mr. Lyons proposed and Mr. Flaherty seconded the following amendment

Board Room  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1892

I propose as an amendment to Mr. Egan's resolution that we give no abatement to Mr. Silk until he pays bal<sup>ce</sup> of former bill £52. and the most part of his other or last bill

Patrick Lyons  
Thomas Flaherty

A poll having been taken the voting was as follows

For resolution  
Burke  
Keane  
Shine  
Egan 4

For amendment  
Cunningham  
Murrell  
McPhlipin  
Flaherty  
5 Lyons

Majority, one,

The chairman disavows

Mr. Shine proposed & Mr. Egan seconded the following resolution

I propose that providing that a sum of £44. be lodged in the Bank on Monday next by the Dull Farmer by 12 O'clock noon. that we agree to pay to allow him a sum of £50. this being in order to clear the Dull Farmer's account with the Bank for the past year  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1892

Michael Shine  
J A Egan

A poll was taken whether he be allowed £50, or £44.

For £50.

- Cunningham
- Munroe
- Burke
- Keane
- Shine
- Loyons
- Egan

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Majority 5

The chairman did not vote

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Burke and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we the Linn Down Commissioners condemn emphatically the conduct of Col. Depute R. M. in sending Father Humphrey to jail and we impress upon the Right Hon. John Morley his Government to take immediate steps to prevent such a thing occurring again, as such acts if allowed are bound to bring the Gladstone Government into disrepute  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1892

Patrick Cullkin  
Lawrence Burke

The Dull Farmers' tender is as follows

Linn September 14<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Chairman & Commissioners

Linn Down Board

Gentlemen

I propose and agree to give you the sum of £50. for the Dull's Customs for the year commencing 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1892 to the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1893, and I also agree to carry out the conditions contained in the advertisement I offer as my sureties the undersigned whose consent in writing are hereto annexed. Thomas Silk Linn  
The undersigned hereby agree to become Thomas Silk's sureties for the due performance of above contract

John M. Clark  
John M. Clark  
John M. Clark  
John M. Clark

Witness

Mat Leonard

In addition to the above named

sureties the bills were signed by Mr. Jim Scully Colloca and Mr. Patrick Gilmore. Cotton we

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present. Patrick Cullkin Esq. Chairman

John E Douling M. D. John M. Philpin and Patrick M. Hugh Esquires

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corlett  
John Clark

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1892

Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Patrick Cullkin Esq. & Co. presided

The other Commissioners present were

John E Douling M. D. Thomas Flattery, Thomas A Egan  
Patrick Lyons Francis Keane & Thomas Munroe Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following communications were read

10 Downing Street  
Whitehall  
27<sup>th</sup> sept 1892

Sir

I am desired by Mr. Gladstone to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. forwarding a resolution of the Duam Town Commissioners

I am  
Your obedient servant  
G. St. Murray

The Town Clerk  
Duam

Chief Secretary's Office  
Dublin Castle  
22<sup>nd</sup> sept 1892

Sir

Mr. Morley desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. with its enclosed resolution passed by the Duam Commissioners of Duam on the subject of the imprisonment of Father Humphreys

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant  
L. C. Dondall

The Town Clerk

The Presbytery  
Tipperary  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1892

To. J. Corbett Esqr  
Town Clerk  
Duam Town Commissioners

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Duam Town Commissioners which you have so kindly sent me. Will you kindly convey to the Gentlemen of your Town Council my most sincere thanks for their thoughtful & very kind resolution

I highly appreciate the kindness in having taken notice of the little incident of my committal for eleven days.

I am Dear Sir  
Yours respectfully  
David Humphreys C. C.

Duam 23<sup>rd</sup> sept 1892

To. The Duam Town Commissioners  
Duam

Gentlemen

I beg to thank you very much for your resolution and it is a great consolation to me, in the regret naturally felt at his loss, that his fellow Citizens entertain such a high opinion of him

Yours faithfully  
Margaret O'Meara

Killimore  
9<sup>th</sup> sept 1892

Dear Mr. Corbett

I beg gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Duam Town Commissioners regretting the death of my dear uncle Michael Fahy

I would ask you kindly to convey to Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board my grateful acknowledgments for the kind terms in which they speak of my late uncle and my very sincere thanks for the sympathy which they so generously offer to my family and mine in our great loss. It will ever be a consolation to all who loved the deceased that his forty years of Citizenship won the approval of the Honorable Board that so worthily represents the people amongst whom Michael Fahy so long lived

Again sincerely thanking these Gentlemen

I am  
Faithfully yours  
J. O'Meara

Duam 23<sup>rd</sup> sept 1892

To. Francis Corbett Esqr.  
Town Clerk  
Duam

Dear Sir

I have your letter enclosing copy of a resolution of the Duam Town Commissioners on the death of my uncle the late Mr. Fahy. Will you be good enough to convey to that Body how very much I feel their expression of sympathy on my loss and of the very high opinion they entertain of the truly upright and honourable discharge of his duty as a Citizen of Duam. We will all feel his loss very much

Yours faithfully  
Francis Meagher

Copy of Auditor's report for 1891

To the Secretary  
Local Government Board  
Dublin

Senaboy  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1892

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of the Local Government Board, for Ireland, that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Duam for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1891, and herewith to send a extract of same duly certified by me in the usual manner.

In this a very small proportion of the revenue which is derived principally from the letting of the Cotts, appears to have been expended on Improvements, or cleaning. Compared with the Duane, while Rent, Taxes, Salaries, and Law Costs absorb more than half the amount received from all sources,

On the Receipt side of the account I find only £5.14.9 received for Hire of the Town Hall, or while so much money was laid out,

The Books and accounts appears to have been well, and regularly kept, and were submitted by the Town Clerk in a clear and satisfactory manner.

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
J. O'Hara  
Auditor

To the Secretary  
Local Government Board  
Dublin

Messrs John Murphy and James Nolan were appointed enumerators for the sheep and cattle fair days at the usual allowance 70/- per day. James Nolan refused to act and John Brady was appointed in his place.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrik Calkin

Chairman

Borough of Duam  
in the County of Galway to wit

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

Take Notice

That an Election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Duam, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, inst., in said Borough, in room of Messrs Martin & Glynn, Thomas Muirce, Thomas Flattery, Michael Gleeson, Francis Keane, who retire by rotation, but all of whom (except Mr. Michael Gleeson who is dead) are eligible for reelection.

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

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

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

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

Surnames	Other Names	Abode	Rank Profession or Occupation

Signed

That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1892,  
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1892,

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Posted up on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.

The following nominations Papers were handed in

Town of Suam

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Suam  
to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892

Nomination Papers

I, the undersigned Patrick Lyons of Suam in the County of Galway being entitled to vote in the Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Suam do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as a Commissioner for the said Borough

Surname	Other Names	Abode	Rank Profession or occupation
Glynn	Martin J	Dublin Road Suam	Solicitor

Signed  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1892

Patrick Lyons

Glynn Martin J. Dublin Road Suam Solicitor was also nominated by John A O'Flanagan, in like form

Murroe Thomas. High street Suam Merchant, was nominated by Patrick Lyons, in like form

Flatley Thomas. Bishop street Suam, Black Smith, was nominated by Patrick Lyons, in like form

Guy Edward G. The square Suam, Hotel Keeper, was nominated by Patrick Lyons, in like form

Commings James. Sullinadaly Road Suam, Grocer, was nominated by Patrick Lyons, in like form

Walsh Martin S. High Street Suam. General Merchant was nominated by John A O'Flanagan, in like form

Keane Francis Dublin Road Suam. Merchant was nominated by John A O'Flanagan, in like form

Naughton Patrick Shop street Suam. Draper, was nominated by John A O'Flanagan, in like form

Morgan Michael F. Shop street Suam Grocer, was nominated by John A O'Flanagan, in like form

Notice of Nomination

Town of Suam

Election of Commissioners

I, the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Suam hereby give notice that the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated for Election as Commissioners for the said Town and Borough of Suam and their respective places of Abode and description and the names of the persons nominating them are as follow

Surnames	Other names	Places of Abode of Persons nominated	Description of Persons nominated	Names of Persons by whom nominated
Glynn	Martin J.	Dublin Road Suam	Solicitor	Patrick Lyons and John A O'Flanagan
Murroe	Thomas	High street Suam	Merchant	Patrick Lyons
Flatley	Thomas	Bishop street Suam	Black Smith	Patrick Lyons
Guy	Edward G.	The square Suam	Hotel Keeper	Patrick Lyons
Commings	James	Sullinadaly Road Suam	Grocer	Patrick Lyons
Walsh	Martin S.	High street Suam	General Merchant	John A O'Flanagan
Keane	Francis	Dublin Road Suam	Merchant	John A O'Flanagan
Naughton	Patrick	Shop street Suam	Draper	John A O'Flanagan
Morgan	Michael F.	Shop street Suam	Grocer	John A O'Flanagan

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the above Election will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant.

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

Signed  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892. The foregoing notice was posted up outside the Polling place and in the Market Square on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. 78-

Francis Corbett Town Clerk

The whole of the candidates went to the Poll on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892

Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman of the Board as Returning Officer opened the Booth at 8 o'clock, A. M. and closed same at 8 o'clock, P. M. on the same day

The Ballot Papers being taken out of the Box and counted the number of votes for each candidate is as follows

Martin J. Glynn	61
Thomas Flalley	61
Thomas Munroe	58
Martin S. Walsh	58
James Connors	57
Eduard G. Guy	57
Francis Keane	54
Patrick Naughton	53
Michael F. Mangan	46

The following gentlemen were declared duly elected, they being the highest on the list,

Notice of Candidates Elected

Town of Duam

Election of Commissioners

I, the undersigned being the Returning Officer for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town of Duam hereby give notice that the undersigned persons have been duly elected as Commissioners for the said Town

Surnames	Other Names	Abode	Rank Profession or Occupation
Glynn	Martin J.	Dublin Road Duam	Solicitor
Flalley	Thomas	Bishop Street Duam	Black Smith
Munroe	Thomas	High Street Duam	Merchant
Walsh	Martin S.	High Street Duam	General Merchant
Connors	James	Sullinadaly Road Duam	Grocer

Signed

Patrick Cullen

Returning Officer

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892

Copies of the foregoing were posted up on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892

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

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

Subscribed before me this day of 1892

Witness

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

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value upwards of £4. 0. 0

Subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892

Witness

Patrick Cullen

Thomas Flalley

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

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value upwards of £4. 0. 0

Subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892

Witness

Patrick Cullen

Thomas Munroe

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

And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Duam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value upwards of £4. 0. 0

Subscribed before me this day of 1892

Witness

I, James Commons do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and Authorities imposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880,

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

Subscribed before this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892

Witness

Patrick Cullen

James Commons

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1892

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Cullen Esq. Chairman Presided

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas Flattery John Dr. Phelps Patrick Coyne Thomas Muirce  
James Commons Patrick McHugh + John Cunningham Esquires

Mrs. Flattery Muirce + Commons three of the elected Commissioners signed their respective declarations and took their seats at the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The Board agreed to meet in the evening for the purpose of adopting an address to be presented to John Dalton Esq. M.P. at the Convention to be held in Galway on the Wednesday next the 9<sup>th</sup> inst

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Coyne seconded by Mr. Flattery and unanimously adopted

That the clerk of Town Commissioners be directed to bring under the notice of the Local Government Board the following facts in connection with the Tuam water works so that the ratepayers of Tuam, who are already very heavily taxed, may be saved from further taxation which the appointment of collectors of domestic water rates as contemplated by the Board of Guardians would entail, - (1) The Guardians at their last meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, decided to appoint a collector at a salary of £1 per week and a plumber at £30 per annum. The only ostensible duty of the collector would be the collection of the domestic rate which at the very most will not exceed £200 per annum, if it even reaches that amount, if the Local Government Board approve of such a salary it will be given its sanction to the payment of poundage for collection at the extraordinary figure of 5p per £ or perhaps more. (2) The appointment of collector is wholly unnecessary, if a competent plumber be appointed, it could be made one of the conditions of his appointment that he should collect the domestic rate, or the poor rate. Collector who at present collects the public water rate could also collect the domestic rate. (3) The Township of Tuam must now bear the entire cost of the construction and maintenance of the water works. The plans, maps, etc. were before the Guardians for more than two years, yet they allowed the reservoir to be erected on an elevation to command the workhouse and pipes to be laid to the workhouse gate, and then refused to take the water in. Had the reservoir not been erected on an elevation to supply the workhouse a suitable site could be had much nearer the town, and several hundreds of pounds now unnecessarily expended in the work of construction would have been saved. The Guardians, with the exception of a few, have no interest in Town of Tuam, and this fact could be more clearly exemplified than by the useless expenditure of money in erecting the reservoir where it is and allowing pipes to be laid to the workhouse gate, all for no purpose. This waste of money the Guardians who will bear no part of the expenditure want to supplement by making an appointment collector of domestic water rate) at an exorbitant salary that is simply a sinecure. That the Local Government Board be respectfully requested to inquire into the matter so as that the area of taxation may be extended on account of the extra cost consequent on the action of the Guardians

and that rate payers be spared the burthen of sustaining a useless office

The clerk was directed to insert in circulars concerning the next monthly meeting the matter of basing the advertisements of the Board published in English and Irish for the future

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullinan Chairman

Special Meeting. Election of Chairman for the ensuing year

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1892

Present - Patrick Cullinan John E Donling M D Patrick Loyons  
Patrick M Hugh Laurence Burke & John Cunningham Esquires

On the motion of Doctor Donling the Town Clerk was moved to the chair

Mr. Loyons proposed and Doctor Donling seconded that Mr. Cullinan be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year was unanimously adopted

A vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mr. M. Hugh seconded by Mr. Cunningham was unanimously passed

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullinan Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1892

The usual monthly of the Board was held to-day

Patrick Cullinan Esqr Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

John M. Shepley John Cunningham Patrick M. Hugh and Patrick Loyons

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following communications were read

The following Resolution passed by the Corporation of Dublin relative to the Christian Brothers and National Education was read and unanimously adopted

City Town Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Dublin 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1892

That we express the satisfaction with which the Council as a representative body, has learned that the Board of National Education has at length endorsed, by a decision in favor of the national demand for the removal of those unnecessary restrictions upon religious freedom by which the schools of the Christian Brothers, notwithstanding their unquestioned excellence in every department of school work, have hitherto been excluded from all share in the public grants for elementary education in Ireland

That we also protest against the movement now openly being organized to induce His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to frustrate by his veto the act of the National Education Board

The clerk was directed to send copies of the foregoing to the following M. P.'s Messrs Col. Nolan, Roach, Shuby Pinkerton & Foley

The following letter of Mr. Perry's Co. Surveyor received from Clerk of the Union was read and the Town Clerk was directed to convey to Mr. Perry the Board's views on the subject

County Surveyor's Office  
Galway 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1892

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter and resolution of 21<sup>st</sup> November, I beg to say that I shall be glad to have any further opinions either of the Board or of individual members of a legitimate character and I shall try to have remedied any defects which it is within my power to remedy, the pools of water complained of at Inam Crossings were cleared away when I saw the places and there was then no more than the certain amount of obstruction and inconvenience unavoidable



in putting gates across a public Road, In my report I suggested to the second level crossing in Duam and think it will be found to be objectionable especially on market days when considerable blockings of traffic will take place when the gates are closed, The level crossing close to the station could hardly be avoided but the railway could have been carried over the second road with a gradient of 1 in 70 or less

I am Sir  
yours faithfully yours  
James Peery

C. J. Morris Esq  
Clerk of the Board  
Duam

The following letter was read from Mr. Shine water works Superintendent

Duam  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892

Dear Sir

I think the Duam Commissioners should at their next meeting consider the advisability of procuring a stand pipe and a sufficient quantity of hose for use in case of fire, If the Board make the order I will give you all the necessary information on the subject, It would be well if the tank of Duam Hall was connected with the main, it would be far better than the present unsatisfactory arrangement, The 2 Billiard Rooms would I have no doubt contribute to the Duam funds for supplying them with water

Yours faithfully  
Michael Le Shine  
Water Works Superintendent

F. Culbert Esq  
Duam Clerk

The clerk was directed to reply & state that it would have due consideration & to say that they would wish to know what the probable costs would be

The clerk was directed to invite tenders at their next monthly meeting for contract to publish the Board's advertisements in the Irish Language side by side with the English for twelve months

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Special Meeting  
By requisition

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1892

Present

Michael Le Shine Esq

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Duam Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 19<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock, to consider the letter of the water works superintendent suggesting that a stand pipe and hose be provided for use in cases of fire and that the tank in Duam Hall be connected with the public main, also to consider the advisability of getting a proper map of the Duam made setting forth the situation of the Hydrants &c in connection with the water works also the sources of the and to issue an advertisement for the work already agreed on to be done viz - to raise the chimneys in connection with lower rooms in Duam Hall in order to do away with the smoke which renders them at times unfit for use

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Signed

- John Cunningham 26
- John E. Dooling 30
- John M. Phelps 30
- J. Burke 30
- Michael Le Shine 30

To.

Mr Francis Corbett  
Duam Clerk

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1892

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held

Francis Corbett  
Duam Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present - Patrick Cullen Esq. & J. C.

Patrick Coyne and Patrick McHugh Esquires

Here not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Jun Esq.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Adjourned monthly meeting Present

Patrick Cullen Esq. & J. C.

John McPhelipin Michael C. Shine and John Cunningham Esquires

Here not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Jun Esq.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Adjourned monthly meeting } Patrick Cullen Esq. & J. C. President

The other Commissioners present were

John E. Dowling M.D. Michael C. Shine John Cunningham  
Patrick McHugh and Patrick Coyne Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of.

It was agreed that the election for four Commissioners would take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

The following letter was read from Col. Nolan

Ballydoonry Inam  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1892

Sir,  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of resolution passed by the Inam Board in favour of the Christian Brothers  
The recent history of the struggle made by the Irish Members and other Nationalists to secure equal treatment for these most valuable educationalists and (at present) unpaid public servants, affords a striking lesson in the great political art of "putting off." - As I recollect the circumstances, a strong and united effort was made last summer by the Irish Nationalists Members to secure a promise from the then Government that the Christian Brothers should be permitted to share in the process of Irish taxation, so long as they continued to bestow the excellent training which their system now affords - Mr. Jackson the then Chief Secretary, successfully parried our attack - or yielded to our well founded remonstrances - by declaring that the question was one for the Irish Board of Education, and that the latter could confer on the Christian Brothers the advantages of the grant by passing a rule which would bring the Brothers under the scheme of National Education in Ireland - This was the first "put off," though on the whole I think it was an extremely good one for our principle - The Board of Education, after many attempts of a minority to still further delay a solution, found means to pass an excellent rule which would have permitted the Christian Brothers to come under the Board of Education - His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant, refused to confirm this rule and although it is somewhat premature to judge yet of the effect of the decision of this generally well disposed nobleman, I am not wholly devoid of fears that this refusal may prove a second instance of "putting off." - The matter, I believe, now again referred to the Board of Education, and we can only await further developments in that quarter, if the question is not decisively resolved before the 31<sup>st</sup> January, I would humbly suggest that the Irish Members should make this question one of first class importance and that we should place only one limit to our efforts, we should not at this point interfere with Home Rule, otherwise we should strain every nerve against any more "putting off," I have the honour to be, your Obedt Servt  
John P. Nolan  
The Chairman, Inam for Commissioners

The following resolution from Dublin Corporation was on the motion of Mr. Shine seconded by Mr. McHugh unanimously adopted

John Cluik's office  
City Hall  
Dublin Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1892

Sir  
I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1892. The following resolution was adopted

That the special services which Sir Thomas Brady has in the course of a long public life rendered to this country, merit the recognition of this Council, and this Council recommend his claims to the fullest consideration of the Treasury.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant the chief secretary, every Irish Member of Parliament, and all Municipal Bodies

I am Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
James J. Haney  
Assistant to the Town Clerk

The clerk was directed to send copies of the above to the Lord Lieutenant chief secretary & Mr. Gladstone. also the Freeman & National press and the daily independent

There was but one tender from Mr. Richard J. Kelly for £14-0-0 for advertising the advertisements of the Board in Irish, which was considered too high and the consideration of the matter was adjourned until the usual time for considering the printing contract

The clerk was directed to insert advertisement in the local papers inviting tenders for next monthly meeting for any quantity of Paraffin oil required by the Board for 12 months, same to be supplied as may be required from time to time

It was resolved to invite tenders for next monthly meeting to raise chimneys of Board room and Billiard rooms in accordance with specification drawn up by Mr. P. Donnellan

The question of getting a sufficient quantity of Hose and stand pipe for use in case of fire having been considered, the following resolution proposed by Mr. Shine seconded by Doctor Donling was adopted Mr. McHugh dissenting viz.

That a stand pipe and a sufficient quantity of Hose be got for use in case of fire, the quantity and quality of the Hose required to be first ascertained and an order to issue at next monthly meeting for what may be considered necessary

Attention having been drawn to the manner in which the Contractor for Duane and Blenheim Line of Railway was acting, it was suggested by Mr. Shine and agreed to that the chairman confer with Mr. H. Kirwan J. P. and have such letter as may be considered necessary written by the clerk on behalf of the Board to the Contractor or whoever else may be the proper party to communicate with on the subject

It was agreed that the question of getting a Map made showing the situation of the sewers of the Town also of the Hydrants and other matters connected with the water works be put in circular for next monthly meeting and considered there

Mr. Shine having brought before the Board the desirability of having the Town Hall connected with the mains. So as to have a proper supply of water in the Building, it was ordered that the water works superintendent be directed to have the connection made and a Ball valve put on the Tank so as to prevent any overflow, this to be done at the expense of the Board - The question of what to be charged the 2 Billiard Rooms for supply of water was at the suggestion of the chairman adjourned until the committee of those rooms be consulted

It was agreed to stop £1- from the scavenger owing to the disgraceful state of the streets brought before the Board by several members of the Board and the lamp lighter was cautioned to be more particular in future in keeping the lamps cleaned and lighted

It was agreed that no Pigs be allowed in future to be offered for sale the day previous to the Fair

The clerk was directed to communicate with the different Insurance Companies to ascertain what support would they (if any) give towards extinguishing fires that may break out in Town

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 1893

Special meeting } Present Patrick Cullin Esq J.P.  
By request } and Michael O'Shine Esq

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was closed  
We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next 26<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of taking such steps as may be considered advisable to compel the Contractor for street cleaning

Hursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Special meeting  
By resolution Present

Patrick Culkui Esq J.C.C

and Michael C Shive Esq

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Town Board for Thursday next at 26<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of taking such steps as be may considered advisable to compel the Contractor for street cleansing to put the street pathways, &c. of the Town in as good a passable condition, the Town being at present in a condition which is a disgrace to the Town Board and a cause of great inconvenience to the inhabitants

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893

Signed

J. Burke J.C.  
J. E. Doulay J.C.  
P. Lyons J.C.  
Michael C Shive J.C.  
Patrick McHugh J.C.

To

Mr. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

There not being a quorum

there was no meeting held

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkui Chairman

Borough of Inam  
In the County of Galway, to wit

Election of Five Commissioners for the Borough of Inam  
in the County of Galway

Take Notice

1. That pursuant to the order of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Decr 1892. an Election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Inam, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day January, 1893, in said Borough,
2. That any person entitled to vote may nominate for the said office himself (if duly qualified) or any other person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number
3. That every such nomination must be in writing and must state the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated with their respective places of abode, and descriptions.
4. That any nomination paper must be signed by the party nominating, and may be in the following form, or to the like effect:-

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Inam, to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1893.

Nomination paper

Christian name and Surname of person nominated,	Place of abode of Person nominated	Description of person nominated	Christian and Surname of Nominator	Address of Nominator

Dated the      day of      18.

Signed

5. That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk or or before the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1893.

Signed

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Inam.

I the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Inam hereby give notice that the Christian and Sur-names of the persons nominated for Election as Commissioners for the said Town, and their respective places of abode, and description, and the names of the parties nominating them are as follows:-

Sur-name	Other names	Places of abode of Persons nominated	Description of persons nominated	Name of person by whom nominated
Begley	James	Bishop Street	Merchant	Patrick Lyons Shop St. Inam.
Brown	Patrick	Brace Street	Merchant	Patrick Lyons Shop St. Inam
Commons	James	Jullynadaly Rd.	Grocer.	Patrick Lyons Shop St. Inam
Flahly	Thomas	Bishop Street.	Blacksmith	Patrick Lyons Shop St. Inam
Glynn	Martin J.	Dublin Rd. Inam	Solicitor	Martin S. Walsh High St. Inam D. J. Gilmore Dublin Rd. Inam.
Keane	Francis (otherwise P.)	Dublin Rd. Inam	Merchant	J. J. Gilmore Dublin Rd. Inam Martin S. Walsh High St. Inam
Mangan	Michael P.	Shop St. Inam	Grocer wine and Spirit Merchant	Martin S. Glynn Eastland Bar Inam Martin S. Walsh High St. Inam
Mulroy (otherwise Thomas)	Thomas	Shop St. Inam Gate of High St.	Merchant	Patrick Lyons Shop St. Inam
Namghton	Patrick	Shop St. Inam	Woolen Draper	Martin S. Walsh High St. Inam Martin J. Glynn Eastland Bar Inam
Walsh	Martin J.	High St. Inam	Merchant	Francis Keane Dublin Rd. Inam

The poll will take place on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1893. at 8 o'clock A.M. and close at 8 o'clock P.M.

Signed

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

Town Hall 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1893.

The following is the result of the polling at the Election of Commissioners held on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1893.

James Begley 43	Francis Keane 32
Patrick Brown 39	Michael Mangan 27
James Commons 46	Thomas Mulroy 37
Thomas Flahly 44	Patrick Namghton 35
Martin Glynn 40	Martin J. Walsh 37

Patrick Cullin Doq. Chairman of the Board as returning Officer opened the Booth at 8 o'clock A.M. and closed same at 8 o'clock P.M. After the Ballot papers being counted the returning Officer declared the following Gentlemen duly elected Commissioners

Name	Address	Occupation
James Commons	Jullynadaly Rd. Inam.	Grocer
Thomas Flahly	Bishop St. Inam	Blacksmith
James Begley	Bishop St. Inam	Merchant
Martin J. Glynn	Dublin Rd. Inam	Solicitor
Patrick Brown	Brace St. Inam	Merchant

Dated at Inam the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1893.

Patrick Cullin

Returning Officer at said Election

I James Commons do Solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, and the Town Councils and Local Board act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Inam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4-0-0.

Subscribed before me this 13 day of February 1893.

James Commons

Witness

Patrick Culkin

I Patrick Browne do Solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, and the Town Councils and Local Board act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Inam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4-0-0.

Subscribed before me this 1 day of May 1893

Patrick Browne

Witness

Patrick Culkin

I Thomas Flaherty do Solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Inam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4-0-0.

Subscribed before me this 6th day of March 1893.

Witness

Patrick Culkin

Thomas Flaherty

I James Bealey do Solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Inam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4-0-0.

Subscribed before me this 13th day of February 1893

James Bealey

Witness

Patrick Culkin

I Martin J. Glynn do Solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1880, and the Town Councils and Local Board act 1880, and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Inam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4-0-0.

Subscribed before me this day of 1893.

Galway City Council Archives

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1893

The usual monthly business of the Board

Present. Patrick Culkin Esq. & c. & c.

Laurence Burke & Michael C. Shinn Esqs

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to the day next the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Conliff Esq  
John C. W. K.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1893

Adjourned monthly meeting } Patrick Culkin Esq. & c. & c. presided

The other commissioners present were

John Mc Phelim Laurence Burke Michael C. Shinn Patrick M. Walsh  
James J. Beagley & James Connors Esquires

James J. Beagley and James Connors Esqs who having read & signed their declarations as commissioners took their seats at the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following communications were read

Chief Secretary's office  
Dublin Castle  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1893

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Dublin Board Commissioners with reference to the recent outrage in Dublin

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
M. W. Hayes

Francis Conliff Esq  
John C. W. K.  
Inam

10 Downing Street  
White Hall  
24 Jan'y 1893

Sir I am directed by Mr. Gladstone to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution which you have forwarded to him

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
H. Staud

Francis Conliff Esq

Chief Secretary's office  
Dublin Castle  
25 January 1893

Sir I am directed by the Chief Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Board Commissioners of Duam with reference to the recent outrage in Dublin

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
M. W. Hayes

Francis Conliff Esq  
John C. W. K.  
Inam

Irish Commissioners Office  
Athlone 19<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Dear Sir  
Railway rates  
At a meeting of the Athlone Irish Commissioners held yesterday, Mr. R. English, J. P. Chairman, presiding, on motion of Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Kil Kelly the annexed resolution, which had already been passed at a meeting specially convened by the Chairman, and largely attended by the Merchants and Traders of the Town, was unanimously adopted, and was directed to request that your Board would assist in trying to obtain the required redress

Yours faithfully  
John C. Kelly  
John C. Kelly

That we, Merchants and Traders of Athlone, in public meeting assembled, are of opinion that the recent increase of rates in the carriage of goods, by Rail is unjustifiable, and would tend to seriously injure Home Trade, and this meeting would call special attention to the already disproportionate way in which Ireland is taxed by the incidence of freight charges, owing to its distance from the large centres of population and want of competition in carriage of imports and exports

was unanimously adopted

Town Commissioners Office  
Galway 11th Feb 1893

Dear Sir  
Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst. I beg to say that the hose we have in use is Merryweathers 3 inch, the lengths are 40 feet each, the price £6.12- per length i.e. about 3/4 per foot. Merryweathers address is Greenwich Road London S E

Yours faithfully  
J. Redington sec.

Sec. Town Commissioners  
Inam

County Surveyors Office  
Galway 21st Jan 1893

Dear Sir  
I have written to Mr. Barrington he says that the improvements will be made at all events I take him as saying so

I am  
very faithfully yours  
James Perry

Francis Corbett Esq  
Town Clerk  
Inam

There were two tenders for raising the chimneys of the Board room and Billiard rooms

one from Mr. Thomas Egan for £15.

one from Mr. Patrick McNaally for 13. 10. 0

Both tenders were considered too high, it was ordered to be re-advertised

There was but one tender for Paraffin oil from Mrs Byrne, which is as follows

To the Chairman & Gentlemen  
of the Inam Town Board  
Gentlemen

I propose and agree to supply any quantity of Paraffin oil (Rock oil) for twelve months according to advertisement at sixpence per gallon and offer as my sureties Mr. John O'Flanagan and Mr. Francis Meagher both of Inam for the faithful performance of the above contract.

M Byrne  
dated 6th Feb 1893

We are willing to join in a Bond for the faithful performance of the above contract.

John O'Flanagan  
Francis Meagher

Mr. McHugh proposed and Mr. Begley seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, that we the Inam Town Commissioners protest against the Railway Companies imposing an increased charge on the carriage of goods, which has already affected the business of this Town and has been causing people to go to Galway and such Towns that have direct and cheap rates, and that we respectfully ask the Railway companies to reduce the rates, otherwise we will communicate with the shipping companies for a reduced rate

The Clerk was ordered to send copies of the foregoing resolution to the Board of Trade, The Freeman, Journal & National Press and to the Irish Independent

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Begley seconded the following resolution

I propose that the Town Clerk be directed to write to Mr. Perry Co. Surveyor, asking his views on the subject of Electric Light for Inam and to return if he could conveniently name a day to meet the Board & discuss the subject

M L Shine  
James J. Begley

Mr. M. Philpin proposed and Mr. Benke seconded the following resolution

I propose that in future no adjourned meeting be held <sup>without</sup> written notice to each member of the Board giving the hour of meeting  
13th Feb 1893  
John M. Philpin  
Lawrence Benke

Mr. Shine handed in the following notice of motion

I take notice that I will move at the next monthly meeting that the Board room stair case planing, also the room shown as the Catholic Temperance Society Billiard room be transacted

13/2/93  
Michael L Shine



Take notice that I will propose at the next monthly meeting that a receiving  
brush be got for the purpose of sweeping the streets of the Town. The Town Clerk  
in the main time to obtain catalogue showing prices of same  
Michael C. Shine

It was agreed to get a stove pipe and 40 feet of hose. The matter was the committee  
are to consider this matter, after which the clerk is to order what is required

The clerk was ordered to read a tender for contractor to raise the chimneys of Town  
Hall & Billiard rooms

It was agreed that the lamp lighter P. Kennedy get the sum of  
two shillings for buying an overcoat

It was agreed that the Chairman would see Mr. Perry Co. Surveyors  
in reference to the foot path <sup>to be made</sup> opposite the Town Cemetery

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine

Chairman

Monday 6th March 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day  
Patrick Culkine Esq. Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

John E. Donling M. D. Thomas Flaherty Michael C. Shine  
Thomas Egan James J. Begley Lawrence Burke & John Cunningham Esqrs.

Thomas Flaherty Esq. having read & signed his declaration took his  
seat at the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with & disposed of

Here were the tenders for raising the chimneys  
Mr. Shine proposed and Doctor Donling seconded that the tenders be opened  
as agreed to.

There was one from Mr. John Henry for £13. 2 to build with  
stock brick pointed in cement £14.

and one from Mr. Thomas Egan for £12.

Mr. Shine proposed and Doctor Donling seconded that Mr. Egan's  
tender be accepted was unanimously agreed to

The tender is as follows

Dublin March 6th 1893

To the Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby agree to raise chimneys (2) of Billiard  
room and Billiard rooms Town Hall according to specification in a workmanlike  
and satisfactory manner. Including all necessary scaffolding & materials for the  
sum of Twelve pounds £12. 0. 0

Thomas Egan

We the undersigned agree to become security for Thomas Egan in the event  
of his becoming contractor for above work

David H. Burke  
Wm. Morris

The meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 13th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine

Chairman

Monday 13th March 1893

Adjourned } Present.  
Meeting } Patrick Culkine Esq. C. C.

John M. Phelps & James Cunningham Esqrs

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held

Francis Corbett  
John C. Culkine

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine

Chairman

Monday 3rd April 1893

The usual monthly meeting

Present. Patrick Cullen Esq C.C.

John M. Phelpin and James Commons Esquires

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 10th inst.

Francis Corbett  
Jocelyn Cullen

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 10th April 1893

Adjourned monthly meeting

Patrick Cullen Esq Chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

James Commons James J. Begley Patrick M. Hugh John Cunniffham and Michael C. Shinn Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceed with & disposed of

The following resolution was proposed by Michael C. Shinn Esq seconded by James J. Begley Esq. and unanimously adopted

Resolved, That on the Inman Down Commissioners desire to place on record the expression of our deep regret at learning of the death of Mr. John Morris one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the Inman a gentleman who during 40 years official connection with our Union was deservedly respected by all classes

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to his sons Rev. Thomas Morris C.C. and Mr. Charles J. Morris Clerk of the Union

The following resolution proposed by the Chairman Patrick Cullen Esq. seconded by James J. Begley Esq. was adopted. Mr. Shinn dissenting.

That we the Inman Down Commissioners express and renew our solemn pledges of undying fealty to the Home Rule Cause and are determined to persevere in the good fight until an Irish Parliament once more is enabled to make laws for our down traded country once and for ever in college green, we declare our implicit confidence in the Irish Parliamentary party under the leadership of Mr. Justin McCarthy M.P., That our best thanks are hereby due and tendered to the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone for having introduced the Home Rule bill and his continuing to advance it in defiance of Orange bluster ~~and~~ Coercionist and a factionist and to carry out the aspirations of the Irish nation to their native wish

April 10th 1893

Ordered that copies of the above resolution be sent to Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley Chief Secretary

A pamphlet from the Irish Agricultural Association having been received, the objects of the Association as therein set forth, were on the motion Mr. Shinn seconded by Mr. Cunniffham unanimously approved of, the clerk was directed to write to the secretaries to that effect

The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Perry Esq. Surveyor in reference to the crossing on Galway road, Inman and Claremorris Railway to say that the contract has done nothing as yet to remedy it

The unprotected state of the bridge in Bishop street having been brought under the notice of the Board by Mr. Begley, the clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Perry Esq. Surveyor drawing his attention to same with a view of having it remedied

The Inman and Claremorris Railway Contractor not having yet paid expense incurred by the Board removing flags raised by his men at Lawrence Burkes house the clerk was ordered to apply to him again for the amt namely 10/-

The clerk was ordered to prepare and issue the required notices for application at next presentment sessions for foot paths one on Circular road one Clontarf road and one on Sullinadaly road

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Petruck Caldwell Esqr chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons James J Begley Patrick McHugh Esq. Commis  
Patrick Brown and Michael O'Shane Esquires

Patrick Brown Esq read & signed his declaration and took his seat as the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with & disposed of

The following communications were read

10 Downing Street  
White Hall  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1893

Sir  
I am directed by Mr Gladstone to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution which you have forwarded to him,

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant  
J. Shaw

Dublin Castle  
14<sup>th</sup> April 1893

Sir  
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. and enclose copy of resolution adopted by the Lona Commissioners of Duam in reference to the Government of Ireland Bill

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant  
R. Kay

Belcarra  
Castletown 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1893

Dear Mr. Corbett  
I have read with great interest your letter enclosing a Resolution of sympathy passed by the Members of the Lona Board on the sad occasion

of my Fathers death. Kindly convey to the commissioners my thanks, I feel deeply grateful for the sorrow expressed in the resolution and for the sympathy extended to myself and others who must now try to bear up against a sudden and an entirely unexpected blow

I am  
Dear Mr. Corbett  
Yours very faithfully  
R. Morris & Co

J. Corbett Esqr  
Dona Castle  
Dunam

County Surveyors office  
Galway 24<sup>th</sup> April 1893

Level crossings

Sir  
I have already had some correspondence with the Board of Trade about the level crossings, it appears that the Board of Trade is the authority which has power in the matter, I shall do whatever I can to have the views of your Board attended to

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant  
James Perry

The Town Clerk  
Dunam

County Surveyors office  
Galway 24<sup>th</sup> April 1893

Accident in Bishop Street Duam

Sir  
I shall bring the parapet wall which you refer to before presentment sessions because your Board ask me to do so. It may be necessary to explain that under the Grand Jury laws all matters except cases of great urgency should be brought before sessions by cesspayers interested in the taxation of the barony

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant  
James Perry

The Town Clerk  
Dunam

The Clerk was directed to apply to the Board Guardians for £1. 1. 3 cost of cleaning seen in Potatoe Market.

The clerk was ordered to write to the Board Guardians to say that they considered they ought to get a loan for the purpose of carrying out the proposed improvement in the sewerage of Shop Street &c

order that the clerk write to the Midland Railway Co. and the Waterford and Limerick Railway Companies to request that they will have sufficient accommodation for the May Fair as it is supposed to be the largest we ever had

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Special meeting }  
By request

Friday 19th May 1893

Patrick Cullkin Esq. c J C president

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Michael C. Shine John Cunningham and John E. Donling M. D. Esquires

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

That the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next the 19th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering Mr. Harris report in reference to the sewerage of the Town

	P. Cullkin	c J C
To	John M. Phelpson	J C
	James J. Begley	J C
Mr. Francis Corbett	Patrick M. Hugh	J C
John Cullkin	Patrick Brown	J C

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shine seconded by Doctor Donling & unanimously resolved

That having considered the report of Mr. Harris C. E. in reference to the sewerage in Shop Street as sent us by Board Guardians for consideration and having been informed that Mr. Perry Co. Surveyor is about reporting on the matter, we consider the subject too important to arrive at any hasty conclusion to day and therefore adjourn the matter to our next meeting, when we expect to have Mr. Perry's report before us, and at the same time think some such most desirable.

The further consideration of the matter was accordingly adjourned to next monthly meeting

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Monday 5th June 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present

Patrick Cullkin Esq. c J C

and Thomas Flaherty Esq

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 12th inst.

Francis Corbett  
John Cullkin

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 12th June 1893

Adjourned monthly meeting

} Patrick Cullkin Esq. chairman present

The other commissioners present were

John M. Phelpson Michael C. Shine James J. Begley Patrick M. Hugh and Thomas A. Egan

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman Patrick Cullkin Esq. seconded by James J. Begley Esq. and unanimously adopted

That we the Town Improvement Commissioners in meeting assembled hereby express our surprise at the scale of charges made by the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, which as compared with those of the Midland Great Western Railway Company, are exorbitant and request that the Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. will deal with the public in the same liberal spirit as does the Midland Great Western Railway Company, reduce their terms and give excursions during the season at moderate charges and have arrangements made with the Midland Company for this purpose

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chairman P. B. Bernard Esq. J. L. and the secretary of the Co.

Patrick Cullkin  
James J. Begley

ordered to ~~include~~ include the following in circular convening the next monthly meeting

To consider the application of the Temperance Society for the raising of the Billiard room - Painting front of Town Hall both timber and iron work

and also to consider the advisability of having separate days fixed for the sale of Horses and Pigs during October Fair and to have the May Fair in future a 2 days Fair instead of one as heretofore

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present. Patrick Culkinn Esq. C J C

Michael & Shine Patrick M. Hugh and John Cunningham Esquires

There not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Monday next the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1893

Adjourned Monthly Meeting, Patrick Culkinn Esq. C J C Presided

The other commissioners present were

Thomas A. Egan Michael & Shine John M. Phelpin James L. Begley  
Patrick M. Hugh and James Commons Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and signed

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of,

The following letter was read from the secretary of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company

Traffic Managers office  
Limerick 24<sup>th</sup> June 1893

Dear Sir,

In further reply to your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. I understand from Mr. Egan that what the commissioners complain of are the arrangements made for the Athenry Races, and Sunday excursions to Exeter etc.

In regard to the former, we did not make any reduction in the fares as the distance is too short, with regard to the latter, I have asked Mr. Tallon to agree to cheap tickets being issued by one of his Excursions and he has agreed for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If there is anything else that you wish me to do, will you kindly let me know, and if it is in my power, will do it. Thanking you for your letter.

Believe me  
Yours faithfully  
J. V. Ryan

Francis Corbett Esq.  
Clerk  
I am

The Clerk was directed to write to the Sec. again pointing out that there was no reference in the above letter to other excursions during the season or to the reduction of rates and requesting further consideration of the Board's resolution

ordered to include the following in Circular convening the next monthly meeting

To consider the application of the Temperance Society for waiving the Billiard room and also to consider the advisability of having separate days fixed for the sale of Horses and Pigs during the October Fair and to have the Fair in future a 2 days Fair instead of one as heretofore, and also to consider the revising of the schedule Board of the Tolls and Customs for the ensuing year

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held to day

Patrick Cullen Esqr chairman presided

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons Thomas Flaherty Patrick Mc Hugh James J Beyley James Cummins John Cunningham and Thomas A Egan Esquires

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed

of the Board  
The financial business was proceeded with and disposed of

Mr Lyons proposed and Mr. Flaherty seconded that Mr Thomas Munroe be a member of the Board in room of Mr. Martin J Glynn whose place became vacant owing to his not having attended a meeting of the Board for the last six months - was unanimously elected

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

I beg to propose that <sup>the</sup> sum of Four pounds be allotted the Temperance Society for the warming of the room  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1893

J A Egan  
J Cunningham

A poll having been taken the voting was as follows

For  
Egan  
Cunningham  
Mr. Beyley was for  
giving £ 2.0.0

Against  
Cummins  
Mc Hugh  
Flaherty  
Lyons

The chairman did not vote

Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Mc Hugh seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that in future there will be two days Fair in May the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
The Big Fair in October to be changed to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October the eve of the Sheep Fair and that the Horse Fair be held on Thursday

J A Egan  
Patrick Mc Hugh

That copies of this resolution be sent to the local and Dublin papers

The following resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolved - That the Board be directed, in answer to the letter, dated 4<sup>th</sup> April from the Commissioners of National Education, asking what arrangements this Council is making to carry out the provisions of the National Education (Ireland) Bill; to reply that while most anxious to advance the cause of Education, this Council regrets it is impossible for them to undertake the working of the compulsory clauses for the following reasons

1 - Because the schools of the Christian Brothers are not yet admitted to the benefits of the Act, and the local authorities cannot carry out the Act in the school districts in which these schools are situated if they are excluded

2 - Because the resolutions so frequently passed by the Corporation and by so many other public Bodies, Corporations, San Commissioners, Grand Jurors and Boards of Guardians, and the earnest and persistent efforts of the vast Majority of our parliamentary Representatives, have been disregarded, and the assurance given by the late Chief Secretary in his place in the House of Commons, on the strength of which the Bill was allowed to pass, has not yet been carried into effect

That copies of this reply be sent to the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, and the County of Galway M. P's

The meeting adjourned to Monday next the 14<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1893

Adjourned Meeting Present. Patrick Cullen Esqr & J C

James J Beyley and Patrick Mc Hugh Esquires

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held, ordered to summon a special meeting for Friday next the 18<sup>th</sup> inst

James J Beyley  
James Cullen

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

I Thomas Mauroe do solemnly declare that I will forthwith 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 Poor Law Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Local Councils and Local Act 1880 and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tralee and to the relief of the poor at the next annual value or upwards of £10. 0. 0 subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1893

Thomas Mauroe

Witness Patrick Cullkin

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1893

Special meeting by requisition, Patrick Cullkin Esq. c. J. C. presided

The other commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons James & Begley Patrick McHugh James Connors John Cunningham and Thomas Mauroe Esquires

Thomas Mauroe Esq. read and signed his declaration and took his seat at the Board

The following is the requisition by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Francis Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of fixing a day for the letting of the Tolls and Customs and also to consider the necessity of the schedule Board 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1893

Patrick Cullkin c. J. C.  
Patrick Lyons J. C.  
Thomas Flaherty J. C.  
Patrick McHugh J. C.  
James & Begley J. C.

At  
Mr Francis Corbett  
J. Connors

After receiving the schedule board of the Tolls and Customs

It was ordered that the same be allowed unaltered

That in future crane tickets be issued for Bally instead of chalking the weights on the ironers cloths

That the Toll Farmers shall in future as soon as he gets the Toll on oats, hand the sellers hat on which is chalked the weight of the oats, to the crane who thereupon is to issue a crane ticket for said weight

That the clerk insert in circular for next monthly meeting that suggestion to provide the crane a shelter box in the potato market is to be discussed at said meeting

That the Tolls and Customs of the ensuing year be advertised for letting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1893

The usual monthly meeting of the Board

Present Patrick Cullkin Esq. c. J. C.

John McPhelim Michael & Stone and Patrick McHugh Esquires

There not being a quorum there was no meeting held

ordered to convene a special meeting for Thursday next the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

Francis Corbett  
John Connors

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Thursday 7th September 1893

Special meeting by resolution } Patrick Cullen Esq etc presided

The other commissioners present were

John C. Doolan Esq J. P. John McPhelin Michael C. Shinn Laurence Benke Thomas Munroe James Commons Patrick M. Hughes and Patrick Lyons Esqrs

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

The financial business of the Board was approved to Tuesday next the 12th inst

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

That the undersigned Dublin Sanitation Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next the 7th inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly business of the Board and also to receive and consider tenders for printing and advertising cleaning and cleansing of the streets for 12 months dated Sept 4th 1893

- Patrick Cullen Esq
- Michael C. Shinn
- James Commons
- Patrick Lyons
- John Cunningham

To Mr Francis Cullen Esq

The following communications were read

10 Downing St  
White Hall  
1st Sept 1893

Sir

I am directed by Mr Gladstone to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution which you have forwarded to him

I am

Sir

Yours obediently  
H. Standa

Chief secretary office  
Dublin Castle 1st Sept 1893

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Justice to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Dublin Board Commissioners in reference to the Irish Education Act of 1892

The Lord Justice  
Dublin

I am Sir  
Yours obediently  
D. Handla

House of Commons  
August 31st 1893

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the Dublin Board Commissioners, at their last meeting, with respect to the compulsory clause of the National Education (Ireland) Bill which shall have my best attention

Yours faithfully  
P. J. Foley

I beg to say

The chairman Mr Cullen proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following resolution

That we the Dublin Board Commissioners take this as an first opportunity of congratulating the Right Hon William E Gladstone, the chief secretary for Ireland and all the rest of the cabinet Ministers, the liberal party of England and the Nationalists members for Ireland on their noble efforts in carrying the Home Rule bill to a successful termination, in spite of all obstructions

Signed

Patrick Cullen  
Patrick Lyons

That copies of the above be sent to Mr Gladstone Chief Sec, Dublin City Freeman Journal and Local papers

Mr Shinn handed in seconded by Mr Laurence Benke the following protest

That we protest in the strongest manner against the action of Mr Mc Carthy and his followers in voting for the reduction of the Irish Representation from 103 members to 80 members and this weakens the Irish vote when most required 7th Sept 1893

Michael C. Shinn  
Laurence Benke

a poll having been taken

For Protest  
Benke  
Shinn

Against  
Commons  
Munroe  
McPhelin  
Lyons

Majority of the chairman & Mr M. Hughes did not vote

There was but one tender for printing & advertising from Mr Richard Kelly for £20.

Mr Shinn proposed and Mr M. Hughes seconded that Mr Kelly's tender be accepted was unanimously agreed to

The tender is as follows



Herald office  
Dunm apt 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893

Gentlemen I am prepared to do the printing & advertising of your Board in the *Dunm Herald* & *Dunm News* for ensuing year according to advertisement for a sum of £20

Yours faithfully  
Richard J Kelly

We agree to become sureties for the performance of John Bonell contract by R J Kelly

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1893 Signed

Peter A Daly  
J J Gilmore

There was but one tender for the cleansing contract and it was for £65. which tender was in formal in as much as it was not accompanied with sureties consent in writing and besides the amount was considered too high - so the board decided that the chairman be requested to have the cleansing carried out in the way that may to him seem best

The matter of erecting a box in the potato market for shelter of cranes having been considered it was agreed that the chairman be requested to get same done

Signed on behalf of the

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

The following is copy of notice to contractors for printing and advertising

Dunm Improvement Commissioners Printing & advertising

Notice to Contractors

The Dunm Improvement Commissioners will at their next monthly meeting to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September receive tenders from persons willing to do all the necessary printing and advertising of every description required by the Board for twelve months. No extras of any kind to be claimed for - tenders signed by the intending contractors, and accompanied by the consent in their own handwriting of two solvent parties signifying their assent to become sureties for the due performance of the contract, will be received in the letter box of the Board worn WP to the lodging of the chair on the said day

Tenders to be endorsed *Done* on for printing and advertising. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

By order

John Cunningham of the Clerk

1893

Francis Corbett  
John C. P.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1893

Special meeting } Patrick Cullkin Esq &c etc preside  
By request

The other commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan James Commons Michael C Shime James J Begley  
John Cunningham Patrick M Hugh and Laurence Burke Esquires

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of

The following is the resolution by which the meeting was convened

We the undersigned Dunm Improvement Commissioners agree you will convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday next the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12 o'clock noon to consider the financial state of the Board and to pay salaries bills &c due Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1893

- Patrick Cullkin e se
- John E Donnelly M D
- Michael C Shime J E
- James Commons J E
- Thomas Moore J E
- Laurence Burke J E
- John M O'Flanagan J E

In W Francis Corbett  
John C. P.

At a former meeting the Board decided on making the ~~Hay~~ fair of the town - a two days fair and with this view the 9<sup>th</sup> was fixed on for the sheep but having since learned that the fairs of *Clonroad* (ex clare) *Strokestown* and *Ward* were to clash with the *Dunm* sheep fair the three being held the same day, the Board agreed to defer making the contemplated change till next monthly meeting the clerk to communicate with the Board of Guardians requesting their views, and Mr Shime consenting to fully explain the subject to them, and to be inserted in circular containing next monthly meeting

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Special Meeting for letting the Tolls & Customs

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1893

Patrick Cullkin Esq. Chairman presided

The other Commissioners present were

Thomas A Egan James J Reilly Michael Le Shmie  
James Commons John Cunningham Patrick Parnell  
Lawrence Burke Patrick McHugh and Patrick Lyons Esquires

There were two tenders received but they were not accepted owing to no notice of the letting being given in the Press

It was agreed that the clerk advertise in the next issues of the local papers for fresh tenders same to be received and considered on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1893

Special Meeting }  
By two requisitions } Patrick Cullkin Esq. C J C presided

The other Commissioners present were

Patrick Lyons James Commons James J Reilly Patrick McHugh Michael Le Shmie  
Thomas Flattery and Lawrence Burke Esquires

The following are the requisitions by which the meeting was convened

Dublin Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1893

To Mr Francis Leach  
John Leach

We the undersigned Irish Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering the advisability of the Board Commissioners collecting the Tolls & Customs themselves instead of letting them to a Toll Farmer

Lawrence Burke J C  
Michael Le Shmie J C  
John Cunningham J C  
John E Donnelly M D  
John McPherson J C

Dublin September 16<sup>th</sup> 1893

To Mr Francis Leach  
John Leach Dublin

We the undersigned Irish Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of fixing a day for the letting of the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Dublin for the ensuing year

Patrick Cullkin C J C  
Patrick Lyons J C  
Patrick McHugh J C  
James Commons J C  
Thomas Maurice J C  
Thomas Flattery J C

Mr Shmie proposed according to the first requisition that the Board come on the advisability of collecting the Tolls and Customs themselves, but having no second the proposition fell through

The Chairman then moved and Mr Flattery seconded that Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October be fixed for the letting of the Tolls and Customs

There voted for the Motion Messrs Flattery Reilly Commons  
McHugh Lyons and the Chairman 6

Mr Burke voted against and Mr Shmie declined to vote. The Chairman's motion having been declared carried the clerk was ordered to advertise the letting accordingly

Mr Flattery proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following resolution which was passed

That we the Dublin Board Commissioners protest against the action of the House of Commons for setting at defiance the will of the majority of the Irish People, by the rejection of the Home Rule Bill and we pledge ourselves to carry on the struggle with determination for self government for the Irish Nation until we have accomplished our object

Two copies of this resolution be sent to the Right Hon. William E Gladstone to the Right Hon. John Morley chief secretary for Ireland Mr Lunn and to Mr David Sheehy secretary J & F Lord Salisbury Mr Balfour Freeman's Journal and Local Papers

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 2nd October 1893

The Monthly meeting was held today.

Patrick Culkim Esq C J C presided.

The other Commissioners present were Patrick Lyons, Michael C Shine, Laurence Burke, Patrick McHugh, John E Dowling M D J P and John Cunningham Esqrs.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed,

The financial business of the Board was proceeded with and disposed of.

The following letter from the Chief Secretary for Ireland was read:-

"September 26th 1893

"Sir,  
Mr Morley desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 20th instant forwarding copy of a resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners relating to the Home Rule Bill.

yours faithfully  
G. Morley.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr McHugh was unanimously adopted:-

"That we desire to tender to our colleague Mr Thomas A Egan and through him to the members of the family the expression of our deep sympathy at learning of the death of his mother Mrs Margaret Egan. Copy to be sent to Mr Egan"

Messrs John Murphy and Michael Moran were appointed Enumerators for the October Sheep and Cattle fair days at 15/- per day each.

The annexed letter was read:-

Poor Law office  
Tuam 28th Sept 1893

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter dated the 22nd September 1893 relative to the proposed change in the May fair of the town of Tuam I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to state that the matter requires consideration and that they have decided to give notice to each guardian in the Union when the question will be again gone into on the 11th October next.

I am Sir yours faithfully  
G. Morris

Francis Corbett Esq Town Clerk Tuam.  
pro Clerk of Union

The meeting adjourned to 9th October.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Thursday 5th October 1893

A special meeting was held today for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs

Patrick Culkim Esq C J C presided

The other Commissioners present were Patrick Lyons, Laurence Burke, Michael C Shine, Patrick McHugh, James J Bejley and James Commins Esqrs.

Annexed is copy of advertisement which was read:-

"The Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam to be let on Thursday 5th October from the 29th of September 1893 to the 28th of September 1894. The terms of payment to be as follows- The toll farmer to pass his bills joined by two solvent sureties for the amount of his Contract. The first of said bills for £150 to be made payable on the 24th October next and the balance of the contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable on the 1st January 1894, the second on the 10th March, the third on the 10th May, the fourth on the 4th July, and the fifth on the 10th September in the same year. The tender and sums offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, willing to become sureties, will be received in the letterbox of the Board room up to the taking of the chair on the above named day. A guarantee society will be accepted as security. The Contractor must provide any extra men required by him for fairs etc. He will also be required to meet his bills strictly on the day they mature. Otherwise both himself and sureties will be proceeded against by the Board's solicitor without further notice. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender. The Contractor or tenant declared will have to fulfill the conditions required by the Board and to pay half legal expenses which will be explained by the clerk. The amended schedule of the Tolls etc payable within the Borough can be seen on application to the clerk. Possession will be given on the 29th September inst. The ~~contract~~ tenders will be considered on condition that parties tendering satisfy the Board or whomsoever may be appointed by them as to solvency of sureties

"By order

"Francis Corbett

"Town Commissioners' office, Sept 20th 1893"

"Town Clerk

There were two tenders received as follows:—

"Tuam Oct 5th 1893

"To the Chairman and Commissioners of the Town Board,

"Gentlemen

"I propose and agree to give you the sum of £560 for the Tolls and Customs for the year commencing the 29th September 1893 to the 28th September 1894 and I agree to carry out the conditions contained in the advertisement. I offer as my sureties the undersigned gentlemen whose consents in writing are hereto annexed

"Thomas Silk

"Tuam."

"We, the undersigned hereby agree to become Thomas Silk's sureties for the due performance of the above contract

John Silk, Tuam

John <sup>mark</sup> Nestor, Corshkeagh

Patrick <sup>mark</sup> Gilmore, Castlemoyle

Timothy <sup>mark</sup> Scarry, Cooloo."

"Witness, John Lohan

Tuam, 5th October, 1893.

"The Chairman the Tuam Town Commissioners

"Gentlemen,

"I propose to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from 29th day of September 1893 to the 28th day of September 1894 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of £575 (Five hundred and seventy five pounds sterling). I offer my sureties for the faithful fulfillment of same, Michael Hamel of Tuam and John Tierney of Delmount and Martin Kelly of Gortgrane, Tuam, Gentlemen, yours obediently, Thomas Nolan."

"We the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29th Sept. 1893 to the 28th Sept. 1894 according to advertisement for the sum of £575 (Five hundred and seventy five pounds sterling): Michael Hamel, Tuam; John Tierney, Delmount; Martin Kelly, Gortgrane."

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by the Chairman Mr Thomas Nolan's tender was unanimously accepted

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkie

Chairman

Monday, 9th October 1893.

Pursuant to adjournment on 2nd instant a meeting was held today.

Patrick Culkie Esq C.T.C. presided

The other Commissioners present were Patrick McHugh James Commins, James J. Begley and John Cunningham Esqs

There being no communication from the Tuam Board of Guardians whose views regarding the proposed change in the May fair of the town had been requested,

Business of Special meeting convened by the following requisition was proceeded with:—

"We, the undersigned Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Town Board for Monday next the 9th inst. at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of appointing a person to act as returning officer at the election of Commissioners to be held on 16th inst.

"Dated 5th October 1893

P. Culkie, C.T.C.

Patrick Lyons J.C.

James J. Begley J.C.

Patrick McHugh J.C.

James Commins J.C.

Do. Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk

On motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cunningham, Mr John MacPhelip J.C. was unanimously appointed returning officer

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkie

Chairman

Borough of Tuam in the County of Galway to wit

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

Take Notice

1. That an election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Tuam on the 16th day of October 1893 in said Borough
2. That any person entitled to vote may nominate for the said office himself (if duly qualified) or any other person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number
3. That every such nomination must be in writing and must state the Christian names and surnames of the persons nominated with their respective places of abode and descriptions
4. That any nomination paper must be signed by the party nominating and may be in the following form or to the like effect: -

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam to be held on the 16th day of October '93

Nomination Paper

Christian name and surname of person nominated	Place of abode of person nominated	Description of Person nominated	Christian & Surname of Person Nominating	Address of Nominator

Dated the      day of      18      (Signed)

5. That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 12th day of October 1893

Dated this 2nd day of October 1893

By order

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk.

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam

I the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Town of Tuam hereby give notice that the Christian and surnames of the persons nominated for election as Commissioners for the said town and their respective places of abode and description and the names of the parties nominating them are as follows: -

Surnames	Other names	Place of abode of person nominated	Description of person nominated	Name of person by whom nominated
Culkin	Patrick	Shop st., Tuam	Grocer	Patrick McHugh
Cannolly	John	Shop st Tuam	Grocer	Patrick Culkin
Egan	Thomas A	Dublin road Tuam	Commissioner agent	Michael C Shine
Giggins	Michael	Bishop street Tuam	Grocer	Patrick Culkin
Lyon	Patrick	Shop st Tuam	Grocer	Patrick Culkin
McCormack	Francis J	Dublin road Tuam	Solicitor	Patrick Culkin
Shine	Michael C	Bishop st Tuam	Merchant & auctioneer	Michael C Shine

The poll will take place on Monday the 16th day of October 1893 at 8 o'clock a.m.

Signed

Francis Corbett  
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, 13th day of October, 1893

Notice:

Take notice that at the election of Towns Improvement Commissioners in and for the Borough of Tuam the 16th day of October 1893 the following candidates were elected Commissioners and received the number of votes set opposite their names, viz:-

Names of parties elected	Number of votes
Culkin, Patrick, Shop street, Tuam	40
Egan, Thomas A, Dublin-road "	35
Lyons, Patrick, Shop street "	39
McCormack, Francis J, Dublin-road "	40
Shine, Michael C, Bishop street "	36

The votes received by the remaining candidates are as follows:-

	votes
Cannolly, John, Shop street, Tuam	34
Goggins, Michael, Bishop street "	33

John Mackhilpin  
Returning officer

Tuam 16th day of October 1893

I, Patrick Culkin, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1893  
Witness James J Beagley } Patrick Culkin

I, Thomas A Egan do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the 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 6 day of Nov 18 93 } T. A. Egan  
Witness Patrick Culkin

I, Patrick Lyons, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the 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 6 day of Nov 18 93 } Patrick Lyons  
Witness James J Beagley

I, Francis J Mac Cormack, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 18 93 } Francis J Mac Cormack  
Witness James J Beagley

I Michael C Shine, 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 next annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of { Michael Shine  
 November 1893  
 Witness James J Begley }

Monday 6th November 1893

A meeting was held today pursuant to the following notice issued by the Board's solicitor: -

"Notice,

Town of Tuam.

"Take notice that a meeting of the Town Commissioners will be held pursuant to the 27th section of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 on Monday 6th November 1893 at 12 o'clock noon in the Board room Town Hall Tuam and will proceed to elect a chairman to continue to hold such office till the usual annual meeting of the Commissioners and also ~~that~~ <sup>to elect</sup> a fit person to fill the office of Clerk to the Commissioners (temporary) until a permanent Clerk can lawfully be appointed at a meeting duly convened for the purpose

"Dated and signed 2nd day of November 1893

Patrick McHugh J.B.

Patrick Lyons J.B.

Patrick Culkim J.B.

Thomas Monroe J.B.

James Commins J.B.

James S Begley J.B.

John Cunningham J.B.

Michael C Shine J.B.

Thomas Hatley J.B.

Patrick Browne J.B.

Laurence Burke J.B."

The following Commissioners attended: -

Patrick Culkim, Patrick Lyons, James Commins, Ed MacConnack, James S Begley, Thomas Hatley, John Cunningham, Michael C Shine, Patrick Browne, Patrick McHugh, Laurence Burke and Thomas A Egan Esqs.

It was proposed by Mr McHugh seconded by Mr Commins and unanimously passed that

Mr Begley do take the Chair.

Mr Begley having taken the Chair, Messrs Culkim, Lyons, MacConnack, and Shine read and signed their respective declarations as Commissioners,

Mr Lyons proposed, Mr McHugh seconded and it was unanimously resolved -

"That Mr John Glynm do act as Clerk for the Town Board pending the election of a permanent man to that office and that he be paid at the rate of the former Clerk's salary"

Mr Begley then proposed that Mr Culkim be elected Chairman until the termination of Chairman's year of office, namely the 19th day of November instant

Mr Hatley seconded the proposition which was carried Messrs Shine and Burke dissenting.

Mr Begley then vacated the chair and Mr Culkim took it, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mr Egan read and signed his declaration as Commissioner

Subjoined is copy of letter which was read: -

"Headford Castle October 15th 1893

"The Chairman & Town Commissioners Tuam

"Gentlemen,

I have just had the pleasure of an interview with a deputation representing the people of Headford and pointing out the great loss likely to be sustained by your fixing the 11th May for your sheep fair at Tuam while you can with equal convenience fix the 9th. The 11th is the principal fair of this town for the sale of hogsheads. The Clashing of Tuam would seriously interfere with this fair. I am sure the Commissioners of Tuam have no desire to do a serious injury to the people of Headford within a few miles of them. The 9th and 10th would suit their purpose just as well; the 9th is the fair day of Stroketown full 32 statute Irish miles from Tuam or 42 English miles, and can no way interfere with the future action of your town. With a request that you will kindly give the matter your serious consideration. I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant

M. M'Donnell."

After a discussion on the subject a poll was taken which resulted as follows: -

For having the 9th and 10th of May for the sheep and Cattle fairs of Tuam respectively: -

Messrs Begley, Browne, Cummins, Cunningham, Burke and Lyons (6).

For having the 10th and 11th of May for the Cattle and sheep fairs respectively: -

The Chairman and Mr Shine.

Messrs MacComack and McHugh did not vote.

The motion to have the 9th and 10th of May for the sheep and Cattle fairs of Tuam respectively was declared carried.

Mr Lyons proposed and Mr MacComack seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby express our deep regret at the death of our late Clerk Mr Francis Corbett, and tender to his brother the Rev James Corbett JP Party and through him to the other members of the family our most cordial sympathy in their bereavement. Copy to be sent to Father Corbett"

The Enumerators' returns for the October fair were as follows: -  
Sheep sold, 16160; unsold, 1217. Total number of sheep exhibited 17377.  
Cattle sold, 6176; unsold 2005. Total number of Cattle exhibited 8181.

The Board adjourned to Monday 13th November.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman.

Thursday November 9th 1893

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

"Tuam Nov 6th 1893

"To Mr John Glynne Town Clerk pro tem.

"Sir - We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next 9th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of issuing an advertisement for a Town Clerk.

Michael O'Shine J.C.  
Francis J. MacComack J.C.  
James J. Begley J.C.  
John Cunningham J.C.  
Lawrence Burke J.C.  
Patrick Browne J.C.  
James Cummins J.C.  
Patrick McHugh J.C."

The following Commissioners attended: -  
Patrick Culkim J.C. presiding, Patrick Lyons, F. J. MacComack J.C.; Patrick McHugh, James J. Begley and John Cunningham J.C.

The following is copy of advertisement which was approved of and ordered to be published in the local newspapers: -

"Tuam Town Commissioners

"Notice is hereby given that the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners will at their meeting on the 4th day of December next at the hour of 12 o'clock noon proceed to elect a competent person to the office of Town Clerk at a salary of £40 per annum, the person so elected to undertake to discharge for said salary of £40 all duties now required to be discharged by the Town Clerk and that he may hereafter be required to discharge by the Commissioners in any way connected with the Township.

The person elected will be required to enter into a bond, himself into one hundred pounds and two solvent sureties in £50 each for the due and proper discharge of all duties that are now and may hereafter be required to be discharged by the Town Clerk."

Candidates



"Candidates are required to lodge with their applications the names of two solvent sureties who are willing to join in a bond as above required."

"Applications will be received in the letter-box of the Board room up to the taking of the chair on the above-named day."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday Nov 13th 1893.

Adjourned meeting was held to-day

Patrick Culkinn Esq. C.T.C. presiding.

The other members of the Board present were -

John Macphailin, Patrick Lyons, James J. Bealey,  
Patrick Browne, Patrick McHugh, and John Cunningham Esqs

The financial business was gone into and disposed of.

Mr Lyons moved -

"That as we the Tuam Town Commissioners have so fixed a day for our May sheep fair as not to clash with Headford fair, we direct our Clerk to write to Mr J. J. McDonagh requesting him to so arrange his Dunmore monthly fairs that they will not clash with our Tuam Saturday markets."

The chairman seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

Mr Lyons gave the following notice of motion:

"That for some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting of the Board propose that the cleansing of the streets of the Town be let by contract to five men each to be supplied with barrow, scraper, brush and shovel and that an extra remuneration be given from time to time to the man who does his work the best."

The Clerk (pro tem) was directed to request the Board's solicitor to take legal proceedings for the recovery of balance £55 due to the Board by the late Toll farmer Mr Thomas Silk.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday November 20th 1893

A special meeting was held to-day for the purpose of electing a chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present - Patrick Culkinn (retiring chairman), James J. Bealey, Thomas Flaherty, Patrick Culkinn, Thomas Monroe, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Browne, Thomas A. Egan and Patrick McHugh Esqs

The Clerk (pro tem) having been moved to the chair, Mr Lyons proposed that Mr Culkinn be re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Bealey seconded the proposition which was unanimously passed.

Mr Culkinn then resumed the chair and returned thanks

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday December 4th 1893

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today Patrick Culkinn Esq C.T.C. presiding.

The other members of the Board present were John MacPhelipin, James J. Begley, J. A. Egan, P. Browne, L. Burke Lyons, P. McKugh, Thomas Flattery, Thomas Monroe, M. C. Shine and John Cunningham Esqs.

The minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed

The Financial business gone into and disposed of

Attention having been called by the Chairman to the fact that no report of the Tuam October - a fair second in importance to none in the province, had appeared in any of the Dublin Daily papers, the clerk was directed to communicate with those papers and invite reporters from them to report the future fairs of the town.

Mr Lyons pursuant to notice moved: "That the cleansing of the streets of the town be let by contract to five men each to be supplied with barrow, scraper, brush and shovel and that an extra remuneration be given from time to time to the man who does his work the best."

Mr Flattery seconded the motion.

Mr Shine moved a direct negative which was seconded by Mr Cunningham.

The question having been put to a poll there voted for Mr Lyons' motion: - Messrs Monroe, Begley, Flattery and Lyons (4)  
Against said motion: - Messrs MacPhelipin, McKugh, Burke, Cunningham, Egan, Browne, and Shine (7)

Mr Lyons' motion was declared lost.

Annexed is copy of a letter which was read: -

" Poor Law Office

" Tuam 4th Dec 1893.

"Dear Sir - Would you kindly move the Commissioners to some action with the view of removing the hardship caused by the scandalous state of the road leading from the main road into Barrack street. One cannot pass the way without wading ankle deep in sludge. If the pathway were continued to the point where the former one ends we would not have any reason to complain. If there be a contractor for this road I must say he is allowed to grossly neglect his duty. " yours faithfully

" P. Culkinn Esq C.T.C."

" C. J. Morris Clerk of Union

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Murphy railway Contractor and to Mr Perry County Surveyor enclosing a copy of Mr Morris's letter to each of them

And a Committee consisting of Messrs Shine Burke and the Chairman was appointed to inspect the road in question and suggest what in their opinion should be done regarding it.

A long extract from the "Fortnightly Review" for Nov '93 under the caption of "Irish Railway Mismanagement, anonymously addressed to the Chairman having been read,

A town victualler, P. Polan, came forward and bitterly complained that the Midland Great Western Railway had of late considerably raised their charges,

Whereupon the Clerk was instructed to submit the complaint to the directors of the railway Company and request them to favorably consider it.

Messrs Shine and Burke having drawn attention to the fact that for four days of the week no train leaves Tuam but the 10.10 AM to catch at Athenry without considerable delay a train for Galway and this at extra cost, third class ticket not being available,

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company requesting them to give the matter their favorable consideration.

Subjoined is copy of letter read from Rev Father Corbett brother of the late Town Clerk Mr Francis Corbett (deceased): -

" Partry, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo  
" Nov 20th '93

"Dear Mr Glynn - I am deeply grateful for the very kind resolution you have forwarded me, and on my behalf and on that of my friends return the Commissioners my most sincere and heartfelt thanks.

" yours sincerely

" James Corbett P.P.

" Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam"

Annexed is copy of letter read from the late Toll farmer: -

" Tuam December 4th 1893

"Gentlemen - I beg respectfully to ask your Board to take into consideration the losses I sustained during the late term of the Tolls and Customs and to give me some fair allowance in the Balance due by me. " yours sincerely " Thomas Alk."

Mr Shine then gave the following notice: -

" Tuam December 4th 1893

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will, at the next monthly meeting propose that Mr Alk the late Toll farmer be made such reduction in the Tolls and Customs as will in some way compensate him for the losses he sustained owing

owing to the very bad fair that occurred when he was Toll farmer. In the meantime the balance overdue to be held over and no legal proceedings taken."

Thomas Dwyer Cramer having applied for a coat was unanimously voted Two pounds (£2) to buy one.

Two tenders for the post of Town Clerk were received and read as follows:-

"Tuam Dec 14th '93

"Gentlemen - I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Town Clerk of the Tuam Commissioners as per advertisement and tender as my sureties Messrs J J Gilmore and P O'Brien Dublin Rd Tuam  
"Yours respectfully  
"J A Egan."

"We the undersigned consent and agree to be security for Mr J A Egan should he get the appointment as Clerk  
"Signed "J J Gilmore  
"P O'Brien."

"Town Hall, Tuam, Dec 2nd 1893

"To the Chairman and Town Commissioners Tuam

"Gentlemen - I beg to offer myself for the office of Town Clerk on the terms of your advertisement and name as my sureties whose consents are given below Messrs Peter Varden of Anbally Cummot and Bartholomew Canavan of Belclare.

"I am gentlemen your obedient servant  
"John Glynn, Town Clerk pro tem."

"We whose names are hereto subscribed consent to become sureties to the Tuam Town Commissioners for John Glynn according to their advertisement if they elect him as their Town Clerk (permanent)

"Dated this 2nd day of December 1893

"Peter Varden, Anbally,  
"Bartholomew Canavan, Belclare."

Mr Begley proposed and Mr Burke seconded that Mr J A Egan be elected Town Clerk

Mr Macphail proposed and Mr Lyons seconded that John Glynn be elected Town Clerk

There voted for Mr J A Egan :- Messrs Shine, Burke, Browne Egan and Begley (5)

For John Glynn :- Messrs Mourse, Hatley, McHugh, Lyons, Macphail and the Chairman (6)

Mr Cunningham declined to vote

John Glynn was declared duly elected as Town Clerk whereupon Mr Egan tendered his resignation as Commissioner.

The Board then adjourned to Monday 11th instant for the purpose of conferring with their Treasurer C W P Quinn Esq on matters of finance, the Clerk meantime to write requesting Mr Quinn to attend meeting on that day.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin Chairman

Monday 11th December 1893

Pursuant to adjournment on the 4th inst, a meeting was held today for the purpose of conferring with the Treasurer C W P Quinn Esq Manager National Bank on financial matters concerning the Board

Commissioners present:-  
Patrick Culkin C.T.C. (presiding) John Macphail, Michael Shine, Lawrence Burke and James J Begley Esqs.

Also present - The Treasurer C W P Quinn Esq Manager National Bank.

The financial state of the Board having been fully inquired into, Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded -

"That we apply to the National Bank for an overdraft of £200 same to be paid off on 1st November 1894."

Passed unanimously

The Clerk was then ordered to write to the Treasurer as follows:-

"Tuam Town Commissioners' office,  
"Tuam, 11th December, 1893.

"Sir, - I am directed by the Tuam Town Commissioners to state that at their meeting today convened for the purpose of ascertaining their position as to finances they have found they require an overdraft of £200 to carry them through till end of the year, and decided to apply to you for same, undertaking to have the amount paid to you on 1st November 1894.

"I am Sir your obedient servant  
"John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"C W P Quinn, Esq., Manager National Bank Tuam."

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Culkin

Chairman

Monday 1st January 1894

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Patrick Culkim Esq & J.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were M.C. Shine, James J. Begley, Patrick Browne, Laurence Burke and Patrick Lyons Esqs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, after which the financial business was proceeded with and cheques were ordered

Subjoined is copy of letter read from the Treasurer:-  
"The National Bank Limited  
"Tuam 14th December 1893

"John Glynn Esq  
"Clerk Tuam Town Commissioners  
"Tuam

"Dear Sir - Referring to my letter of 11th inst, I have now the pleasure to inform you that my directors sanction the overdraft of £200 to be paid off on the 1st Nov '94 as applied for by the Town Commissioners.

"I am dear sir,

"yours faithfully

"L. W. P. Quinn

"Manager."

A letter was read from Mr Murphy railway contractor acknowledging receipt of the Town Clerk's letter complaining of the road between Barrack Street and the Crossing near Tuam railway station, which would have his immediate attention. Also a letter with reference to same road from Mr Perry Co Surveyor

It having been stated that nothing had yet been done to repair the portion of the road between the railway crossing and Barrack Street, complained of

The Clerk was again directed to write to Mr Murphy calling upon him to attend to the matter forthwith to obviate the necessity of the Board's placing it in the hands of their solicitor. Also to write to Secretary Waterford and Limerick Railway and to P.B. Bernard Esq D.R. Chairman of said Railway on the subject.

Annexed is copy of reply from Editor "Irish Daily Independent":-  
"Dublin Dec 13th 1893,

"My dear Mr Glynn,

In reply to your letter directed by the Town Commissioners I beg you to say that on all occasions I publish what I receive in the way of news correspondence from Tuam. I have already written to Mr Shine, one of your Board, requesting him that whenever anything requiring my special attention occurred

to cause the correspondent to address the matter to me personally so that it should have my direct attention. I need hardly tell you to say that anything concerning the welfare of my native town - especially its fairs, markets etc - would receive from me the care which such practical matters deserve and I shall always be eager to have them inserted. With regard to the approaching fairs to which you allude I shall give directions for their full publication and I deeply regret the non-appearance of the reports of the great Oct. fairs with the magnitude of which I am familiar. Praying you to communicate the contents of this letter to the Board and congratulating you on your appointment as Town Clerk,

"I remain, very faithfully yours  
"Edward Byrne, Editor."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully recommend to the Congested Districts Board for Ireland as a work of far-reaching and almost provincial importance the construction of a causeway and bridge across Lough Corrib at Knock Ferry as a means of communication for the purpose of fairs, markets etc between the congested area of West Galway on the one side and North Galway and South Mayo on the other side of Lough Corrib." Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Congested Districts Board, to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to the Tuam Poor Law Guardians.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

Friday 5th January 1894

Pursuant to the following requisition the Clerk sent a circular calling a meeting of the Commissioners for this day:-

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board on Friday next the 5th inst at the hour 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of signing cheques and paying the officers."

"Inam 2nd January 1894

"Patrick Culkini Esq  
"Patrick Lyons Esq  
"Thomas Murray Esq  
"James Commis Esq  
"John Cunningham Esq  
"Patrick McHugh Esq  
"Thomas Hatley Esq."

"To Mr John Glynn,  
"Town Clerk."

Owing to the burial of the late Canon MacEvilly of Dunmore taking place today there was no meeting of the Board

John Glynn  
Town Clerk

Wednesday 10th January 1894

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

"We the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners request you will convene a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday next 10th inst at the hour 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of signing cheques and paying the officers"

"Inam 6th January 1894

"Patrick Culkini Esq  
"Patrick McHugh Esq  
"Patrick Lyons Esq  
"Thomas Murray Esq  
"John Cunningham Esq

"To Mr John Glynn  
"Town Clerk."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following  
Commissioners present - Patrick Culkini Esq (in the chair)  
James J Begley, John Cunningham, Patrick Lyons, and Patrick McHugh Esqs.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we the Inam Town Commissioners

at this our first meeting after the sad event express our deepest and most heartfelt regret at the death of the Very rev Jeremiah Canon MacEvilly P.P of Dunmore. By the demise of the good Canon the Church loses a zealous and indefatigable member and the indigent poor a real practical friend. Father MacEvilly's long mission as a priest will ever be traced by the many schools and Churches which stud its course through the archdiocese - lasting monuments of his exertions in the cause of religion and education. We beg most respectfully to tender our beloved Archbishop our sincere and most cordial sympathy in his sorrow for the loss of an ardent co-worker in God's vineyard and the bereavement of a genial and affectionate brother. Copy of this resolution to be sent to his grace the Archbishop."

The cheques having been signed the meeting separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman.

Monday 5th February 1894

The monthly meeting was held today

The Commissioners present were: Thomas Murray, James J Begley, J E Dowling M.D. J.P., M C Shine, James Commis, Laurence Burke, Patrick Browne, Patrick Lyons, Thomas Hatley, F J MacCormack Esq, and Patrick Culkini Esq Esqs.

Before arrival of the Chairman of the Board, Mr Shine occupied the chair having been moved thereto by Dr Dowling seconded by Mr Begley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Annexed is copy of a notice received:-

"February 5th 1894

Take notice that for some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting propose that Mr Silk the late Toll farmer be made such reduction in the Tolls and Customs as will in some small way compensate him for the losses he sustained owing to bad fairs that occurred when he was Toll farmer. In the meantime the balance of toll overdue to be held over and no legal proceedings be taken.  
"Michael C Shine"

A letter was read as follows from the Board's Solicitor:-

Tuam 5th day of February 1894

"To the Chairman and Commissioners  
of the Borough of Tuam.

"Gentlemen - I will feel much obliged by your kindly associating the name of my legal partner Mr John Quinn Esq. with mine to act as joint solicitor for your body - a matter which will not involve any additional expense to you. I have been acting as the Board's solicitor for over 20 years, during which time I trust I have given satisfaction, and hope you will now accede to my request and thus have the services of two solicitors instead of one.

"Yours very truly  
"P. J. Conway."

At this stage of the business the Chairman of the Board Mr Bulkin entered the room and resumed the chair.

Subjoined is copy of notice received :-

"I hereby give notice that I or some member on my behalf will propose at the next monthly meeting of the Board that the name of Mr John Quinn Mr Conway's legal partner be associated with Mr Conway as the Board's solicitor as requested by Mr Conway.

"Feb 5th 1894"

"James J Begley."

The financial business was then proceeded with and disposed of.

Proposed by the Chairman Mr Bulkin seconded by Mr Flattery and resolved - none dissenting but Mr Shine -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners avail ourselves of this our first opportunity to congratulate Mr Michael Davitt and Ireland generally on the release of the gallant victor of North Meath from the liabilities of the Bankruptcy Court which a full bench of judges have decided to be undeserved and unjust. And that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr Davitt and Judge Boyd."

Mr Flattery gave the following notice :-

"Take notice that I or some Commissioners on my behalf will at our next monthly meeting move that we petition the Local Government for Ireland requesting them to take the necessary steps to constitute us (the Town Commissioners) as urban sanitary authority for the town of Tuam in pursuance of the 7th section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

"Feb 5th 1894"

"Thomas Flattery."

Proposed by Mr Lyons, seconded by Mr Begley and unanimously resolved -

"That our clerk, Mr Glynn, do write to the proper authority whomsoever he may be that our Chairman for the time being be empowered to sit and act at the Baronial Sessions of Dunmore and Tuam and also to act as Grand Juror."

Annexed is copy of notice given by Mr Begley :-  
"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting propose that Mr Butler assistant-Coroner be allowed £2 the price of an overcoat"  
"Feb 5th 1894."  
"James J Begley."

Proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Mac Cormack and unanimously resolved -

"That we the Town Commissioners of Tuam desire to express our best thanks to the inhabitants for their successful exertions at the fire which took place at Mrs Carroll's house on Sunday morning. We also wish to thank Constable Callaghan and Acting-Sergeant McCauley for their exertions on the occasion and hope their authorities will duly recognize the able services rendered by them. We have also to thank the other members of the force for looking after the goods taken from the burning premises. Copy to be sent to the D.F., R.F.C., Tuam."

A letter was read as follows from His Grace the Archbishop :-

"St. Jarlath's Tuam.

"January 12th 1894.

"Dear Sir,

"Will you have the goodness to convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners my most grateful thanks for their kind and cordial expression of sympathy with me on the present occasion. It is not for me to refer to the more than ordinary merits of the late Canon Mac Evilly. He has the eloquent testimony of his works, which survive him, in an enduring form. I have no hesitation in saying there is no bishop who would not deplore his demise, on every ground, as a diocesan loss.

"I have the honor  
to be

"your faithful servant,  
"John Mac Evilly,  
"Bp of Tuam."

"Mr J Glynn  
Sec

"Town Commissioners."

Replies to the Town Clerk's letter about scandalous state of portion of the road between Barrack street and the crossing at the railway station were read from Mr Murphy railway Contractor and the Secretary and Chairman Waterford and Limerick railway to the effect that the grievance complained of would be removed without delay.

A letter was read from the Congested District Board for Ireland acknowledging receipt of resolution as to the building of a bridge over Rough Corrib at Knock Ferry and stating they had come to the conclusion that the expenditure would be too heavy for the amount of money at their disposal.

A formal acknowledgment of receipt of same resolution was received from the Lord Lieutenant.

A letter was read from Mr Tallow, Manager Midland Great Western Railway acknowledging receipt of one complaining about railway rates, in which he said:—"If you will give me particulars of the rates complained of, the matter shall receive my attention but, as you are aware, Tuam is a station on the Waterford and Limerick Railway, and through rates with it can only be arranged in connection with that Company."

A series of resolutions forwarded by the Mayor of Cork appealing for support in assisting to prevent a discontinuance of the present transatlantic postal service via Queenstown were adopted *sem con*. Copies to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Postmaster General and the M.P.'s for Galway County.

The Clerk was directed to write to the District Inspector R.I.C., for permission to have hose and reel and other appliances in connection with the extinguishing of fire put up in some part of the Barrack premises where they could be had the moment alarm was given of the breaking out of fire anywhere in the town.

The Clerk was also directed to forward to the Board of Guardians two bills (£6.19.6 and £3.1s) for appliances in connexion with the water works, viz: hose, reel, etc which, it was considered, should be considered paid by the Guardians as sanitary board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkier Chairman.

February 9th 1894

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

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk.

February 5th 1894

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday 9th inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of taking such steps as may be deemed necessary in providing all appliances for fire purposes:

"M C Shine J.C.  
"Francis J Mac Cormack J.C.  
"Patrick Lyons J.C.  
"Thomas Munroe J.C.  
"Lawrence Burke J.C.  
"James Commins J.C.  
"Patrick Browne J.C.  
"James J Begley J.C."

The following Commissioners attended:

M C Shine, Thomas Thomas, Lawrence Burke, Patrick Culkier and James Commins Esqrs

The matter having been discussed, it was agreed to supply some additional ladders short and handy, to lock up all the ladders in the ladder shed in Plate Market ground, and to provide Mr Shine, P M Hugh, Hugh M Hugh, and the Police Barrack with keys of the ladders.

Also that Mr Shine go over Catalogue of appliances with the plumbers and make out an estimate of the articles wanted, and that he attend before the Board of Guardians to explain the bills sent them by the Town Clerk and about more appliances required for use in connection with the water works.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkier Chairman

Monday March 5th 1894

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today Patrick Culkier Esq J.C. presiding

The other Commissioners present were Francis J Mac Cormack J.C., Patrick Lyons, Thomas Hatley, John MacPhelphin James J Begley, J E Dowling M.D., J.P., M C Shine, Lawrence Burke, John Cunningham, James Commins, Thomas Munroe and J A Egan Esqrs

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed after which the financial business was gone into and disposed of

The Clerk having read Mr Shine's notice of motion given on 5th ult "that Mr Silk the late Toll farmer be made some such reduction in the Tolls and Customs as would in some way compensate him for the losses he sustained owing to the very bad fairs that occurred when he was Toll farmer"

Mr Shine proposed—"That Mr Silk late Toll farmer be allowed subject to the approval of the auditor a sum of £25 out of balance due by him of £51 to compensate him in some small way for his losses during his year as Toll farmer the remaining £26 to be paid by him in two instalments the first by 10th April and the second by 12th May next, the securities to be given notice".

Mr Begley seconded the proposition.

After some discussion Mr Shine's proposition was withdrawn and the following moved by Mr Lyons and seconded by Mr Begley was adopted: - "That Mr Silk our late till farmer do get £11 reduction in his bills in consideration of his losses and also his family afflictions. This is subject to auditor."

Pursuant to notice, Mr Begley proposed and Mr Muir seconded - "That the name of Mr John Quinn Mr Conway's legal partner be associated with Mr Conway as the Board's solicitor as requested by Mr Conway."

Adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr Hatley in pursuance of his notice proposed and Mr Lyons seconded - "That we petition the Local Government Board for Ireland requesting them to take the necessary steps to constitute us (the Town Commrs) as urban sanitary authority for the town of Tuam in pursuance of the 7th section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878."

Adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board.

The Chairman Mr Cullin then rose and left the Boardroom and, on the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Burke, the Chair was taken by Mr Begley who according to notice proposed - "That Mr Butler Assistant Granger be allowed £2 the price of an overcoat."

Mr Burke seconded the proposition which was passed and a cheque for the amount was filled and signed.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 2nd April 1894

The monthly meeting was held to-day  
Patrick Cullin Esq Chairman of the Board presiding.

The other members of the Board present were -

Patrick Lyons, John Cunningham, Patrick Browne, Thomas Hatley, Thomas A Egan, Patrick M Hugh, Michael C Shine, Lawrence Burke, James J Begley, Francis J MacCormack Esq and James Cummins Esqs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed after which the financial business was gone into and disposed of.

A copy of Petition to the House of Commons from the Kingstown Town Commissioners was received and adopted as follows: -

"That the existing law relating to Landlord and Tenant in towns in Ireland requires amendment:

"That the power at present possessed by landlords to appropriate on the expiry of leases or agreements tenants' improvements works grievous injustice and retards the prosperity of the country.

"That the dread of this injustice deters numerous tenants' improvements in Ireland from expending money in making permanent improvement in property the leases of which have not a considerable period to continue:

"That as a necessary result of this state of affairs, capital is not <sup>being</sup> expended in improving house property, Irish towns are in many cases falling into decadence, trade is languishing or leaving the country, the population is rapidly diminishing, many works of general public utility are delayed, necessary sanitary reforms are neglected and such of the working classes as elect to remain in their native land are not only deprived of regular employment but are also in innumerable instances forced to live in wretched hovels in which a healthy existence is impossible:

"Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that such a change may be made in the law as will secure the tenants in towns the fruits of any expenditure made by them in effecting permanent improvements in their properties:

"And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

A Copy to be sent to each of the County members.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr MacCormack and unanimously adopted: -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners express our profound regret at the death of Rev Peter of MacPhilpin P.P. Aran Island, as zealous and energetic a priest in the cause of religion and Country as any in the archdiocese. Through his several missions he was ever active and indefatigable on the side of the oppressed in their battle against their oppressors. He bore the brunt of Coercion during Foster's regime and did yeoman service in furthering the Land League. Ireland has lost an able and unflinching advocate by Father MacPhilpin's death and the Irish priesthood an ardent and exemplary member. And we hereby tender the brother of the lamented deceased, Mr John MacPhilpin who is a member of this Board and through him to the entire family our most cordial sympathy in their sad bereavement. And that we adjourn as a mark of respect to Father MacPhilpin's memory to day of next monthly meeting."

The Board thus adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Board Patrick M. Cullin Chairman



Monday 7th May 1894

The monthly meeting was held today

Commissioners present - Patrick Culkim Esq. presiding, John MacPhilpin, Patrick Lyons, Thomas Hatley, Francis J. Mac Cormack Esq., T. A. Egan, Patrick Browne, John Cunningham, M. C. Shine, and Lawrence Burke Esqs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Finance was adjourned to 14th instant, except a cheque £4.14s for premium of Insurance to the Patriotic Assurance Co.

Annexed is copy of letter read from the Board's Solicitor:-

"The Dublin Road Tuam April 2nd 1894

"Gentlemen - Being informed that a compliance with my letter addressed to you on the 5th February last would not meet with the unanimous approval of your Board, therefore rather than be the cause of any dissension amongst you I hereby withdraw it. Your faithful servant -  
"P. J. Conway."

"The Tuam Town Commissioners."

Mr James J. Begley's notice to move that Mr John Quinn's name be associated with Mr Conway as the Board's solicitor adjourned from 5th Feb to March, then dropped.

A letter was read from Mr Perry Esq. Surveyor stating that he would duly bring before the Presentment Sessions the matters about which the Town Clerk had written to him.

Mr Thomas Hatley's notice to move that the Board petition the Local Government Board to constitute the Town Commissioners urban Sanitary authority, adjourned from 5th March, was unanimously adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners at this our first meeting since the sad event desire to place on record our deep regret on learning of the death of Mr Martin J. Glynn who had been so many years a useful and energetic member of the Board and for two years its chairman. And that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr Glynn's aunt, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Roche."

Proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Mac Philpin and unanimously resolved that -

"We the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to join with the other members of the Community in expressing to Mr James McDonnell the deep regret felt when the death of his wife became known in Tuam where her many charitable acts to the poor people and her generous contributions towards the adornment of our Cathedral will ever be remembered with gratitude. We beg to assure him of our <sup>sincere</sup> sympathy in his sad affliction. Copy of this resolution to be sent to Mr McDonnell."

Mr Shine suggested and it was agreed nem con that the inscription of the Town Cross with a literal translation of same into English be engraved on the cut-stone base that the Cross is erected upon.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor applying to have included in renewal presentments for three roads meeting in the Market Square viz Bishop Street, Galway Road and Dublin Road, the cleansing of the Town portions of said roads.

The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr Murphy Contractor Tuam and Claremorris Railway, calling upon him to properly finish the footpath leading from Railway Crossing at Station Tuam to Barrack Street, the portion parallel to the Railway Cattle bank.

The Board adjourned to Monday 14th inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

John Mac Philpin Chairman, *Per Tuam*

Monday 14th May 1894

Meeting pursuant to adjournment was held today.

Commissioners present - Patrick Lyons (in the Chair), Francis J. Mac Cormack Esq., Thomas Hatley, Lawrence Burke, Thomas A. Egan, Patrick MacHugh (and James Commis Esqs.

Finance was gone into and disposed of.

Mr Mac Cormack proposed and Mr Hatley seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to P. Culkim Esq. the respected Chairman of our Board our sincere sympathy with him and Mrs Culkim in the sad affliction that has come across them by the death of their daughter Miss Annie Culkim whose untimely end is widely deplored as she had endeared herself to all by her gentle manners while her unobtrusive but deep piety won the admiration of young and old. A copy of this resolution to be sent to Mrs Culkim."

A letter was read as follows from Dr Dowling -  
"Eastland House: Tuam  
10th May 1894

"Dear Sir -

"I beg to tender you for the Town Board my resignation as Commissioner, I find that my several other duties will not permit me time sufficient to attend regularly at the Board's meetings and to give that attention and care to my duties as a Commissioner which I would wish. I am yours faithfully -

"John Glynn Esq. Town Clerk

"John E. Dowling M.D."

D<sup>r</sup> Dowling's resignation was accepted.

Mr Flattery proposed and Mr MacCormack seconded that Mr Francis Meagher be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by D<sup>r</sup> Dowling's resignation

Mr Meagher was declared co-opted, none dissenting but Mr Burke

Annexed is copy of letter which was read —

"Tuam May 7th 1894

"Dear Mr Glynn, Please thank the Chairman and members of the Town Board for their kind resolution of sympathy.

"Yours faithfully — John MacPhilpin"

Signed on behalf of the Board

John MacPhilpin

Chairman *Pro Tem*,

I Francis Meagher do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this 2nd day of July 1894 Francis Meagher

Witness

Patrick Cullinane

Monday 4th June 1894

The Monthly meeting was held to-day  
Commissioners present

John MacPhilpin (in the Chair)  
Patrick Lyons, Thomas Flattery, Laurence Burke, Thomas A Egan, M C Shine,  
Patrick MacHugh, Francis J MacCormack Esq, Thomas Munroe, and John  
Crummingham Esqrs.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, after which the financial business was gone into and disposed of

On motion of Mr Shine it was ordered to fill and send cheque to the Glenfield Co, £6.15.6 and a cheque £17 on account to Messrs Shand Mason & Co — for standpipes, hose, hose reel etc used in connection with water works.

Mr Flattery moved according to notice dated 5th February —

"That we petition the Local Government Board for Ireland requesting them to take the necessary steps to constitute us (the Town Commissioners) as Sanitary Authority for the Town of Tuam in pursuance of the 7th Section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878"

Mr Lyons seconded the motion

After some discussion on the subject the following, proposed by Mr MacCormack and seconded by Mr MacHugh was unanimously adopted —

"That the Solicitor of the Board be asked to advise the Commissioners to what extent property (if any) in the Township would be relieved from rates now levied on same by the Guardians as Rural Authority, if the Commissioners become the Sanitary Authority (Urban Authority) under the 7th Section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878."

And the Chairman declared Mr Flattery's motion further adjourned, to next monthly meeting.

Mr Lyons proposed, Mr Flattery seconded and it was unanimously passed —

"That in future the Clerk shall measure any new repairs as regards streets etc."

Mr Shine suggested and it was ordered mem con, that Contract for painting the doors and windows of the Town Hall be advertised, tenders for same to be considered at next monthly meeting.

The following Correspondence was read —

"Eastland Road, Tuam, 15th May 1894

"Dear Mr Glynn — I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst enclosing a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners relative to the death of our dear lamented nephew Mr M Glynn. Kindly convey to your Board at your next meeting on behalf of myself and Mrs Roche our sincere thanks. Yours truly

John Glynn Esq Town Clerk

"Eliza Reynolds"

"Waterslade House Tuam  
" 1st June 1894

"Dear Mr Glynn  
Kindly convey to your Commissioners my most  
sincere thanks for their kind expressions of sympathy.  
Yours very truly,  
James McDermott.

"To John Glynn Esq  
Town Clerk Tuam"

"Tuam June 4th 1894

"Dear Mr Glynn,  
Kindly convey to the Board my sincerest thanks for their  
cordial expression of sympathy with me and Mrs Culkim on the death of our  
dear lamented child and for their kind reference to me as their Chairman. I  
am indeed deeply grateful for the good feeling always evinced by them towards  
me which I assure them is fully reciprocated.

"I am, Dear Mr Glynn  
Faithfully yours  
"P. Culkim.

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk, Tuam."

Mr Shine suggested and the Clerk was accordingly directed to  
write again to Mr Murphy Railway Contractor calling upon him once  
more to put in proper order the footpath leading from Railway Crossing  
at Tuam Station to Barrack Street.

Also that the Clerk write to Secretaries of the Railway Companies  
requesting that excursions be given on their respective lines during the Summers  
from Tuam to Limerick on the one side and on the other to Westport Ballina &c

And that the Town Inspector get the streets of the Town cleaned  
sprinkled whenever necessary.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday 2nd July 1894

The monthly meeting was held today  
Patrick Culkim Esq & J.C. presiding

The other members of the Board present were Patrick Lyons, Laurence  
Burke, Francis Meagher, Thomas Hatley, Patrick MacHugh, Michael C Shine  
John Cunningham and Thomas A Egan Esqs.

Mr Meagher signed his declaration as a Commissioner

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

Annexed is copy of report made by Colonel O'Hara, Local Government  
Board Auditor which was read:—

"Lenaboy 16 June 1894

To the Secretary  
Local Government Board, Dublin,

Sir— I have the honor to report for the information  
of the Local Government Board for Ireland that I have audited the accounts  
of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the year ended 29 Sept 1893 and herewith  
to send abstract of same duly certified by me in the usual manner. The expenditure  
for the year under audit appears greatly in excess of the revenue from all sources  
and it must be cut down unless the Commissioners wish to bring their affairs  
into Bankruptcy. There may be some items of an exceptional nature but not, I fear,  
at all sufficient to meet the falling off in receipts from the letting of the Tolls and  
Customs. There is nothing illegal in the payment of a fixed salary to the  
Treasurer provided it is reasonable and passed by a resolution of the Board  
requiring for alteration or rescinding due notice and the votes required for rescinding  
a resolution passed at a previous meeting. The Town Commissioners will be  
good enough to attend to this.

I am, Sir,  
your obedient servant,  
J. O'Hara,  
Auditor.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Union stating that his Board  
requested the Town Commissioners to favour them with their views as to the propriety  
of carrying out and the best means of so doing the recommendation of the Sanitary  
officer, viz: that an underground connection be made between the main sewer  
and a covered sewer recently erected at Ardgammon Tullmadaly road which  
discharges on the public road in a way dangerous to the public health.

The Clerk was directed to reply that as the Commissioners were not Sanitary  
Authority they could only approve of the recommendation and that no doubt the  
connection was badly wanted

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following  
resolution:—

"That we avail ourselves of this our first opportunity after the sad occurrence to place on record our deep and heartfelt regret at the death of the Rev Michael Heany the late respected and venerated Parish Priest of Cammer who had spent fourteen years of his sacred ministry in our midst and by his sterling good qualities of head and heart won for himself the esteem and regard of all who had the privilege of his acquaintance and that we tender to his brother Rev James Heany and all the other members of the family our most cordial sympathy in their bereavement."

Subjoined is copy of letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> read from the Board's solicitor:-  
"Tuam 13<sup>th</sup> June 1894

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst asking my opinion as to what extent property (if any) in the Township would be relieved of the rate, now levied on same by the Guardians as Rural Authority if the Town Commissioners became Sanitary Authority, and after the best consideration I could give the matter and having regard to Section 226 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, the conclusion I have arrived at is that the Town Commissioners becoming Sanitary Authority would have the effect of transferring the burden of taxes to a large extent from all the lands within the Borough to the house property therein as the former would be assessed and liable in the proportion of one fourth part only of their net annual value. If you require any further assistance from me I shall be happy to give it.

your faithful servant,  
P J Conway,  
the Board's Sct.

After some discussion the Board unanimously decided to adjourn to that day week (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July) Mr Hatley's motion of which notice had been given namely, "that we petition the Local Government Board for Ireland requesting them to take the necessary steps to constitute us (the Town Commissioners) as sanitary authority for the Town of Tuam in pursuance of the 7<sup>th</sup> section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878."

And the clerk was directed to issue a placard requesting all persons who pay poor rate on lands and houses situate within the Township to attend the next meeting of the Commissioners and thereat fully and unreservedly express their views on the subject of Mr Hatley's motion

The clerk read a notice which he had received signed M J Hackett Sct and Agent "that application was intended to be made to the Board of Trade on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December next by the Irish Electrical Supply Company whose registered office is situate at 47 Lower Sackville Street Dublin for a provisional order authorizing the said Company to construct works and produce electricity for lighting within the Borough of Tuam.

A letter was read as follows from the County Surveyor:-  
County Surveyor's office, Galway  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1894

Dear Sir,

The Grand Jury have no power to increase a presentment passed at Sessions. If no contractor is found for the streets they will be given to the County Surveyor for one year. In that case I shall do the best I can but I fear owing to my living

so far from Tuam and the cost of supervision the result will not be satisfactory. I should be glad in such a case if the Commissioners would undertake the work for one year after which better provision could be made by Presentment Sessions. It is unfortunate that the long half year comes first because if that had not been the case I could have advised the Grand Jury to present you a half year only, and the short half year could have been managed for the amount allowed but this would not succeed for the long half year (till March Assizes) running through the winter. It will be remembered that I consulted the representative of the Commissioners present at Presentment Sessions before naming the price and the price allowed was then considered to be sufficient.

I am very faithfully yours  
James Perry.

The Board adjourned to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1894.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkie Chairman.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1894.

Adjourned meeting was held today  
Patrick Culkie Esq C.T.C. presiding.

The other Commissioners present were, Patrick Lyons, Thomas Hatley, John MacKiepin, Michael O'Shine, Laurence Burke, John Cunningham, J J Mac Cormack Sct, Thomas A Egan and James Commins Esqs.

Finance gone into, cheques were ordered for officers' salaries etc as per Finance Book.

The Clerk as directed at previous meeting had placarded through town the following notice:-

"Notice is hereby given that at their meeting in the Town Hall on Monday next 2 o'c p.m. the Town Commissioners of Tuam will have under consideration a motion to petition the Local Government Board for Ireland for a Provisional Order constituting them Sanitary Authority for the Township of Tuam, and that all persons who at present pay poor rates on lands and houses situate within the Township are requested to attend said meeting and thereat unreservedly express their views on the subject.

"By order

John Glepun,  
Town Clerk.

"Tuam 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1894."

In response to the foregoing notice the following ratepayers attended:- Edmund Concanan Sct, William Quinn, James McDonnell, Dr J B Castello, Patrick Naughton, Francis Keane, Patrick Carroll, Patrick O'Brien etc

It

It was proposed by Mr Edmund Concaun and seconded by Mr William Quinn that the Sanitary business of the Town of Tuam be left in the hands of the Tuam Board of Guardians as at present.

Passed unanimously

Mr Hatley's motion to petition the Local Government Board to constitute the Town Commissioners sanitary authority then dropped and

The meeting separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen

Chairman

Thursday 12th July 1894

A special meeting convened by requisition was held today

Annexed is copy of the requisition :-

"To Mr John Glynn Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of signing cheques for the officers' salaries and other bills which the Board ought to have signed today before separating.

"Patrick Cullen 656

"Patrick Lyons 56

"John Cunningham 56

"Thomas Hatley 56

"Thomas Munroe 56.

"Tuam 9th July 1894."

The meeting consisted of Patrick Cullen 656 presiding, Francis Meagher, John MacPhelplin, Patrick Lyons, Patrick McHugh and John Cunningham Esqs.

The cheques ordered at meeting of the 9th inst as per Finance Book and filled were now signed after which

The Meeting Separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen

Chairman

Monday 23rd July 1894

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

"Tuam 20th July 1894

"To Mr John Glynn

"Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving and considering a proposal from Mr James McDonnell for the lighting of the Town with gas for ensuing year (Signed)

"Patrick Cullen 656

"John MacPhelplin 56

"Michael C. Shine 56

"Patrick Lyons 56

"Francis Meagher 56."

Commissioners in attendance were - Patrick Cullen 656 presiding, Michael C. Shine, John MacPhelplin, Laurence Burke, John Cunningham, Patrick Lyons and Patrick McHugh Esqs.

Also present - Mr James McDonnell and Mr Walsh, Manager Gas Works.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :-

"That we take this earliest opportunity of expressing on behalf of the inhabitants the universal feeling of regret felt at the death of the late Mr Charles J Morris Clerk of the Union, a gentleman who won for himself the respect of all who came in contact with him by his genial manner. That we desire to tender to his bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction. And that copies of this resolution be sent to Rev J Morris and Mrs Costello."

Mr McDonnell in reply to the Chairman said he was willing to supply gas for lighting the streets on the lines of the Board's Contract with the old Gas Company in '88-'89 and would hand in his tender in writing at next meeting of the Commissioners.

On the suggestion of Mr Shine the Clerk was directed to have an advertisement inserted in the local newspapers inviting tenders for the gas lighting and for repairing the Town lamps.

Mr Shine proposed and it was adopted unanimously "that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman and Messrs Lyons, Shine, Burke and MacPhelplin to go round the Town and see if any changes in the position of the lamps already erected or any additional lamps be required, the Committee to meet on Monday 30th July '94 at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullen

Chairman

Monday, 6th August, 1894.

The monthly meeting was held today,  
Patrick Culkinn Esq B.C. presided.

The other Commissioners present were, John MacPhilpin, Michael C Shine,  
James J Begley, Patrick MacHugh, Francis Meagher, and Laurence Burke Esqs.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was submitted showing a balance of  
£211:18:10. Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries etc

Annexed are copies of letters which were read:—

Castlebar, August 4th, 1894.

Dear Mr Glynn,

I beg to acknowledge the resolution passed at a meeting of the  
Town Commissioners of Tuam on the 2nd ultimo and forwarded to me on the 29th  
July. Permit me to express on behalf of myself and all my relatives our grateful  
sense of the kind feeling and sympathy which found expression in the resolution.  
In our sorrow it comforts us to know how highly Fr Michael was appreciated, not  
only by the Town Commissioners but also by the people of Tuam which was con-  
spicuously proved by the large number who attended at his interment. The kind  
words in which the mover of the resolution referred to Father Michael and the  
affection and respect with which he was regarded by all classes cannot but be  
gratifying to his mourning relatives. Kindly then convey my very grateful thanks  
to the Commissioners for the expression of condolence. I remain, dear Mr Glynn,  
yours faithfully,

James Heany, C.C.

Mr John Glynn, Tuam.

Dalla, Co Mayo, 30th July 1894

Dear Mr Glynn,

I am in receipt of your letter conveying the resolution of the  
Town Commissioners sympathising with us in our sorrow at the early death of our  
brother. Be so good as to leave before the Commissioners at their next meeting our  
very sincere thanks to them for their more than kind expression of condolence in our  
affliction. Yours very faithfully,

J. Morris, C.C.

Mr J Glynn, Tuam.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Burke the following tender was  
accepted unanimously:—

"To the Town Commissioners of Tuam,

Gentlemen— In response to your advertisement inviting tenders for the lighting  
of the public lamps and town clock dials, I beg to submit the following as my tender,  
to supply light and extinguish all the public lamps except those on the Chapel road from  
the 24th day of August 1894 to the 10th day of May 1895 both days inclusive from one  
hour after sunset till 11 p.m. except eight (8) lamps which will be left lighting

till day break and on dark nights throughout the year for the sum of two pounds,  
ten shillings each (£2:10:0). I propose to supply and light two or more lamps on  
Chapel Road on the nights of Saturday and Sunday and if required for any special  
devotions on nights throughout the year on notice being given us, the parish clerk on  
all occasions to extinguish same, for the sum of one pound five shillings each (£1:5:0).  
I propose to supply the necessary gas to light the Town Clock dials on the distinct under-  
standing that said light will be extinguished one hour after day break every morning for  
the sum of Ten pounds per annum (£10).

"James McDonnell."

The Clerk laid before the Board a notice (accompanied by map  
and rental) with which he had been served, at the instance of the Court of Chancery,  
of order of sale of the property of Gerald C Hancock Esq situate in the Town of  
Tuam.

The Board adjourned to Monday 13th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman

Monday, 13th August, 1894

Adjourned meeting was held today,

Patrick Culkinn Esq B.C. presided.

The other members of the Board present were, Patrick Lyons, Laurence Burke,  
John Cunningham, John MacPhilpin and James J Begley Esqs.

The following tenders were read:—

"To the Town Commissioners Tuam  
Gentlemen— I beg leave to tender for the supply and erection of new town lamps  
per the following specification:— Either 14 in. or 16 in. patent street lamps, glazed  
without prisms, opal tops, bottom flaps for lighting quadrant, supply cocks with  
two coats of paint for the sum of 13/3 and 16/3 respectively. Your obedient  
Servant,

J. M. Walsh.

Tuam, 4/8/94

"To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen, — I propose to repair, glaze and ~~flag~~ paint any number of  
the Town lamps that can possibly be ~~glazed~~ repaired to be handed over to the  
Contractor for Gas, at 7/6 per each. I will also supply any number  
of new lamps required. Your obedient Servant  
"G. French, Circular Road."

The Board unanimously accepted Mr Walsh's tender at 13/3  
per lamp, number of lamps to be supplied, 28.

Subjoined are copies of letters which were read:-

Barrack street, Tuam, 13th August '94

"To the Chairman and members of the Town Board Tuam,  
 "Gentlemen - Seeing by the local papers that ye have entered into a contract for lighting the streets with gas, I beg respectfully to draw your attention to the great necessity of erecting a lamp in Barrack street, no part of the town requires it more. The street is the way from the town to populous villages South West of Tuam, so on dark nights light is very much needed here. The cost of laying a pipe from the main to the place where the lamp should be erected would not be much as the distance is short. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

"D. J. Costello."

"Tuam, August 13th, 1894

"Dear Mr Glynn - I understand an application will be made today to the Town Board asking that a Gas lamp be erected in Barrack street. Being unable to attend myself I write to say that I am strongly in favour of this application being granted.  
 Yours truly -

"Michael C. Shine."

The Board unanimously decided to have a gas lamp erected in Barrack street, the Chairman and Mr Burke to select site for same.

The chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we, the Town Commissioners of Tuam, aware of the sufferings endured and sacrifices made by the evicted tenants of Ireland urgently demand from the governing authorities responsible for the well-being of the Irish people and the preservation of social order in Ireland, to effectually and at once place on equitable terms every tenant unjustly deprived of his holding and that the House of Lords the hereditary and consistent enemies of every Irish advancement, must not be allowed to make the rendering of justice subordinate to class privilege.

"That we think the time has arrived when the Irish Parliamentary Party should take their stand and insist on the Government calling an autumn session for the purpose of passing a registration bill with a view of making an early appeal to the Country.

"And that this resolution be telegraphed today to Lord Rosebery and Lord Salisbury, the Evicted Tenants Bill being before the House of Lords tonight."

Tender for printing and advertising was received as follows:-

"Tuam Herald, Aug 4, 1894.

"Gentlemen - I agree to advertise all your notices in Tuam Herald and Tuam News for 12 months and do all the printing according to your advertisement required during that time by your Board for the sum of £22. Inclosed are the sureties. Yours very truly -

"Richard J. Kelly.

"Tuam Town Commissioners"

"We agree to become sureties for Mr R. J. Kelly for advertising in Herald and News and printing required by Town Board for twelve months

(Signed)

"John MacPhlipin  
 Robert Farrell"

Proposed by Mr Begley, seconded by Mr Cunningham and carried, none dissenting but Mr MacPhlipin, that, the tender being considered too high, Mr Kelly be offered £20, what he is getting for current contract.

The Chairman proposed and it was passed unanimously that the clerk be directed to enter on minutes of this days proceedings of the Board a resolution which the late clerk omitted from the minutes of the 6th of July 1891 viz:- "That the salary of the Treasurer be increased from £10 to £20 a year."

Notice was given as follows:-

"Take notice that I or some member of the Board on my behalf, will move at our next monthly meeting that the resolution of the 6th of July 1891 fixing £20 a year as salary for the Treasurer be rescinded and that instead thereof be voted such salary as the Board may deem sufficient."

"Patrick Cullkin, C.T.C."

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday, 20th August, 1894

A special meeting convened by requisition was held to-day  
 Patrick Cullkin Esq C.T.C. presiding.

The other members of the Board present were, James J. Begley, Lawrence Burke, James Commings, Patrick Lyons, Francis Meagher and Patrick M. Hugh Esqs.

Subjoined is copy of the requisition:-

"Tuam, 16th August, 1894.

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of fixing a day for revising the schedule of tolls and Customs and for letting the Tolls and Customs for the ensuing year; also of making provision for the clearing of the street for life period and of protesting against the action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Restoration of Evicted Tenants Bill.

"Patrick Cullkin, C.T.C.,

"Patrick Lyons

"James J. Begley

"Francis Meagher

"Patrick M. Hugh."

The Board decided to fix the 13th September for the letting of the Tolls and Customs; and the 27th August instant for revising the schedule, the clerk meantime to give public intimation of same.

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The clerk was directed to write to Mr Perry, County Surveyor, requesting him to inform the Board, in case they cleansed the streets for the ensuing year as they had hitherto done, could he <sup>give</sup> ~~hand~~ them over whatever remained in his hands of the Grand Jury grant, £90.16<sup>s</sup>, after defraying costs of repairing the streets, and also state what that remainder might be.

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously adopted that -

"We, the Town Commissioners of Tuam, protest in the strongest and most solemn manner possible against the cruel and persecuting action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Tenants Arbitration (Ireland) Bill introduced by the Government and passed through the House of Commons by a large majority of the representatives of the people. That we condemn in the interests of social order the vicious and hateful conduct of the so-called noble lords who although admitting that the wretched tenants are almost universal subjects of pity, compassion and sympathy, nevertheless keep 4000 of them and their unfortunate families on the roadside, preventing them from recovering their lost status on the land, deriding and scoffing at their sufferings, flouting public opinion, and by pursuing a persecuting policy seriously imperilling the peace and tranquility of Ireland. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Freeman's Journal and local papers, to Lord Rosebery, Sir John Morley, and Justice McCarthy."

The Board adjourned to Monday 27th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkine Chairman.

Monday, 27th August, 1894

Adjourned Meeting was held to-day;  
Patrick Culkine Esq. C.T.C. presided.

The other Commissioners present were, Laurence Burke, James J. Depley, Patrick Lyons, M.B. Shive, Patrick McHugh, and Francis J. MacCormack Esqs.

Messrs James McDonnell and John Rishworth woolbuyers, and Messrs John Quinn, Michael McHugh, James Gannon and Michael Moran Eggbuyers were also present.

After revision of the schedule, all the items thereon were decided to remain unchanged for the ensuing year except the toll on wool which, Messrs McDonnell and Rishworth submitted, should be reduced.

At suggestion of Mr MacCormack the clerk was directed to write to Athlone Mullingar, Roscommon, Ballinasloe Longhrea, and Westport to ascertain the tolls charged on wool in those towns

Annexed is copy of letter read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Town Clerk Tuam,

"Sir - I have been unsuccessful up to the present in my attempt to get a

Contractor to keep portion of Tuam streets presented for at least Assizes in repair. If I cannot get a Contractor before the end of next week I shall advertise for and purchase broken stones and put on a man to attend to the work of repairs. The total sum available is £90.16<sup>s</sup> till summer assizes 1895. I shall be glad to have the assistance of the Town Commissioners to make this amount do as much work as possible. I do not propose to divide it into two portions, one for repairs and one for cleansing. In the absence of a Contractor, in my opinion, the Commissioners are liable for cleansing. As County Surveyor I am not bound in any way further than to expend the money to the best of my ability, and if left to myself I shall mainly attend to the surface repairs by applying a sufficient quantity of broken stones. If there is any balance available for cleansing I shall so expend it, but I would point out that till Spring Assizes 1895 the sum available is only one half of the year's amount viz £45.8<sup>s</sup>, and this certainly will not allow any margin for cleansing. There will probably be a surplus during the four months from Spring Assizes to Summer Assizes. I beg respectfully to submit to the Commissioners that a considerable extra as compared with former presentment is given this time from the barony to Tuam: if it is not enough to cover the cleansing it covers part of it, and I am disposed to do what I can to set the Commissioners' views fairly before the Grand Jury of Summer 1895. I am not a lawyer and my opinion is little value on a point of law, but I simply take it that the Longhrea judgment settles that as between the two parties liable for cleansing, the Contractor came in before the Town Commissioners. In your case you have no contractor and I am brought in without any choice on my part and as it is impossible for me to make any profit out of any presentment I am kept free from any loss; this has been decided over and over again. If the Commissioners arrange to supplement the presentment to such a figure as that we shall get a Contractor, I shall set their conditions as best I can and a figure <sup>may</sup> in this way be settled which will be useful when next the presentment comes before Assizes and Grand Jury. I am very faithfully yours -

James Perry

Consideration of the foregoing letter was postponed till next monthly meeting

At suggestion of Mr Lyons it was agreed that Messrs McHugh, Burke and the Chairman be appointed as Committee to find a suitable place for the street swappings in order to discontinue making the potato market a depot for them in future.

Mr James McDonnell's tender reduced from £6.114.6 to £6 was accepted for supplying and erecting a lamp at Barrack Street and connecting same by pipe with the gas main, 100 yards distant

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine

Chairman



Thursday 30th August, 1894

In compliance with the following requisition the Clerk had summoned a meeting for this day:-

"Inam, 27th August, 1894

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of revising the tolls on wool and altering same if deemed advisable.

"Patrick Culkkin C.T.C.

"Michael C Shine J.C.

"Francis J Macbormack J.C.

"Patrick Lyons J.C.

"Patrick McHugh J.C.

"Lawrence Burke J.C."

The following Commissioners attended - Patrick Culkkin C.T.C., Lawrence Burke and Patrick McHugh Esqrs. A quorum not being present no business was transacted

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Monday, 3rd September, 1894.

This was the day for the monthly meeting.

The Commissioners in attendance were, Patrick Culkkin (Chairman) Lawrence Burke, James J Begley, Michael C Shine and Patrick MacHugh Esqrs

The Tollfarmer having made no lodgment with the Treasurer since previous meeting, no business was done.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkkin Chairman

Friday, 7th Sept, 1894.

In compliance with the following requisition a meeting of the Board had been summoned for this day:-

"Inam, 3rd September, 1894

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners <sup>of Inam</sup> hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly business and of considering the Chairman's motion to rescind a resolution fixing £20 a year as salary for Treasurer and instead thereof to vote him such salary as the Board may deem sufficient.

"Patrick Culkkin C.T.C.

"Patrick McHugh

"James J Begley

"Michael C Shine

"Lawrence Burke.

Only Messrs P Culkkin (Chairman), Lawrence Burke, Michael C Shine, and James J Begley attended in response to the circular and consequently no business was done

John Glynn

Town Clerk (C)

Tuesday, September 11th, 1894.

A special meeting was held today

Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Culkkin C.T.C. Lawrence Burke, James J Begley, Michael C Shine, Patrick MacHugh and John Cunningham Esqrs

Annexed is copy of the requisition in compliance with which the meeting had been summoned:-

"Inam 7th September 1894

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly ~~meeting~~ business and of considering the Chairman's motion to rescind a resolution fixing £20 a year as salary for Treasurer and instead thereof to vote him such salary as the Board may deem sufficient

"Patrick Culkkin C.T.C.

"James J Begley J.C.

"James Cummins J.C.

"Patrick Browne J.C.

"John Cunningham J.C."

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed

The Treasurer's account was submitted showing a balance against the Board £101.10.1/2

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries etc as per Finance Book

A letter was read which contained a cheque from the Patriotic Assurance Co for £1.10.0, estimate of damage to floor of news room caused by explosion of paraffin lamp

The County Surveyor's letter on pages 125, 126 was read, and after some discussion on the subject the Clerk was directed to advertise for a contractor to cleanse the streets for the ensuing twelve months and for a suitable and convenient ground to be used as a receptacle for the street sweepings of the Town.

The Clerk was also directed to bring to the Board's Solicitor notice of sale with map and rental of Mr G. C. Hancock's property situate in the town of Tuam with the view of ascertaining whether the leases and boundaries of the Board's ground plots are accurately set forth therein, the Solicitor and the Clerk to employ if necessary a competent person at the Board's expense to examine the map and delineate the boundaries.

At Mr Shine's suggestion it was ordered that two men be employed and provided with brushes to clean the Board's water hose and that Messrs Shaw Mason & Co be asked to take back the hose reel, same being too small, and to allow for it in account.

A bill £4.7.0 was submitted from Mr R. J. Kelly for alleged extra printing and advertising done in September '93 and the Board considered the work to have been part of his contract with them which (latter) was already paid for.

There was also a bill from Mr John MacPhailpin for £9.5.0 for printing and advertising in connection with election of Commissioners held in January 1893 which printing and advertising he alleges had been ordered by Mr John Quinn Sobr and the Board directed the Clerk to write to their Solicitor, Mr Conway, to know from him in writing whether they were liable to the amount.

A letter was read as follows regarding contract for printing and advertising:-

"Cullinamore, Sligo,  
August, 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894.

"Printing and advertising Contract.

My dear Sir,

"In reply to your letter respecting above contract I have communicated my views upon matter to Mr MacPhailpin, co-contractor, and he will lay our views before your Board as regards the small increase required which is in no degree commensurate with the proper and fair payment of the work done for the Board. The advertisements as your Board know appear in two papers.

Yours very truly

Richard J. Kelly

J. Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam.

Mr MacHugh proposed and Mr Begley seconded that Mr Kelly's tender for the printing and advertising (as entered on page 123) be accepted.

Passed unanimously.

The advertisement of the printing and advertising contract, published in the local papers last July, was as follows:-

"The Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners will, at their meeting to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August next, receive and consider tenders from persons willing to do all the advertising and printing

of every description required by the Town Board, except Crane tickets, for twelve months, no extras of any kind to be claimed for by the accepted contractor. Tenders signed by the intending contractor and accompanied by the consents in their own handwriting of two solvent parties to become sureties for the due performance of the contract will be received in the letter-box of the Board room up to the taking of the Chair on the above-named day. Tenders to be endorsed "tender for printing and advertising." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

"By order

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Town Hall Tuam, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1894."

The Chairman proposed according to notice, duly given, and Mr Shine seconded: "That the resolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1891 (entered on page 124) fixing £20 a year as salary for the Treasurer, be rescinded."

Passed unanimously.

The remainder of the Chairman's notice - viz: "That instead of £20, the Treasurer be voted such salary as the Board may deem sufficient" - was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

On the motion of Mr Shine it was ordered that a gas lamp be erected and lighted at end of dead wall in Bishop street, about a hundred yards beyond the bridge.

The Clerk, at suggestion of Mr Shine, was directed to write again to the County Surveyor drawing his attention to the condition in which both sides of the road are, at the bridge in Bishop street. There is yet no protection wall built on the right where a car driver was killed sometime ago by the upsetting of his horse and car, and on the left the slip to the water is equally dangerous to the public.

It was agreed that Messrs Shine Burke and Begley do consult with Mr J. Egan builder as to the best way of extending to the bridge in Bishop street the footpath terminated at Mr Halligan's house in said street.

Ordered that estimate be got of the probable cost of providing a new iron gate for the narrow entrance to the Potato Market.

Suggested by Mr Shine, the Clerk was directed to give in Circular for next monthly meeting notice of motion to make provision for the safety of the Board's books and documents and suitably furnish the Clerk's office.

The Meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Pamela Alkin

Chairman

Thursday, 13th September, 1894.

A special meeting was held today for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the tolls and Customs of the Town for the ensuing year.

The Commissioners in attendance were:— Messrs Patrick Cullin C76, John MacPhillin, Thomas Flahay, Lawrence Burke, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, James Cummins, Thomas A. Egan, and Patrick McHugh.

The Clerk read as follows the advertisement (only published) of the Tolls and Customs to be let:—

"The Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam to be let on Thursday 13th September from the 29th September 1894 to the 28th September 1895 the terms of payment to be as follows:— The Toll farmer to pass his bills joined by two solvent sureties for the amount of his contract. The first of said bills for £150 to be made payable on the 24th October next and the balance of the contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable on the 1st January 1895; the second on 10th March; the third on the 10th May; the fourth on the 4th July; and the fifth on the 10th September in the same year.

"The tenders and sums offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties willing to become sureties will be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the taking of the chair on the above named day. A guarantee Society will be accepted as security. The Contractor must provide any extra men required by him for fairs etc. He will also be required to meet his bills strictly on the day they mature. Otherwise both himself and sureties will be proceeded against by the Board's Solicitor without further notice. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender. The Contractor or tenant declared will have to fulfil the conditions required by the Board and to pay half legal expenses which will be explained by the Clerk. The amended schedule of the Tolls etc payable within the borough can be seen on application to the Clerk. Possession will be given on the 29th September inst. The tenders will be considered on conditions that parties tendering satisfy the Board or whomsoever may be appointed by them as to solvency of sureties.

"By order,

John Glynn  
"Town Clerk"

"Town Commissioners office, Tuam, Aug 30, 1894."

There was but one tender and it was read as follows:—

"Tuam 13th September 1894

"The Chairman the Clerk  
"Town Commissioners—

"Gentlemen,

I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from 29th day of September 1894 to the 28th day of September 1895 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of £585. I offer for my sureties for the faithful fulfilment of same

Michael Hamel of High Street, Tuam, John Tierney of Belmont and Martin Kelly of Gortgrane.

"I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,  
"Thomas Nolan."

"We the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above  
"Michael Hamel Tuam  
"Martin Kelly Gortgrane  
"John Tierney, Belmont."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Lyons seconded that Mr Nolan's tender be accepted

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by the Chairman and adopted unanimously—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, approve of the following resolution passed by the Board of Guardians at their meeting on 12th instant:—

"That we, Tuam Sanitary Board, being the Local Authority under the late Acts relating to railways beg to draw your attention to the want of sufficient sidings and Cattle banks accommodation at Tuam Station. This is a serious evil delaying the transport of Cattle from the numerous Tuam fairs. This inconvenience has been increased instead of being lessened by the extension of the Athenry and Tuam railway to Claremorris and makes the traffic almost unworkable. We also want to draw your attention to the great inconvenience caused to the public by the break in the railway communication at Claremorris owing to disagreements between the Midland and Waterford and Limerick Companies."

"That copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Trade, the Chairman Waterford and Limerick Railway Co., and the Chairman Midland Railway Co."

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 1st October 1894

The monthly meeting was held today

The Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culklin (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Laurence Burke, James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, Patrick Lyons, Patrick MacHugh, James Connors, and John Cunningham,

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was submitted showing a balance against the Board, £ 151. 15. 3

Cheques were signed for officers' salaries and for other liabilities as per Finance Book.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor as follows:—

"Galway 15th Sept 1894

"Sir— The Grand Jury did not present for the repairs of the Bridge in Bishop Street there being no Contractor. I am, Sir, your obedient servant  
James Perry."

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk Tuam."

Mr Thomas Egan, builder, as suggested by Mr Shine, furnished a specification for a flagged footway, 165 feet long and 18 inches wide, at the First Bridge, Bishop Street and connecting existing footpaths

After some remarks as to its being a work which should be done by the Grand Jury the Clerk was directed to have notice of application for presentment served for Clare Barony Sessions to be held on 14th Nov next.

The Clerk was also directed, on Mr Shine's proposition to have application made for a presentment for building a protection wall along the frontage of the old houses at the First Bridge, Bishop Street, where a man had recently been killed by the capsizing of his horse and Car.

The following are copies of letters which were read:—

"Castle Bernard, Bandon, 15 Sept 1894

"Sir— I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th with annexed copy of resolution adopted at meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners on 13th instant with reference to insufficient siding accommodation at Tuam station and the break of communication at Claremorris and to request that you will assure the Commrs that the matters referred to have not escaped the attention of the Waterford and Limerick directors. I could remark that there is a misapprehension as to any disagreement between our Company and the Midland Great Western upon the latter point alluded to. The general outline of the necessary additions at Claremorris station are agreed on, and the details are to be settled by arbitration approached by both Companies in a friendly spirit,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
Percy B. Bernard."

"J. Glynn, Esq.

"Dublin, 15th September, 1894.  
"Sir, — I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, transmitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuam Commissioners of Tuam at their meeting on 13th instant — and in reply, to acquaint you for the information of the Commrs that this Company are not in any way responsible for the accommodation at Tuam Station being insufficient, the Athlone and Tuam railway being now owned by the Waterford and Limerick railway Company. I am further to state the Commissioners are under a misapprehension in thinking that there is any disagreement between the Midland and Waterford Companies, as I am happy to say there exists between them harmonious working arrangements. The delay in running the trains direct into station at Claremorris does not rest in any degree with the Midland Company, but is owing to the necessary additional accommodation to be provided which has not yet been done. The question has been referred to the decision of Major-General Hutchinson R.E., C.B., and the work is to be carried out at the expense of the Waterford and Limerick and Athlone and Tuam Extension to Claremorris Companies before the traffic can be worked through in connexion with our station at Claremorris.

Your obedient servant

Geo Wm Greene, Secretary, M.D.W.R.C.

John Glynn Esq Town Clerk  
Tuam Town Commissioners

"7, Whitehall Gardens,

London SW, 19 Sept 1894

"Sir— Tuam Station Accommodation: I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant on the above subject and to state that it will receive attention. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"Francis S. Hopwood."

"The Town Clerk Tuam."

A copy of the "Public Libraries (Ireland) Act 1894" was received from the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The Clerk, in accordance with direction given him at a former meeting laid before the Board copies of the Gaelic inscriptions on the Town Cross with the view to have <sup>them</sup> with English translation engraved on the lime-stone base, some of the originals being totally obliterated and what remains being difficult to decipher.

It was proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Lyons and passed unanimously that Mr Thomas Egan, Sculptor, be employed to execute the engraving, cost not to exceed £3.10s.

Mr Begley proposed, Mr Cunningham seconded and it was unanimously decided that in future the salary of the Treasurer be £10 a year.

A letter was read as follows from the Treasurer:—

"The National Bank, Limited,  
"Tuam 1st October, 1894

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk Tuam,

"Dear Sir, — At your meeting today kindly obtain from your Board a cheque £10 for my salary as Treasurer for the year ending 29th ult. —

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,  
"G. W. P. Quinn, Manager."

There was but one tender received for the scavenging contract; it was from Michael Donohoe, Churchview, - sum, £60.

There was no tender to supply a receptacle for the street sweepings.

The Chairman desirous to have the opinion of the Board's Solicitor, before accepting any tender for the cleansing contract, as to whether there might be risk of surcharge by the auditor of cheques issued for the contract owing to the County Surveyor being this year repairing the streets and supposed to keep them cleansed, Consideration of the tender for cleansing was postponed until the 8th inst.

Messrs John Murphy and James Nolan were unanimously appointed Enumerators for the October Sheep and Cattle fairs.

It was unanimously ordered that fixtures necessary for the Clerk's office be therein erected and that a letter box be affixed to the Board room door.

The Board adjourned to Monday 8th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael. Anne Chairman.

Subjoined is copy of Notice duly published:-

"Borough of Tuam in the County of Galway to wit.

"Election of Five Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam in the County of Galway:

"Take notice

"1. That an election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Tuam on the 15th day of October 1894 for said Borough,

"2. That any person entitled to vote may nominate, for said office, himself (if duly qualified) or any person or persons so qualified not exceeding five in number;

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

"4. That any nomination paper must be signed by the party nominating, and may be in the following form or to the like effect:-

"Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam to be held on the 15th day of Oct, 1894 - Nomination Paper.

Christian name and surname of person nominated.	Place of abode of person nominated.	Description of person nominated.	Christian & Surname of nominator.	Address of nominator.

Dated the day of 1894

(Signed)

"5. That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 11th day of October 1894.

"Dated this 4th day of October 1894.

By order,

"John Glynn, Town Clerk."

Monday, 8th October, 1894.

This was the day for the adjourned meeting to consider the tender for the street cleansing Contract received on the 1st instant from Michael Donohoe.

Only one Commissioner attended, namely Mr Laurence Burke, consequently ~~was~~ nothing was done.

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Annexed are copies of notices duly published:-

"Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam.

"I the undersigned being the Town Clerk for the said Borough of Tuam hereby give notice that the Christian and Surnames of the persons nominated for election as Commissioners for the said town and their respective places of abode, and description and the names of the parties nominating them are as follows:-

Surnames	Other names	Place of abode of person nominated	Description of person nominated	Names of person by whom nominated.
Burke	Laurence	Vicar St Tuam	Farmer	{ James J Begley Laurence Burke
Cunningham	John	Bishop St Tuam	Merchant	James J Begley
Giggins	Michael	Bishop Street Tuam	Merchant	Patrick Cullin
MacHugh	Patrick	High Street Tuam	Merchant	James J Begley
MacPhiepin	John	Shop Street Tuam	Newspaper Prop!	James J Begley

(Signed)

"John Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Town Hall 12th day of October 1894"

"Notice of Candidates Elected

"Town of Tuam

"Election of Commissioners:

"I the undersigned being the Returning officer for the election of Commissioners for the said Town of Tuam hereby give notice that the undersigned persons have been duly elected as Commissioners for said Town:-

Surnames	Other names	Abode	Rank, profession or occupation
Burke	Laurence	Vicar Street Tuam	Rank, profession or occupation Farmer
Cunningham	John	Bishop Street Tuam	Merchant
Giggins	Michael	Bishop Street Tuam	Merchant
MacHugh	Patrick	High Street Tuam	Merchant
MacPhiepin	John	Shop Street Tuam	Newspaper Proprietor

"Dated this 15th day of October 1894"

(Signed)

"Patrick Cullin, Returning officer."

I, Lawrence Burke, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as 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.

Lawrence Burke

Subscribed before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1894

Witness  
Theodore Shine

I, John Cunningham, 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 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.

John Cunningham

Subscribed before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Novr 1894

Witness  
McShane

I, Michael Goggin, 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 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.

Michael Goggin

Subscribed before me  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April  
1895

Witness  
Patrick Cullin

I, Patrick MacHugh, 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 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.

Patrick MacHugh

Subscribed before me  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1894

Witness  
Patrick Cullin

I, John Mac Philpin, 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 Commissioner by virtue of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880, and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the nett annual value or upwards of £4.

John Mac Philpin

Subscribed before me  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1894

Witness  
Patrick Cullin

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894

A Special meeting had been summoned had been for this day by circular in compliance with the following requisition:-

Tuam 30th October 1894

Mr John Glynn Town Clerk

You are hereby requested to convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for Friday next 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering a letter received today by the Chairman from Mr M C Shine Superintendent Water Works stating that for all practical purposes the Board's hose is now useless, one length of it being completely cut across and the remaining two lengths being full of holes and urging that some additional hose be at once procured as in the event of fire breaking out there is no means at present of utilising the water works in extinguishing it.

(Signed) Patrick Cullin C.F.;  
Patrick Lyons F.C.;  
James J. Begley F.C.;  
Michael C. Shine F.C.;  
Patrick Browne.

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Lawrence Burke, Patrick MacHugh and Michael C. Shine

The number of members being short of a quorum no business was done.

John Glynn  
Town Clerk.