

Monday, 5th November, 1894

The monthly meeting was held today

The Commissioners present were, Messrs Lawrence Burke, Michael C. Shine, James J. Begley, Thomas A. Egan, John Cunningham and Patrick Cullkin.

Before the chairman of the Board arrived, Mr Shine on the motion of Mr Egan seconded by Mr Begley had taken the chair and proceeded with the business.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account, laid before the Board, showed <sup>balance</sup> of £26.3.10 due to the Bank.

Major M. B. Hackett, solicitor, appearing before the Board requested their attention to notice served on the clerk, of application to be made to the Board of Trade by the Irish Electrical Supply Co. Ltd., 47, Lower Sackville street, Dublin, for a provisional order to construct electrical light works within the Borough of Tuam. It is necessary for the Company to obtain the permission of the Local Authority to submit with their application to the Board of Trade.

The presiding chairman suggested, and it was ordered nem con. that a special meeting of the Board be summoned for Monday, 12th inst, to consider the matter.

At this stage of the business the chairman of the Board, Mr Cullkin, entered, and took the chair.

A letter was then read from the Board's Treasurer, as follows:—

"The National Bank, Limited,  
"Tuam, 5th Nov, 1894"

"John Glynn Esq., Clerk

"Tuam Town Commissioners, Tuam,

"Dear Sir,— I have to advise the Town Commissioners that the Toll Farmer's notes were not lodged with me in due course this year. Having learned from you that they were in the possession of your Chairman, Mr Patrick Cullkin, on the 23rd ult I wrote that gentleman as follows: "Please have the Toll Farmer's bills lodged with me as collateral security for the overdraft according to usage, and as arranged last December." To that letter he sent a verbal reply that he would not. Later on better counsels prevailed and on 2nd inst, six days after the note for £150 had fallen due the notes were sent to me without a word of explanation or apology, but I observed that a clumsy attempt had been made to change the domicile of the £150 note. I refrain from comment. Should the Commissioners again require an overdraft from me, to prevent a recurrence of these irregularities next year, I expect to say I must ask them to send me today their written assurance that the notes to be obtained next October from the Toll Farmer shall be lodged with me by way of collateral security as in previous years when signed by the Toll Farmer and his sureties.

I am, dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

C. W. P. Quinn, Manager.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded that the written assurance asked for by the Treasurer be given.

The Chairman refused to put the proposition, and then Messrs Shine and Burke handed in a written protest which the chairman also refused.

The meeting thereupon abruptly separated

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Thursday Nov 8th 1894

A special meeting had been summoned for this day in compliance with the following requisition:—

"Tuam Nov 5th 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 Thursday next 12.00 (noon) for the purpose of transacting remainder of the ordinary monthly business left unconsidered today.

(Signed)

"Patrick Cullkin, C.T.C.,

"P. Browne J.C.,

"Patrick Lyons J.C.,

"Thomas Murray J.C.,

"James Cummins J.C.,

"John Cunningham J.C.,"

Only three Commissioners attended, namely, Messrs Patrick Cullkin C.T.C., Michael C. Shine, and James J. Begley, consequently no business was done.

John Glynn,  
Town Clerk.

Monday, Nov 12th 1894

A meeting was held today for considering, pursuant to adjournment, a notice of application to be made to the Board of Trade by the Irish Electrical Supply Company Limited, 47 Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, for a Provisional Order to construct Electrical light works within the Borough of Tuam.

The Commissioners present were—

Messrs Patrick Cullkin C.T.C. presiding,  
M. C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, Lawrence Burke, Patrick MacHugh John MacShilpin, Thomas A. Egan, and Francis J. Mac Cormack, Esqs.

The ordinary monthly business left unconsidered on the 5th inst was proceeded with, Mr Shine dissenting.

Cheques were signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Mr Shine moved that the Treasurer's letter of the 5th inst be replied to.

The Chairman would not put the motion and then Mr Shine handed in a notice relative to the Chairman's refusal of that and previous motions of his, which notice the Chairman declined to receive.

The following letter was read from the Board's Solicitor:-

"Tuam 2nd day of Nov 1894

"To the Chairman and Tuam Town Improvement Commrs"

"Gentlemen - I now beg to enclose as requested particulars of the costs due to me by your Board, showing a balance of £132-14-6 coming to me. The taxes and certified costs of the proceedings known as the Old Fair Green suit are necessarily included as well as the miscellaneous costs to the present time as full credit is given for all payments made by you on account since the date of the first item, and each of such payments with date is set out in the summary at the end of the Bill. I may remark that I have had a large amount of correspondence and a great many attendances over the long period which the bill represents for which no charge is made. I hold the certificate of taxation of the Old Fair Green Costs, and I have drawn the miscellaneous costs in taxable form with a view to your having them taxed if you so desire. In the meantime I shall feel obliged by your sending me a payment on account as the outlay in connexion with your business has been considerable.

"Your faithful servant

"P D Conway, Solr.

P.S. - The costs of the Old Fair Green suit are prepared only as between party and party but if you wish to have the miscellaneous costs taxed the additional costs allowable as between solicitor and client in old fair green suit should be added.

"P.D."

The clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Conway's letter with enclosure and to state that the bill would be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

An application was read from Mr Henry M A Murphy Solr for rent due to the Representatives of the late Mr Michael Oloran, viz: "12 1/2 years' rent of the Fish market to 29th Sept 1894, at £4-4-0 per year, under Decr dated 23rd March 1870, £52-10-0; and 4 1/2 years' rent of Fair Green plot, Dullinasally Road, to 1st Nov 1894 (tenancy commenced from 1st May 1890) at £6-15-0 per year, £30-7-6: Total, £82-17-6."

Ordered that the Clerk write acknowledging receipt of the application and stating that as so many years had been allowed to elapse without calling for the rent the representatives of Mr Oloran are expected to give the Board time and to receive the debt in instalments, and requesting Mr Murphy to name a day that he could be conveniently be present at their meeting with a view to arranging the matter.

The Town Inspector having reported that Mr T Nolan, Toll farmer had by an agent broken the locks of the Meat and Potato Markets and put on other locks the keys of which he withholds,

The Clerk was directed to write demanding a written explanation from the Toll Farmer and noticing him to deliver up forthwith those keys to the Chairman of the Board.

It was ordered at the suggestion of Mr Shine that the clerk write to the Town Clerk of Dublin to ascertain what sort of hose is in use in that city for extinguishing fire.

Ordered also that Contract for street cleansing for seven months - from 3rd December '94 to 1st July '95 - be advertised in the local newspapers.

After some discussion on the application notice from the Irish Electrical Supply Co, Ltd. it was passed on the motion of Mr Mac Cormack that the clerk be merely directed to write to Major Hackett that the Board are not the Local Authority.

None dissented but Mr Lyons who was in favour of expressing approval of the Company's project.

The enumerators' returns for the October Fair were as follows:-

Sheep sold :-	Ewes, 3620	Wethers, 7435	Lambs, 1561	Hogget, 5272	Rams, 72	Total 17960
Unsold :-	116	55	141	244	56	612
	3736	7490	1702	5516	128	18572

Cattle sold :-	Heifers, 3124	Bullocks, 3262	Cows, 66	Calves, 94	Bulls, 2	Total 6608
Unsold :-	281	214	28	61	0	584
	3465	3476	94	155	2	7192

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday 19th Nov 1894

A special meeting was held today, for the purpose of electing a chairman for the ensuing year, and in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam Nov 15 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 12.00 (nom) for the purpose of adopting the steps most advisable to take ament the fact that that the Treasurer has dishonoured all the Board's cheques of the 12th inst, presented to him.

(Signed)

"Patrick Cullkin, J.B.

"Thomas Munroe, J.B.

"James Commings, J.B.

"John Cunningham, J.B.

"Thomas Flaherty, J.B."

The Commissioners present were, Messrs Laurence Purke, Patrick Cullkin, Thomas Flaherty, M.C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, Patrick McHugh, Thos. Munroe, & Jas. Commings.

The clerk having taken the chair,

Mr Hatley said he had great pleasure in proposing that Mr Culkim be re-elected as Chairman. Mr Culkim had well and satisfactorily discharged the duties during the years he had occupied the chair and there was no member of the Board more worthy of the position.

Mr Lyons seconded the proposition

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded -

"That Mr Culkim be not re-elected Chairman as he during his time of office has done much to lower the dignity of the position by refusing notices of motion and again having received notices of motion illegally refused putting same to the Board thus ignoring his brother Commissioners and bringing the Board into contempt. He has also by his conduct towards the Bank placed the Board in a very unenviable position before the public."

A poll having been taken there voted for re-electing Mr Culkim as Chairman - Messrs Munroe, MacHugh, Lyons, Hatley and Culkim (5). Against - Messrs Shine and Burke (2). The voting had been over before Mr Cummins arrived.

The clerk declared Mr Culkim duly re-elected.

Mr Culkim then resumed the Chair and thanked his supporters.

Mr Lyons proposed that a Deputation go to the Bank and have an interview with the Manager for the purpose of getting overdrafts at a cheaper rate of interest.

The Chairman in seconding Mr Lyons's proposition suggested that the Deputation consist of Messrs Lyons, Shine and MacHugh, which passed *nem. con.*

Mr Shine proposed and Mr MacHugh seconded -

"That the National Bank be assured that should this Board require an overdraft the Toll Farmer's bills to be signed will as heretofore be lodged with the Manager each year as collateral security."

Passed unanimously, copy of same to be sent to the Manager.

The Town Inspector having reported that the streets were in a shocking state from want of sweeping Mr Shine proposed and it was unanimously ordered that men with horses and carts be set to work at once to sweep them and that a cheque for five pounds be filled to defray the expenses.

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, December 3rd, 1894.

The monthly meeting of the Board was held to-day

Commissioners present were, Messrs Patrick Culkim & J.C. presiding, John MacPhiepin, Patrick Lyons, M.C. Shine, Thomas Munroe, Patrick MacHugh, and John Cunningham

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £113.11.8 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and filled for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The clerk submitted a statement of the Board's indebtedness on 30th November last amounting to £462.0.9 and an estimate of what they might owe at end of the year, Sept 29 1895, namely £402.1.1

Mr Shine proposed that a deputation be appointed to put the financial state of the Board before their solicitor Mr Conway and direct him to communicate with the Board of Public Works with a view to get them to consolidate the residues of the Town Hall loans and extend the time for repayment so as to reduce the half-yearly instalments to one-half their present amount.

Mr MacHugh seconded the proposition which was adopted unanimously.

Mr Cunningham proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was passed *nem con* that the deputation consist of Messrs Lyons, Shine, and the Chairman.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following which was passed unanimously -

"That we the Inam Town Commissioners wish to draw the attention of the Dublin daily papers viz the "Independent," "Irish Times," "Freeman" and "Express" to their continued boycotting of our great May and October fairs by not sending special reporters to note the proceedings as they do to Ballinacree and other places."

Copies of same to be sent to the papers referred to.

A letter was read from Michael Bartley Secretary Pig Buyers' Protection Club, Limerick, desiring to have the next pig fair held on the 13th December as there were several pig fairs falling on the 14th.

The clerk was directed to reply that the time was too short for advertising the suggested change and that the Board's placards announcing the pig fair for the 14th were printed and circulated.

On the motion of Mr Shine it was ordered to extensively advertise the new fairs by placards at railway stations and in the towns from which buyers attend the Inam fairs.

Mr Shine read letter to him from Chief of the Dublin Fire Brigade as did also the clerk one received from the Secretary Dublin Corporation describing the sort of hose (sample sent) which the Fire Brigade use. It was handwoven Canvas unlined made from Irish flax manufactured by Mcgregor and Co. Dunree and W. Rose & Co, Metropolitan Works, Salford, Messrs W. Curtis and Sons, Middle Abbey Street Dublin are agents for the hose.

The clerk was ordered to write to Messrs Curtis & Sons for quotations and ask would they take and use the brass Couplings of the Board's present hose and allow for them in bill of new hose should the Board order one.

The Chairman said there was a vacant seat, Mr Patrick Dwyer not having attended any meeting of the Board for the last six months and he proposed that Mr John Connolly, Shop Street Tuam be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Mr MacHugh seconded the proposition.

Mr Shine objected.

There was no other person proposed for co-opting.

The Chairman then rose and the meeting separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

*Patrick Calkin* Chairman.

Monday, 10th December, 1894

A special meeting had been summoned for this day in compliance with the following requisitions:-

Tuam 6th December 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 10th instant for the purpose of signing the cheques ordered and filled at last Monday's meeting for officers' salaries and other claims.

Patrick Calkin B.S.C.  
Patrick Lyons J.B.  
Thomas Murray J.B.  
James Connors J.B.  
James J. Depley J.B.

Tuam December 7th 1894

To Mr John Glynn  
Town Clerk,

Sir - We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 10th inst., at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering the tenders received for street-cleansing at last monthly meeting with a view to accepting some one of them and thus put an end to the disgraceful state of the streets which are now almost impassable.

Michael C. Shine J.B.  
John Cunningham J.B.  
James J. Depley J.B.  
Laurence Burke J.B.  
J. A. Egan J.B.

Commissioners in attendance were - Messrs Patrick Calkin, B.S.C., presiding, Michael C. Shine, James Connors, Thomas A. Egan, John Cunningham and Patrick MacHugh.

The circulars convening the meeting having been read the cheques ordered and filled at meeting on 3rd inst were now duly signed, after which

Tenders for the street cleansing were opened. There were but two, one of which was informal, viz that of Luke Mullin of Clonlough who offered to do the work for £44; the other was from Michael Donohoe Church View Tuam agreeing to do it for £35 - his sureties, Messrs Patrick Naughton and Francis Keane.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded -

"That Mr Donohoe's tender be accepted as it complied with the terms of the advertisement and as good security, has been given by him."

Mr Cunningham proposed and Mr MacHugh seconded as an amendment to Mr Shine's proposition -

"That we consider the tenders too high, and that we re-advertise for tenders again."

For Mr Shine's motion - Messrs Shine, Burke and Egan (3).

For Mr Cunningham's amendment - Messrs Cunningham, MacHugh, Connors, and MacPhelipin (4).

The clerk was directed to re-advertise the street cleansing contract, tenders for same to be received and considered at the next monthly meeting (7th January prox.)

A cheque was ordered and made payable to the clerk for £7 to defray the expense of cleansing the streets until next monthly meeting of the Board.

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board,  
*Patrick Calkin* Chairman.

Monday January 7th 1895

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today.

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culkin (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shine, Patrick MacHugh, Laurence Burke, James Commins, Tho. A. Egan, John MacPhilin and Thomas Munroe

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance of £165.7.9 due to the Bank

Cheques were ordered and filled for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Two tenders were received for the street cleansing contract: one from Luke Mullin of Blamthor at £25; the other from Edward Monaghan of Terboy at £26 the contract to extend from day of acceptance to 1st July next.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded - "That Luke Mullin's tender, £25, for street cleansing be accepted, it being moderate and surety good."

Mr MacHugh proposed and Mr Commins seconded as an amendment that the Board continue to cleanse the streets as at present until the 1st July next

There voted for Mr Shine's motion - Messrs Shine, MacPhilin, Egan and Burke (4)

For Mr MacHugh's amendment - Messrs Commins, Munroe, MacHugh and the Chairman (4)

The numbers being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote and declared Mr MacHugh's amendment carried.

A cheque was then ordered and made payable to the Clerk for £5 to defray the expenses of cleansing the streets until next monthly meeting of the Board.

A bill, £9.5.0, from Mr John MacPhilin proprietor Inam News for printing and advertising in connection with election of Town Commissioners held in January 1893 pursuant to an order of the Court of Queen's Bench having been fully inquired into, Mr MacPhilin agreed to accept and the Board decided unanimously to give him £5 in full discharge of the bill and a cheque for same was ordered and signed

An application having been received from Messrs Shand Mason & Co, Upper Ground Street, Blackfriars Road, London, for balance of account, viz, £14.19.6 the Chairman suggested and the Clerk was ordered to write to that Firm asking them to abate their claim and accept £10 in full discharge thereof as the hose supplied by them was now quite useless though only a few times worked since the Board got it.

Attention having been called to the Town Lighting the Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Contractor, Mr James McDonnell whether he purposes to retain the Board's lamplighter Pat Kennedy, and make allowance to the Board for Kennedy's services hitherto lighting the gas lamps; also to inform Mr McDonnell that the Board consider the dials of the 'Town Clock' insufficiently lighted, and that they desire him to have flags and pavements of the town re-set, which his workmen raised while laying down gas pipes.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Shine, Burke, Lyons, Egan, and the Chairman (to meet on Wednesday, 9th January instant at 6.00 pm) and given full power to decide as to the most suitable hose for the extinguishing of fire and to order same forthwith from the manufacturer.

The Toll Farmer, Mr Nolan, came before the Board and asked to have the new fairs of the town extensively advertised by bell and placard in order to have them well supplied with stock and made a success.

The Board agreed to have the fairs advertised in the local newspapers and placards given to the Toll Farmer who undertook to post them up in all the towns and villages, within a radius of twelve miles and have the fairs announced by bellman he (Toll Farmer) to be allowed reasonable expenses by the Board for so doing.

The Clerk read the following correspondence:-

Friday, 7th December, 1894

This day, 12.00 (noon) had been appointed by the Board's solicitor to meet the Deputation appointed at last monthly meeting, namely, Messrs Shine, Lyons and Culkin, to hear their statement regarding the Board of Public Works loans with the view of getting extension of time for repayment of the outstanding balances of said loans amounting to £739.18.0. Only Mr Shine attended, though due notice had been given to each member of the Deputation. Mr Quinn, the Board's solicitor's partner, attended and with Mr Shine and the Town Clerk went fully into the subject and the following direction was given to the Board's solicitor - that he communicate with the Board of Public Works intimating that the Town Board wish the outstanding balances of the Town Hall loans amounting to £739.18.0 should be amalgamated and that the time of repayment of same be extended to 30 years from the present date instead of 11 years for balance of £800 loan and 16 years for balance of £400 loan, and, if possible, at a lower rate of interest than now charged - the Board's solicitor to inform the Board of Public Works of the necessity that has arisen for adopting this course.

Michael C. Shine, Esq., Member of Deputation,  
John Lyons, Town Clerk.

Inam 7th Day of January 1895

To the Chairman and Commissioners of the  
Borough of Inam.

Re Board of Works loans.

Gentlemen - In compliance with your instructions I wrote a letter (of which I enclose a copy) to the Board of Public Works on the 11th ult, requesting that the outstanding balances of the Town Hall loans should be amalgamated and the time for repayment extended to thirty years from the present thus reducing the annual payments. On the 15th December I received enclosed reply, saying that my letter would have due attention and I received a further letter dated 31st ult (which I

handed your Secretary) stating that the Board of Works had no power to do what was asked which is rather strange having regard to the time they took to consider the matter. — yours faithfully  
"P. J. Conway, your Solicitor."

Mr Shine moved and it was passed nem con that the clerk forward to Colonel Nolan M.P. copy of the correspondence and request him to bring the matter before the Treasury and before the House of Commons should be be unsuccessful with the Treasury.

The following letter was read:—

Castlegrove Duam, 20th December, 1895

"Dear Sir — I have much pleasure in informing you that the Board of Trade arbitrators have refused to give the Duam and Claremorris Railway Co a certificate to enable them to apply to the Mayo Grand Jury for a presentment for interest on £98,000 guaranteed for the construction of the railway. The Duam & Claremorris Co. will have to complete the line to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor of Mayo, and amongst other things provide proper accommodation at Duam and Castlegrove Stations

"Yours truly

"J. J. Revin."

"P. Cullen Esq Chairman Duam Commissioners Duam P."

Mr Shine drew attention to a resolution of the Dublin Corporation which he said, had reference to amnesty to the Political Prisoners, and he proposed that the resolution be taken as read and that it be adopted by the Board.

The Chairman said they were all in favour of amnesty to the Political Prisoners.

No one dissenting the resolution was tacitly adopted.

The resolution was as follows:—

"That in consequence of the Callousness of the answer given by the Right Hon John Morley, M.P. to a deputation of this (Dublin) Council, consisting of the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and other members who waited upon him recently with reference to an amnesty for the Political Prisoners, and owing to the tone and manner in which he declared what amounted to an emphatic "no", the members of this Council are of opinion that notwithstanding the professions of friendliness made on behalf of her Majesty's Ministers the people of Ireland can no longer place any confidence in the present Government and that Copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Messrs Justin McCarthy M.P. and John Redmond, M.P. and Colonel Nolan M.P."

The meeting then separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Wednesday, 16th January, 1895.

A special meeting of the Board was held today in compliance with the following requisition:—

"Duam January 12th 1895

"Mr John Glynn  
"Town Clerk —

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Duam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Wednesday next 12.00 (noon) for the purpose of considering the matter of fixing the boundaries of the Town Hall plot

"(Signed)

"P. Cullen, C.T.C.,

"P. Lyons, J.C.,

"Michael C. Shine, J.C.,

"John Cunningham, J.C.,

"J. A. Egan, J.C."

The Commissioners in attendance were — Messrs Patrick Cullen, C.T.C.; M.C. Shine, J.C.; J. A. Egan, Thomas Munroe, Lawrence Burke, and James Commings

Also present — Mr John Quinn (the Board Solicitor's partner), Mr Patrick Byrne and his solicitor Mr J. J. Mac Cormack.

The Board after some deliberation, agreed unanimously to have another meeting summoned for Saturday, 19th January inst, 6.00, p.m., to further consider the matter.

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Saturday, 19th January, 1895

A special meeting of the Board had been summoned for this day in compliance with the annexed requisition:—

"Duam, 16th January, 1895

"Mr John Glynn

"Town Clerk, —

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Duam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Saturday next, at 6.00, p.m., for the purpose of considering the matter of fixing the boundaries of the Town Hall plot

"(Signed)

Patrick Cullen, C.T.C.,

Michael C. Shine, J.C.,

James Commings, J.C.,

Thomas Munroe, J.C.,

Lawrence Burke, J.C.,

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Culkim, C.S.B.; Michael C. Shine  
Thomas Munroe, James Commins and James J. Begley.

There were also in attendance Mr John Quinn (the Board Solicitor's partner)  
Mr Patrick Byrne and his Solicitor Mr J. S. Mac Cormack.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded the following resolution which  
was passed unanimously and to which Mr Mac Cormack also agreed on behalf of Mr  
Byrne:-

"That the matter in dispute between the Town Commissioners and Mr  
P. Byrne in reference to premises at rear of the Town Hall adjoining those held by  
him from the Town Commissioners at the yearly rent of £3 having been discussed  
it is resolved that in consideration of Mr Byrne withdrawing his objection to the portion  
claimed by the Town Commissioners that the Town Commissioners hereby agree to give  
him a lease of the portion in dispute for a term of 60 years from 25th March 1895  
at the yearly <sup>rent</sup> of five shillings each party to pay their own costs in connection  
with the objections &c in Dublin. The costs (if any) of the Solicitors having  
carriage of the sale to be divided equally between the Town Commissioners and Mr  
Byrne. The Commissioners' portion not to exceed £1.1.0. Mr Byrne to pay the  
costs of preparing the lease of the premises in question and all other expenses in  
connection with same including £1.1.0 fee to the Town Commissioners' solicitor as  
approval fee. The Town Commissioners to pay their Solicitor the remaining £1.1.0 of  
his fee."

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, 4th February, 1895

The monthly meeting of the Board was held to-day

Commissioners in attendance -

Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Laurence  
Burke, James J. Begley, M.C. Shine and Patrick MacHugh.

No business was transacted.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Friday 8th February 1895

A special meeting of the Board was held today in compliance with the following  
requisition:-

"Tuam 5th February 1895

"Mr John Glynne

"Town Clerk, -

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners 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

(Signed) Patrick Culkim C.S.B.

"Francis J. Mac Cormack J.B.

"Thomas Munroe J.B.

"James Commins J.B.

"Thomas Hatley J.B.

"James J. Begley J.B.

"Patrick Lyons J.B."

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Culkim Chairman of the Board;  
James J. Begley, James Commins, John Cunningham, Patrick MacHugh and M.C.  
Shine.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account, laid before the Board showed a balance  
of £192:1:5 due to the Bank

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other  
claims as per Finance Book

A letter was read from Mr Henry M. A. Murphy solicitor applying  
for rent due to representatives of the late Mr M. Gloran, for the recovery of which  
if not paid on or before the 30th January 1895, he would be obliged to institute  
proceedings without further notice.

Proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr MacHugh,

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Murphy  
that at next monthly meeting of the Board an instalment of the debt would  
be paid.

Letters having been read and considered from Bacon Merchants  
Limerick, namely, Messrs Denny & Sons, Matterson & Sons, and Shaw & Sons,  
recommending alteration of the announced new fairs of Tuam to dates better  
calculated to suit the convenience of their buyers,  
Mr Shine proposed

Mr MacHugh seconded and it was passed unanimously -

"That the five new fairs for Tuam announced in the almanacs  
for 1895 be held in future on the third Wednesday of their respective months  
and that next year (1896) and thenceforward a fair be held on the third Wednesday  
of February in order to have a fair in Tuam every month of the year

Proposed by Mr Shine,

It was ordered nem con that Delegates from the County Galway G.A. Clubs be given the use of the Town Hall for their meeting to be held on the 27th inst.

A Copy resolution from the Technical Education Association for Ireland was proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Begley and adopted unanimously as follows:-

"Having regard to the large sums available and applied out of Imperial resources for Technical Education in Great Britain we call upon the Government to make similar provisions for Technical Education in Ireland."

Consideration of bill submitted by Mr John Nolan (Doll Farmer's brother) for £10.5.0 expenses alleged to have been incurred by him in placarding and otherwise publishing the January new fair of Tuam was adjourned to next monthly meeting, particulars of the amount not being given

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkkin Chairman.

Monday Feb 25th 1895

A special meeting of the Board, summoned by the Clerk was held to-day for the purpose of passing a resolution calling on the Government to open Relief Works in the district of Tuam.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkkin Chairman of the Board; James J Begley, M.C. Shine, Laurence Burke and Patrick MacHugh.

Proposed by Mr M.C. Shine, seconded by the Chairman, and passed unanimously -

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners urge upon the Government the necessity of opening public and remunerative works in the district to arrest present distress owing to the failure of the Potato Crop, relieve chronic misery and destitution and avert the horrors of another famine.

"That we wish to draw the attention of the Authorities to the great want of employment in the locality, numbers of men able and willing to work having to seek assistance from public relief funds which demoralize the recipients and afford only temporary assistance.

"That we urge on the Government the advisability of sending down immediately an inspector to whom this Board will be in a position to point out the most suitable and remunerative works required.

"That we consider the sum of £80,000 proposed to be voted by the Government entirely inadequate and we agree with our Parliamentary representative Colonel Nolan that no less than £250,000 will be of any practical use, and that we wish to remind the Government that Mr Balfour when Chief Secretary for Ireland expended a million of money on relief works."

"That we wish to point out to the Government that a Committee representing all shades of opinion, formed in the Town to solicit subscriptions for the relief of distress here have in their books several hundred cases on their books and had to refuse many more for want of funds."

Proposed by Mr Begley, seconded by Mr Burke and passed nem con -

"That copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Prime Minister, the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary and Colonel Nolan M.P."

The meeting then separated

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkkin Chairman.

Monday March 4th 1895

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Commissioners present were - Messrs Patrick Culkkin, C.T.C.; James J Begley, Laurence Burke, Patrick MacHugh, M.C. Shine, and John Cunningham.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £196.14.2 due to the Bank

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Mr Thomas Nolan, Doll Farmer, was ordered unanimously a cheque for eight pounds (£8) in full discharge of his claim for placarding and otherwise advertising the January new fair of Tuam.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That, we the Tuam Town Commissioners request the <sup>Mayo</sup> Grand Jury who have been so liberal as to guarantee the line of railway from Tuam to Claremorris to see that a proper siding be constructed adjoining Tuam Station where the line opens to Claremorris this being in our opinion very necessary for the convenience of buyers and



and sellers at our fairs and markets which are yearly growing in importance, that we consider the accommodation at present afforded totally inadequate: and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary Mayo Grand Jury and to Mr. F. J. Lewin D.L. with a request that the latter in his position as Grand Juror press the matter on the attention of the Grand Jury."

Mr. P. MacHugh, Town Inspector, reported that pipes connecting the water works with water closet and urinals of the Town Hall had burst from the effects of the frost, and badly wanted repairing.

A tender was unanimously accepted from Mr. McCay, Plumber, to repair said closet and urinals and supply the necessary pipes for the sum of five pounds (£5) and to keep all in proper order for twelve months for the sum of one pound (£1).

The Board adjourned to Monday 11th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday 11th March 1895

No member of the Board attending today I adjourned to Friday 15th inst 12 o'c (noon)

John Glynn Town Clerk

Friday 15th March 1895

Adjourned meeting of the Board was held today.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkinn, B.S.B.; M.C. Shine, Lawrence Burke, James J. Bepley and Patrick MacHugh.

Correspondence was read as follows: -

"County Surveyor's Office Galway, 4th March, 1895"

"Dear Sir - I am afraid that there being no adjourned sessions owing to no magistrate attending to take the chair the presentments approved at sessions fall to the ground. In a case of great urgency the Grand Jury might pass the presentment to the County Surveyor and I am disposed to advise that course for the protection wall in Bishop street. I am very faithfully yours"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam"

"James Perry."

"Dublin Castle, 4th March, 1895"

"Sir, - I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and enclosure and I am to acquaint you that the subject to which it relates will be considered. I am, Sir, your obedient servant"

"The Town Clerk, Tuam."

"House of Commons, 5th March 1895"

"Dear Sir, - I enclose the letter of the Financial Secretary. Your request is so very reasonable that I think it will be acceded if legal. Faithfully yours"

"The Chairman, Tuam Commissioners, Tuam."

"Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, S.W. 5 March 1895"

"Sir, - Sir John Kibbert desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and to state that the request of the Tuam Town Commissioners for an extension of their loan shall be carefully considered. I am, Sir, yours faithfully"

"Colonel John P. Nolan M.P."

"Castlegrove, Tuam, 9 March 1895"

"Dear Sir, - I have received your letter enclosing a resolution passed by the Town Commissioners of Tuam in reference to the insufficient accommodation for cattle traffic at Tuam station. It would give me great pleasure if I can be of any service in promoting the very desirable object the Town Commissioners have in view. Yours truly -"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam"

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Tuesday 26th March 1895

A special meeting of the Board had been summoned for today in compliance with the following requisition: -

"Tuam March 22 1895 Mr John Glynn Town Clerk - We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday next 1 o'c, pm, for the purpose of examining a specimen of hose and ordering a supply of same, if approved, for extinguishing fire. Patrick Culkinn, B.S.B.; Thomas Murray, J.B.; Michel C. Shine, J.B.; John Cunningham, J.B.; Patrick Lyons, J.B."

The Commissioners who attended were Messrs Patrick Culkinn B.S.B., Michel C. Shine & L. Burke. There being not a quorum the business was adjourned to next monthly meeting. Signed on behalf of the Board Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday 1st April 1895

The monthly meeting of the Board was held today

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin  
(Chairman of the Board) John MacPhelplin, Michael C Shine, James  
Commins, Thomas Flattery, Michael Goggins and Laurence Burke

Mr Goggins read and signed his declaration as Commissioner,  
witnessed by the Chairman

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a  
balance of £198.9.0 due to the Bank. Cheques were ordered and signed for  
officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

At suggestion of the Chairman it was unanimously  
ordered to have the gas fittings of the Board Room examined and  
steps taken to supply it with gas.

The Chairman read his notice of motion to rescind  
resolution of the 7th January adopting that of the Dublin Corporation  
touching the Government and amnesty to the Political Prisoners.

Mr Shine objected to the motion being entertained today  
on the ground that only two days' instead of seven days' notice of  
same had been given by the Clerk to each member of the Board.

The Chairman repeated the notice which was as follows  
and he directed the Clerk to re-issue it in circular to each member  
of the Board in due time for next monthly meeting: -

"Take notice that  
I or some member on my behalf will move at next monthly meeting of this  
Board rescission of resolution of the 7th January last adopting the Dublin  
Corporation resolution with reference to the Government and amnesty to the  
Political Prisoners. I do so in the interests of the latter as I shall show  
when my motion comes on

"April 1st 1895."

"Patrick Cullkin C. H."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Thursday, 11th April, 1895.

A special meeting summoned in compliance with the following  
requisition was held today: -

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Commissioners of the Town  
of Tuam hereby request you to call a special meeting of the Town Board  
for Thursday next 11th inst at 2 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of ordering  
a sufficient supply of hose and all other necessary appliances in case  
of fire and also to provide a suitable storing room for same as well as  
to appoint a man to care and be accountable for same.

"Dated 8th April 1895.

"Francis J MacBormack J. H."

"Michael C Shine J. H."

"John MacPhelplin J. H."

"John Cunningham J. H."

"Patrick McKHugh J. H."

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman  
of the Board) John MacPhelplin, Francis J MacBormack, Patrick  
Lyons, M C Shine, James J Begley, John Cunningham, Laurence  
Burke and James Commins

Also present as Deputation from public meeting of the inhabitants  
held in the Town Hall on the 7th inst ament the burning of Mr  
M P Kosty's shops - Messrs James McDonnell, Patrick Murphy  
William Quinn and M P Walsh.

The Deputations having explained the object of their mission,  
Mr Shine proposed and Mr Burke seconded  
the following resolution which was passed unanimously: -  
"That having heard the gentlemen who were deputed by the public  
meeting on Sunday last we hereby resolve that we will forthwith order  
the necessary hose and other appliances in case of fire"

Proposed by Mr Shine seconded by Mr MacBormack  
and carried nem con, "That the Clerk write for quotations for 300 feet  
of best leather hose, one telescopic ladder to command a height of 40  
feet, two double outlet standpipes, and lamps and hatchets.

A Committee to consider quotations and select the most suitable  
fire extinguishing appliances was appointed consisting of all the Commrs  
present viz the Chairman, Messrs Lyons, Commins, Cunningham  
Burke, Begley, Shine, MacBormack, and MacPhelplin together with  
representatives of the aforesaid public meeting of the inhabitants namely  
Rev James Curran J. M., Messrs W Quinn, J McDonnell, P Murphy,  
St Kirwan, J. P.; M P Walsh, and J A O Flanagan, any three members  
of the Committee to form a quorum and first meeting to be held  
on the 22nd inst.

On motion of Mr Lyons the clerk was directed to write to the Tuam Board of Guardians urging the advisability of their assisting in defraying the cost in order to have the use of the extinguishing apparatus for their Union workhouse in case of fire.

Proposed by Mr Macbormack seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously - "That we desire to convey our best thanks to the Right Honble the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Sir Ralph Busack, Mr John Redington and the Galway Town Comtee and Mr Andrew Moore Athlone for their prompt and timely offer of assistance in connection with the late disastrous fire."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin

Chairman.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1895

A meeting had been summoned in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam 11<sup>th</sup> April 1895

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the members of the Town Board hereby request you to convene a special meeting for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1895 at the hour of 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering estimates for appliances as agreed on at meeting held this day and further to settle on a proper place for the storage of same and to appoint a man to take charge of the appliances.

"Patrick Culkin Esq

"Michael C Shine Esq

"John Cunningham Esq

"James Commins Esq

"Lawrence Burke Esq

"James J Begley Esq

"Francis J Macbormack Esq."

The following Commissioners attended - Messrs Patrick Culkin (Chairman of the Board) Thomas Munroe, Michael C Shine, and John Cunningham.

The number being short of a quorum no business was done.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkin

Chairman

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1895.

A special meeting had been called for this day in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1895.

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering estimates for appliances as agreed on at their meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and further to settle on a proper place for the storage of same and to appoint a man to take charge of the appliances.

"Patrick Culkin Esq

"Lawrence Burke Esq

"Michael C Shine Esq

"John Cunningham Esq

"James J Begley Esq

"Michael Goggins Esq."

The Commissioners in attendance were - Messrs Culkin (Chairman of the Board) Michael C Shine, James J Begley, and James Commins.

There was not a quorum and consequently no business was done.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Culkin Chairman.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1895.

A special meeting was held to-day in accordance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1895

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering estimates for appliances as agreed on at meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and further to settle on a proper place for the storage of same and to appoint a man to take charge of the appliances.

"Patrick Culkin Esq

"Michael C Shine Esq

"James J Begley Esq

"James Commins Esq

"Francis J Macbormack Esq."

The Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Patrick MacHugh, James Commins, Lawrence Burke and John MacSheehy.

Also present (as member of committee) - Mr William Quinn.

The following communication from the Tuam Board of Guardians was read:-

"Law Office,  
"Tuam, 1st May, 1895."

"Dear Sir, - With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this union to forward to you on opposite page a copy of a letter which they have received from the Local Government Board relative to the sum to be contributed by the Guardians towards the cost of purchasing hose, fire appliances &c when the hose &c shall have been procured the Guardians will make arrangements with the Town Commissioners as to the manner in which it shall be kept and used. Yours faithfully

J. Daly, Acting Clerk of Union.

"To John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

"No. 21,410/95  
"Tuam Union"

"Local Government Board,  
"Dublin, 30th April, 1895."

"Sir, - With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Tuam Union on the 24th instant, the Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that they see no objection to the Guardians contributing the sum of £20:0:0 towards the cost of the purchase of hose fire appliances &c on the condition that such fire extinguishing appliances are at all times to be held available for the use of the Workhouse in the event of a fire occurring on the Union premises. I am, Sir, your obedient servt.

Thomas A. Mooney, Secretary.

"To the Clerk Tuam Union."

The Clerk read quotations for hose etc from Messrs Shand Mason & Co, Morris & Sons, Merryweather & Co, and Curtis & Sons, also a letter from Mr. Tho P. Purcell, Chief of the Fire Brigade, Dublin, recommending Canvas hose woven on a hand loom from best Irish flax yarn.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Burke seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed -

"That we advertise for best rivetted hose (leather), two lengths 40 feet each and six lengths 20 feet each and one hundred feet of best Canvas hose guaranteed woven on a hand loom from best Irish flax yarn in one length 40 feet and three lengths 20 feet each, all reliable for high pressure; one double outlet stand pipe and one single ditto; two branch nozzles and also one nozzle for street sprinkling. The hose and stand pipes to fit street ball hydrants 2 1/2 inch: Each length of hose to be fitted with Morris and Sons' patent fittings, the stand pipes to be fitted with similar fittings; A small sample of each class of hose to be sent with tenders. Also two plain portable coupling ladders 20 feet each. Tenders will be received directed to the Town Clerk up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursday 16th May. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Advertisement to be inserted once in the 'Independent', 'Freeman' and 'Irish Times', as well as local papers."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkkin Chairman.

Monday, 6th May, 1895.

This was day for the monthly meeting of the Board but only three Commissioners attended namely Messrs Patrick Culkkin (Chairman of the Board) John MacPhilpin and Patrick MacHugh.

Mr Culkkin proposed and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn to that day week 13th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkkin Chairman.

Monday 13th May 1895

This was day for adjourned monthly meeting but only two Comm<sup>s</sup> attended viz Messrs Patrick Culkkin Chairman of the Board and James J. Begley and no business was transacted.

Mr Culkkin proposed and Mr Begley seconded that the business be adjourned to Monday 20th inst.

Adjourned accordingly

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkkin Chairman.

Thursday 16th May 1895

A special meeting of the Board was held today in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam May 2nd 1895"

"To Mr John Glynn  
Town Clerk."

"Dear Sir - We the undersigned members of the Town Board hereby request you to convene a special meeting for Thursday 16th inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering tenders for Fire Appliances agreed on at meeting held this day."

"Patrick Culkkin Esq  
"M. Giggins Esq  
"Michael C. Shine Esq  
"Thomas Munroe Esq  
"James J. Begley Esq"

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkkin (Chairman of the Board) John MacPhilpin, M. C. Shine, Laurence Burke, James J. Begley and John Cunningham

Also present as member of Committee - Mr William Quinn

There were eleven tenders received and submitted to the Board.

The clerk having read the advertisement which appeared in the "Tuam News" of the 3rd inst and in the "Tuam Herald", "Freeman's Journal", "Irish Daily Independent" and "Irish Times" of the 4th inst the tenders were opened and considered.

The advertisement was as follows:-

"Fire extinguishing appliances wanted

"The Tuam Town Commissioners hereby invite tenders for supplying 200 feet of best leather hose (riveted) in two lengths, 40 feet each and six lengths 20 feet each; 100 feet of best Canvas hose guaranteed woven on a handloom from best Irish flax yarn in one length 40 feet and three lengths 20 feet each (both Canvas and leather reliable for high pressure and a small sample of each to be sent with tender); two stand pipes viz one double outlet and one single outlet; two branch nozzles, and one nozzle for street sprinkling; - the hose and standpipe to fit street ball hydrants 2 1/2 inch, and each length of hose and each stand pipe to be furnished with John Morris and Sons patent fittings; also two plain portable coupling ladders, 20 feet each.

Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned and received not later than the 16th inst, 12 o'clock noon.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

John Glynn, Town Clerk,  
Town Commissioners office,  
"Tuam 2nd May 1895"

The tenders were from Shand Mason & Co London; John Morris and Sons, Manchester; W Curtis & Son, Dublin; Boulger and Morley, Dublin; Merryweather & Sons London; William Daniel, Dublin; Captain J Smyth, Dublin; John Mills & Sons, Newcastle-on-Tyne; David Moseley & Son, Manchester; The Glenfield Co. Kilmarnock; and William Rose & Co Manchester. (11)

Messrs John Morris & Sons' tender being the lowest viz £41.15.0 for hose, fittings, standpipe, and ladders,

Mr MacPhailpin proposed and Mr Shine seconded that it be accepted.

The proposition having been put to the meeting and passed unanimously

The Chairman declared Messrs John Morris & Sons' tender accepted.

The clerk was directed to write before acquainting Messrs Morris

and sons of the Board's acceptance of their tender, asking would they take standpipe, nozzle, and some hose fittings that are on the Board's hand and allow £3.7.6 for them the sum offered for same by a London firm if their tender for hose ladders &c was accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 20th May, 1895

This was day for adjourned monthly meeting but only three Commissioners attended namely Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), James J Begley and John MacPhailpin and no business was done.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Friday, 24th May, 1895

A special meeting of the Board was held to-day in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Tuam, 20th May, 1895

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of ordering and signing cheques for officers' salaries, instalments of Board of Works loans and other claims considered urgent:

"Patrick McHugh,  
"John Cunningham,  
"Patrick Lyons,  
"John MacPhailpin,  
"James Commins."

Commissioners present - Messrs McShine, Laurence Burke, Patrick MacHugh, Michael Gaggins and John Cunningham.

On motion of Mr Burke seconded by Mr Cunningham which was passed unanimously Mr Shine took the chair and presided as chairman of the meeting

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries &c as per Finance Book

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday 3rd June 1895

This was day for the monthly meeting of the Board but only one Commissioner attended viz Mr Patrick Culkim, no business was transacted and he adjourned to Monday 10th inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, 10th June, 1895

Adjourned Monthly meeting was held today.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), James J Begley, Laurence Burke, Michael C Shine, Patrick MacHugh, Patrick Lyons and Thomas Munroe.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance of £147.16.11 due to the Bank

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

A letter was read from Mr P D Conway the Board's solicitor applying for an instalment of his bill for law costs.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Begley seconded and it was passed unanimously that a cheque be issued to Mr Conway for £50 on account.

The following letter forwarded to the Board by Colonel Nolan M.P., was read:-

"Treasury Chambers, 29th April 1895

"Sir, - The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury direct me to state that they have carefully considered your letter of the 3rd ultimo, asking on behalf of the Inam Town Commissioners, for an extension of the period of repayment of loans advanced to them by the Board of Works. My Lords are informed that the loans referred to are (1) a loan of £800 granted in 1885 and repayable in 20 years, and (2) one of £400 made in 1888 and repayable in 22 years. I am to point out, with regard to the periods of repayment, that the Treasury has no power to grant any extension unless the Town Commissioners have first obtained the sanction of the Local Government Board for Ireland, and further that my Lords are in any case precluded from sanctioning a longer term than 30 years by Section 28 of the Local Government (Ireland) 1871, and Section 4 of the Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act 1884. It follows that the utmost concession that <sup>could</sup> legally be given would only diminish the annual payments by a comparatively inconsiderable sum (about

(about £27) while it would involve the payment of interest for a longer period. Having regard to these facts and to the probable increase in the charge on future ratepayers for further contemplated improvements, my Lords do not feel justified in modifying the original terms on which the loans in question were granted.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"John P. Kibbert."

"Colonel Nolan M.P.,"

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we have heard with surprise the letter from the Treasury refusing to facilitate our Board by amalgamating the Town Hall loans and extending the time for repayment. That we request our Parliamentary representative Colonel Nolan to again bring the subject before the Treasury and if necessary before Parliament. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr John E. Redmond M.P. and to Mr Justin McCarthy M.P. with a request that they would support Colonel Nolan in any action he may think necessary to take in connection with the matter."

The Clerk was directed to send to each of the above-named M.P.'s a copy of the foregoing resolution together with a copy of Mr Conway's application to the Board of Works and of the replies received from the Board of Works and the Treasury.

Mr John McCoy, Waterworks Plumber was appointed caretaker *pro tem* of the Board's Fire extinguishing appliances at whatever remuneration the Chairman (Mr Culkim) may consider fair

Mr Shine proposed, and it was unanimously agreed to, that a press and an additional safe be provided for the safekeeping of the Board's books and documents

The Town Inspector Mr MacHugh, having among other matters, reported that the weighhouse in the Square badly wanted painting the Clerk was directed to procure a specification and invite tenders by advertisement in the local papers for contract to paint the windows and front doors of the Town Hall and the woodwork of the Weighhouse.

Notice of assessment for Income Tax having been received from the Collector Inland Revenue Office Galway the Clerk was directed to serve notice of appeal against said assessment

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Friday 14th June 1895

A special meeting had been summoned for this day in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Inam, June 11th, 1895

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,  
of Inam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 12<sup>th</sup> (noon) for the purpose of providing a suitable place for the safekeeping of the Board's Fire Extinguishing appliances.

"Patrick Culkim, C.F.C.,

"Patrick Lyons,

"James J. Begley,

"Michael C. Shine,

"Laurence Burke.

Only two Commissioners (Messrs Patrick Culkim and Michael C. Shine) attended; consequently no business was done.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, 1st July, 1895.

The monthly meeting was held to-day.

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Laurence Burke, Patrick Lyons, and James J. Begley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance of £213.8.0 due to the Bank.

The Tollfarmer having made no lodgment since the last monthly meeting the Board adjourned to Monday 8th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman.

Monday 8th July 1895

This was day for adjourned meeting but only one Commissioner attended viz Mr Laurence Burke and he adjourned to Monday 15th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday 15th <sup>July</sup> August 1895

The adjourned ~~monthly~~ meeting was held to-day.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board) Thomas Flaherty, James Commins, Patrick MacHugh, John Cunningham, and Thomas Munroe

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance of £213.8.0 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Proposed by Mr Flaherty, seconded by Mr Cunningham and passed unanimously - "That we warmly approve of the Candidature of Mr Denis Kilbride for North Galway and hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power towards electing him Member of Parliament for the Division. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the local newspapers and the Freeman's Journal."

Mr MacHugh proposed, Mr Flaherty seconded and it was carried unanimously - "That the Chairman of the Board Mr Culkim attend at meeting of the Galway Grand Jury to support application for presentment for the repairing and cleansing of the streets and lanes of Inam"

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1895

A special meeting had been summoned for this day in compliance with the following requisition:

"Tuam, 30th July, 1895.

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk  
"We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next 12 o'clock noon to consider a letter from the County Surveyor requiring reply whether the Board will take the contract for repairing and cleansing the streets and lanes of the town.

"Patrick Culkim B.E.,  
"Patrick Lyons J.B.,  
"Thomas Murre J.B.,  
"James Commis J.B.,  
"Michael Goggins J.B."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Laurence Burke, John Macphillip and James J. Begley

There being not a quorum no business was done

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday 5th August 1895

The monthly meeting was held today

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Laurence Burke, Patrick Lyons, James J. Begley, John Cunningham Thomas Murre and Patrick McHugh

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book

Colonel O'Hara's report on audit of accounts was read as follows:-

"Honour Commissioners of Tuam.  
"Account for year to 29 September 1894.  
"Copy of audit on report.

"Lombard, 30th July 1895.

To the Secretary Local Government Board for Ireland

Sir, - I have the honor to report for the information of the Local Govt for Ireland that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commrs of Tuam for the year ended 29 Sept 1894 and herewith to send abstract of same duly certified by me in the usual manner. The account still shows a considerable balance at foot, at the wrong

side of the account, and I think more economy might perhaps be used: for instance £132 is high for salaries, to work so small a revenue. I understand that the maintenance of the streets is about to be undertaken by the County, and this will considerably relieve the expenditure, besides giving the Commissioners an opportunity of exercising some economy in regard to salaries, either by reduction or amalgamation of offices. I have to draw the Commissioners' attention to the very small amount received for hire, or use of the Town Hall: the total received on this head for the whole year being only £9.17.1. I am told that the Collection of this rent (as it were) is left to one man, who is never asked for an account, nor his return of monies received in any way checked. I have no doubt that the man is honest and gives in all he gets, but if the Commissioners show no interest in the matter it is not likely that he will exert himself to make the most of the letting. It was supposed, when borrowing for the rebuilding of the hall that this would form a good source of income to meet the interest and instalments of the loan of £1200: this expectation has not been realized. The expenditure on cleansing the streets has been done by labour sheets, kept by the Inspector, and paid by the Chairman out of cheques received by him from the Board. These sheets have been submitted and I have examined the account and find it correct leaving a balance in Chairman's hands of £1.10.0, the cheques to him having charged in the expenditure.

"The Town Clerk has submitted all his books for audit in a clear and satisfactory manner.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. O'Hara,  
"Auditor.

"To the Secretary Local Govt Board."

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £184.9.6 due to the Bank.

The following resolutions proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Lyons were passed unanimously:-

"(1) That we the Tuam Town Commissioners avail ourselves of this our first opportunity to express our unbounded gratification at the triumphant return of Mr Denis Kilbride as our Member of Parliament and offer the Nationalists of North Galway our heartiest congratulations on their splendid victory over landlordism and factum.

"(2) That it was with pain and deep indignation we witnessed the conduct of the Factionists towards our beloved and venerated priests during the election. Such display of disrespect and intolerance towards God's anointed in this the Cathedral City of Connaught deserves our just condemnation, and would not be permitted in bygone days by the then inhabitants of Tuam.

"(3) That we pass over with profound contempt the scurrilous language used towards, during the said election.

Copies of these resolutions to be sent to his Grace the Archbishop, Rev Mark Eagleton, P.P., Cummer, Rev James Curran M.M., Tuam, and Denis Kilbride Esq M.P."

Annexed is copy of letter received from the County Surveyor:-

"Galway, 26th July, 1895.

Dear Sir, - I enclose the specifications and forms of agreement (I send an extra agreement form in case the filled in date is wrong). I understand that the Commissioners



desire to have the repairing of the streets in their own hands. If so will you bring the matter at once before them and have the agreements and specifications signed by whomever the Commissioners decide shall sign for them probably yourself and returned to me without delay. If the Comms do not desire to have the contract, will you kindly inform me at once.

I am very faithfully yours,  
James Perry.

"The Town Clerk, Tuam."

Mr Lyons proposed and Mr Munroe seconded -  
"That the contract for repairing and cleansing of the streets of the Town be accepted from Mr Perry as tendered by him."

Mr MacHugh proposed and the Chairman seconded -  
"As an amendment to Mr Lyons's proposition that the Tuam Town Commissioners, refuse to take the contract of cleansing and metaling the streets of the Town."

There voted for Mr MacHugh's proposition - Mr MacHugh and the Chairman (2). Against - Messrs Lyons, Cunningham, Munroe and Begley (4). Mr Burke declined to vote.

After Mr MacHugh's having been declared lost the Chairman refused Mr Lyons's proposition for the reason, he said, that the Board had no funds to carry out the contract.

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Culkim Chairman.

Monday, 19th August, 1895.

A special meeting had been summoned for this day in compliance with the following requisition:-

Tuam August 15th 1895

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday 19th instant, 10.00 (noon) for the purpose of revising the Tolls and Customs schedule for year next ensuing 29th Sept prox, and naming a day for the letting of the Tolls and Customs for said year.

"Patrick Culkim b.2.b.,  
"Patrick Lyons,  
"James J. Begley,  
"Michael Goggins,  
"Patrick MacHugh."

Only one Commissioner attended viz Mr Patrick Culkim, consequently no business was done.  
Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday 2nd September 1895

The monthly meeting was held to-day  
Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman), John MacHugh, James J. Begley, Lawrence Burke, Thomas Munroe, Patrick MacHugh and John Cunningham.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank £148. 7. 2

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Mr R. D. Kelly's bill for advertising in connection with election of Commissioners in January 1893 having been submitted the Board decided unanimously to issue Mr Kelly a cheque for £4 in full discharge of the claim.

The Toll Sumner Mr J. Nolan owing £20 of his May bill and the entire of his July bill £87 the Clerk was directed to write to him that if both sums were not lodged with the Treasurer on the 9th instant the matter would then be placed in the hands of the Board's solicitor.

The schedule of Tolls and Customs for year '94-95 was, without change, adopted unanimously for the ensuing year; and a special meeting was ordered to be held on the 19th instant for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs, the letting of same to be in the meantime advertised in the local newspapers.

The Clerk was directed to call to the Board's solicitor, Mr P. J. Conway, for all their leases which he holds in custody or copies of same in order to have them at hand whenever required for reference.

There was but one tender for the printing and advertising contract. It was as follows:-

"21, Great Charles Street,  
"Mountjoy Square, Dublin,  
"Aug 31, 1895."

"Gentlemen, - I beg to tender for the advertising of your Board in Tuam Herald and Tuam News and all the printing of your Board for ensuing twelve months according to advertisement for a sum of £25.  
"Yours faithfully "Richard J. Kelly."

"Tuam Town Board."

"21, Great Charles Street,  
"Mountjoy Square, Dublin,  
"Aug 29, 1895."

"We agree to become sureties for the faithful performance of Mr R. J. Kelly's contract for advertising and printing for Town Board.  
"Signed, - "Robert Farrell,  
"Patrick Bradley."

The advertisement, duly published, was as follows:—

"Tuam Town Commissioners:  
"Printing and advertising contract.

"Notice is hereby given that the Tuam Town Commissioners will, at their meeting to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September next, consider tenders from persons willing to do all the advertising and printing of every description required by the Board (except Crane tickets) for one year, from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1895 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1896. Tenders, endorsed 'tender for printing and advertising' and enclosing consents in their own handwriting of two solvent persons 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. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order,

"John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"Town Comm<sup>rs</sup>' office, Tuam, Aug 15, 1895."

As there was to be no increase of work the Board considered the tender high and ordered the clerk to inform Mr Kelly that they would not accept it if he did not reduce the amount to that of last year's contract viz £22.

It was ordered that Mr J Egan Builder be asked to furnish a specification of repairs to shed in the <sup>old</sup> ~~new~~ Shambles where it is intended to put up for safety the Board's Fire extinguishing appliances and that tenders for the work be considered at next monthly meeting, the contract to be meantime advertised should the estimate exceed £2.

A letter was read from Mr Henry M A Murphy Solr Galway applying for an instalment on a/c of rent due to the reps of the late Mr Michael Cloran for Fair Green plot and the fish market, consideration of which was adjourned to next meeting.

The following letters were read:—

"House of Commons Library,  
"Aug 14<sup>th</sup> '95.

"Dear Sir, — I am in receipt of the resolutions of your Board passed on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. the delay in acknowledging your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> is due to the fact that my letters were not sent on from Athy for a few days. Your Board have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success at recent election. I trust that angry feeling has disappeared and that in future the Nationalists of Athy Galway will be an united body, working cordially together in the interest of Ireland.

"I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

"Denis Kilbride.

"Mr J Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Cummer, Pallyglunin,  
"18 Aug. 1895.

"Dear Mr Glynn, — Will you please convey to the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Tuam my very grateful acknowledgments for their kind resolution, a copy of which you sent me, condemnatory of the offensive and disrespectful conduct during the late election of some misguided individuals who by no manner of means represent the views and feelings of the great majority of the patriotic inhabitants of Tuam, Yours very faithfully,

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk." "Mark Eagleton P.P."

"The Presbytery, Tuam,

"28<sup>th</sup> August, 1895.

"Dear Mr Glynn, — I have received your letter enclosing resolutions passed at the Town Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. I have to thank your Board for their courtesy in sending me a copy of those resolutions. North Galway has in its representative a true and sterling nationalist. Thanking your Board and the vast majority of the people of the parish of Tuam for their cordial co-operation at the late election. I am, dear Mr Glynn, yours sincerely —

"James Curran, M.M.

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam."

The Board adjourned to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1895.

Adjourned meeting:

Only three Commissioners attended viz Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman), Lawrence Burke, and Thomas Flaherty.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, to adjourn to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1895.

Adjourned meeting:

Only three Commissioners attended viz Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman), John MacPhelipi and Lawrence Burke.

The Chairman moved, and it was agreed, to adjourn to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen

Chairman.

Thursday, 19th Sept, 1895.

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

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman), Laurence Burke, James J. Begley, M. C. Shine, James Cummins, Patrick Lyons, and Francis J. Mac Connack.

The clerk read the advertisement as follows which had been approved at meeting of 2nd instant:-

"Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam to be let on Thursday 19th September inst, from the 29th September 1895 to 28th September 1896:

"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 first of January 1896, the second on the 10th March, the third on the 10th May, the fourth on the 14th 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 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 instant, the Commissioners reserving to themselves as usual the keys of all the doors and gates of the several market places, weighhouse, town hall etc, with the lock of any which the toll farmer is by no means to interfere, nor with any board bearing advertisement exhibited in any part of said market places, neither is he to charge toll or custom for any such advertisement board.

"The tenders will be considered on condition, that parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whosoever may be appointed by them as to solvency of sureties.

"By order,

"John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"Town Comm<sup>rs</sup> office, Tuam, Sept 2nd 1895."

There were two tenders - one from the present Toll farmer Mr Thomas Nolan; the other, from Mr Laurence Burke, Esq. - which were read as follows:-

"Tuam, September 19th, 1895.

"To the Tuam Town Commissioners:

"Gentlemen, - I hereby propose and agree to take from you the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29th Sept 1895 to the 28th

September 1896 according to the terms of your advertisement and pay you for same the sum of £600.0.0 (Six hundred pounds) by bills £150 payable on the 24th October next, and the balance of the Contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable 1st January 1896, the second on the 10th March, the third on 10th May, the fourth on 14th July and the fifth on 10th September in the same year.

"Laurence Burke, Tuam.

"I offer as my sureties, Messrs Francis Keane of Tuam and Patrick Aubro of Clonmore whose consents in writing are annexed:-

"We the undersigned agree to become sureties for Mr Laurence Burke in the sum of £600.0.0 (Six hundred pounds) for the faithful performance of the <sup>above</sup> Contract.

(Signed)

"Francis Keane, Tuam

"Patrick Aubro, Clonmore."

"Tuam, September, 1895.

"The Chairman, the Tuam Town Comm<sup>rs</sup>:-

"Gentlemen, - I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29th day of September 1895 to the 28th day of September 1896 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of £505.0.0. I offer for my sureties for the faithful fulfillment of same Mr Michael Hamill of High Street Tuam and Mr John Tierney of Belmount. I remain, gentlemen, your obt. st.,

"Thomas Nolan

"We the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above

"John Tierney, Belmount,

"Michael Hamill, Tuam."

Mr Burke's tender being the higher, Mr Shine proposed and Mr Lyons seconded that it be accepted.

Passed unanimously.

Mr Burke then handed in his resignation as follows, which was accepted:-

"To the Chairman and Tuam Town Commissioners:

Take notice I resign from being Commissioner

"Laurence Burke, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday 23rd Sept 1895

Adjourned meeting: Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman), Thomas Muir, James Cummins, Patrick McHugh, and John Cunningham.

Mr Cunningham proposed and Mr Cummins seconded that Mr John Connolly, merchant, Shop Street be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr Laurence Burke.

Passed unanimously.

A cheque for £20 was ordered the reps. of the late Mr Michael Cloran on account of rent due for Fair Green plot and Fish market.

The following letter was read:-

"Cullinamore, Sligo,  
"Sept. 6th, 1895.

Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of cheque for half-year's printing and advertising in two papers for which I send receipt also of cheque for £4 for payment of the extra printing in connection with the election. There yet remains the item of £4.9s for special printing due for some time and which printing was only done on the special and distinct understanding with your late clerk and present inspector that it should be paid for extra. I am prepared to take £3 in discharge of that if now paid to close the matter amicably and speedily. As regards the small sum added for the ensuing year, I may add that it is the lowest price charged any Board the size of Tuam's for printing and advertising. Your Board seem to forget that the advertising appears for them in two papers and I may add that as such it is really very little to ask. Your Board has for past two years been getting done an enormous quantity of printing and we both had last year a great deal of extra advertising in connection with your two days May fair which although outside the ordinary business we did not charge. Both papers consecutively advertised that fair for over three months as a proof of how desirous we were to meet the Board liberally. The small increase asked for will enable us and we undertake therefor in Herald and News also next February, March, and April also to advertise your two day May fair as we did last time. Yours faithfully -

"Richard J Kelly.

"John Glynn Esq."

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Kelly that if he did not reduce his tender to £22 the Board would get all their printing and advertising for the year done by a Dublin newspaper circulating in Tuam.

The following report was read from the Town Inspector:-

"Town Hall, 16th Sept 1895

"Gentlemen, - I beg to report to you that the public complaint of having no lamp at the railway crossing at the station; there used be a lamp there heretofore. Also that the portion of the Potato Market wall in which Mr John Glynn of Church Lane broke a doorway is altogether down, the stones thrown aside and the place filled up with boards. I asked Mr Glynn to have wall rebuilt of the stones and he refused to do so. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant

"D. McNeph."

The clerk was directed to write to Mr P D Bernard, Chairman of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. bringing under his notice the necessity of having a lamp erected at the place mentioned; also to Mr Glynn that if he did not by next meeting day have that portion of the potato market wall properly built up with stone and mortar, permission given him to have entrance there from his premises would be withdrawn and the gap wholly closed up.

The following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Dear Sir, - I hasten to reply to your letter in which you say your Board will  
"Galway, 14th Sept, 1895.

claim to be paid for cleansing the streets of Tuam. I have no funds from which to pay any such claim. Mr Laurence Burke is Contractor for the streets of Tuam by Contract signed 7th September 1895. I regret that your Board did not see its way to take in hand the maintaining of Tuam streets. My action in the matter was according to my lights - in the interests of the town of Tuam. I am sorry it has been of no apparent good, 1st from no magistrate attending the adjourned session, 2nd from the Board refusing to accept the Contract for one year. Mr Laurence Burke is by his contract bound to keep the streets of Tuam cleansed to my satisfaction from 7th September 1895 to Summer Assizes 1896. I am in no way bound to include the cleansing of Tuam streets in any further Contract. I shall be so bound if directed by the Road Sessions and by the Grand jury to do it. It is possible your Board may have been under some misapprehension. I can only say that in any future action I shall as in the past try to co-operate with the Town Commissioners of Tuam in the interests of the town. I am very faithfully yours -

"James Perry.

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam".

The Board ordered that the clerk write to the County Surveyor drawing his attention to the state of the street-crossings, the stone sets of which are in many places sunk, worn, or jagged and require to be replaced with new ones or raised and reset; also to boulders covering sewer along the old graveyard in High Street, which are exposed and dangerous owing to want of maintenance of the road.

Mr McCoy, Plumber, Water works, applied for remuneration, £6, for his services carrying hose, watering streets and for expenses of men from 1892 to date.

Consideration postponed till Mr McCoy furnish particulars.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

I, John Connelly, 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 net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
7th day of October 1895

John Connelly

Witness  
Patrick Cullkin

Monday 7th October 1895

The monthly meeting was held to-day

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Bulkin (Chairman of the Board), John Cunningham, James J. Begley, Patrick M. Hugh, John Connelly, James Connors, John MacPhelipin, Thomas Hatley and Patrick Lyons.

Mr Connelly read and signed his declaration as Commissioner.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank £168. 9. 4

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The Clerk was directed to summon a special meeting for the 24th instant for the purpose of considering the Gas Contractors' bill.

Mr Cunningham proposed, and Mr Mac Hugh seconded the following which was passed unanimously, copy of same to be sent to the Lord Lieutenant:-  
"We, the Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby publicly protest against the scale of charges fixed under the Weights and Measures Act which from the number of small articles charged for, forms a heavy annual charge on all merchants and especially on the poorer traders. We further protest against the charges made on these weights or measures which require no adjustment. We consider that an annual adjustment of all weights and measures is not absolutely necessary, and that a nominal charge in bulk for all weights and measures adjusted would be a boon to the struggling merchants and entail no loss to the public."

The following correspondence was read:-

October, 5th 1895.

To Mr John Glynn Town Clerk

Dear Sir, - As I will be unable to attend next Monday's meeting I trust some effort will be made by the Town Board to induce the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company to afford the necessary accommodation for the coming October fair. The half past nine a.m. train has been discontinued. If special trains be not run to suit the convenience of buyers much injury will be done to the fair. I am much surprised that no advertisement of the date fixed for the fair has appeared in either the Tuam or Dublin papers. This shows a very short sighted policy, as men are wise who advertise in every generation.

Yours faithfully

Michael G. Shue, J.R.

Tuam, October 7th, 1895

Dear Sir, -

I would ask you to draw attention of the Commissioners to the fact that particulars of the October fairs have not been advertised in either of the Tuam papers nor in the Dublin papers. This neglect is calculated to injure the fairs and I hope they will now kindly take steps to remedy it. It would be desirable to have notices sent out in the Belfast and Sligo directions and have them put in the northern newspapers, advertising both the fairs and the opening of the new railway. It would also be well to make sure that special trains are run to suit the convenience of buyers as the 9.30 p.m. train has been discontinued. Further, I would call your attention to the state of the fair green walls in which there are several gaps that ought to be built up.

Your obedient servant

Lawrence Burke (Doll Farm).

Mr MacPhelipin proposed, Mr Cunningham seconded and it was passed unanimously - "That the Town Clerk be authorized to publish advertisement in connection with Tuam fairs in Belfast, Dublin and other newspapers that he think well of doing."

It was ordered that the Clerk write about gaps in fair green wall to Mr Edmund Concanon and to agent of the Cloran Minors calling upon them to put their respective portions of the wall in proper repair for the coming fair.

The following letter was read from the Chairman of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Co.:-

Castlehackett, Tuam, 20 Sept 1895

Dear Sir, - I regret to hear a rumour that the new train service is giving dissatisfaction. Although I was aware there were some changes that might not be acceptable I thought they were more than compensated for by others. The early train at 6 has been restored, and on Wednesday and Saturday a train will arrive in Tuam about 10 am. This was a matter to which importance was attached. Although the connection to Dublin by the 10 am, from Galway is severed at Athlery you will be able leaving Tuam at 8.30 and travelling via Claremorris to reach Dublin at same hour. There are other advantages to the town in the new service which I could mention to you in conversation and which you could appreciate. Some inconvenience may be caused by the non-connection with the 4.30 p.m. from Dublin but this we hope is a temporary one and that ere long we may induce the post office to send mails by rail and thus enable us to run a night mail to and from Tuam. I shall be very glad should they desire it to discuss the matter with the Town Commissioners as representatives of the inhabitants, and as far as possible to meet their views.

Yours faithfully

Percy B. Bernard

P. Bulkin Esq

John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for the fair green paper for the October sheep and cattle fairs

Tender from Mr Thomas Egan for contract to repair portion of shed in the Meat Shambles for safe keeping of the Board's fire extinguishing appliances was approved to meet monthly meeting for consideration

John Flynn of Church Lane not having complied with the Board's notice to repair breach in the mearing wall between his premises and the Potato Market ground the Clerk was directed to write to Mr Flynn's landlord, Mr M. Walsh asking him to have it built up same as before the wall was tampered with by Mr Flynn.

The following letter was read:-

"Cullinamore, Sligo, Sept 27, 1895.

"My Dear Sirs -

"I am in receipt of your letter respecting the Town Board Contract for printing and advertising in Tuam Herald and Tuam News and the tender from Tuam Herald therefor. I should for myself be willing to accept any fair and reasonable offer the Board would make but in view of the increased work done and the increased price of labour and materials I tendered at the most moderate figure when putting in at £25. You are getting for this modest sum the combined advertising of two papers and your printing, and are obtaining these concessions at a cheaper rate than any Board in Ireland. In addition both papers report your proceedings at fullest length and give every prominence to your announcements concerning fairs &c. As a result of that publicity you are obtaining this year an increased sum for your tolls.

"Yours faithfully,

Richard J. Kelly.

"The Chairman & Town Clerk Tuam

"P.S. Mr MacPhlipin will explain matters more fully than I can now write and can arrange with your Board as far as I am concerned."

Mr MacPhlipin having agreed on the part of Mr Kelly to reduce Mr Kelly's tender (dated 31st Aug 1895) to £22 (see page 172) it was accepted at that sum unanimously.

Mr Lyons proposed and Mr Begley seconded that Mr Laurence Burke be given the use of the Board's mud cart for two pence per day, whenever the Town Inspector is not working it.

Passed unanimously

The following, proposed by Mr Lyons and seconded by Mr Flaherty was passed unanimously and the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of it to the Board of Guardians:-

"That we recommend the Board of Guardians to reduce the present scale of charges for domestic water service 50 per cent for the ensuing year."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

~~Patrick~~

Thursday, 10th October, 1895.

A Special meeting.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), John MacPhlipin, Mr Shine, Thomas Munroe and Patrick McHugh.

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

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully request the Postmaster-General to make arrangements with the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company to run a night mail train to Tuam. We understand the Railway Company are prepared to run such a train if the Post Office Authorities give a reasonable amount for the carriage of the mails. We consider the present arrangements of sending the mails by road most inconvenient and not all sufficient."

Mr Shine also proposed the following which was seconded by Mr McHugh and adopted nem con:-

"That we the Town Commissioners of Tuam protest against the action of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company in doing away with the train which <sup>used to</sup> arrive in Tuam at half past nine o'clock, p.m. This causes visitors to Dublin to lose an additional day. We respectfully suggest to the Company to run a train which would arrive in Tuam about midnight. By so doing the Company would be likely to get the carriage of the mails now being run from Tuam at night by mail car. We consider at the same time the Company should, until the question of a night mail train be settled, run a train as heretofore arriving in Tuam about 9.30 p.m. Representing the mercantile element of the town, we desire to impress on the Company the necessity of their meeting the views of their best customers."

Ordered that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Tuam Board of Guardians with request that the Guardians cooperate in the matter

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following which was passed unanimously, copy to be sent to the Rev Rector:-

"That Mr MacPhipkin's name be forwarded as one who ought to be appointed member of the Ballinascree Asylum Board to represent thereon the Town of Tuam. A town of such importance should have <sup>one</sup> of its Commissioners on that Board to look after the interests of the ~~Town~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~its~~ <sup>its</sup> ~~Assessors~~ <sup>Assessors</sup>."

Signed on behalf of the Board  
 Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Notice to the Electors of the Borough of Tuam

I being Town Clerk of the said Borough am now in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871 about to prepare a list of all persons qualified to vote for the forthcoming election of Town Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam. A preparatory list of persons (who appear from the evidence at my disposal) qualified to vote is now ready and can be seen at this office on any day between the hours of 11 am. and 2 pm. up to and including 25th inst. Any person having an objection to make to the name of any person being retained on this list or any person whose name is not on this list claiming to have his name inserted therein is hereby required to send me a notice in writing stating the grounds of said objection or claim as the case may be, on or before 25th inst.

John Glynn  
 Town Clerk

Town Commissioners office Tuam  
 19th Sept 1895

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, 1895 in 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 & 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 1895  
 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
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5. That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 11th day of Oct 1895  
 Dated this 1st day of October 1895  
 By order, John Glynn 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
Begley	James	Bishop street	Merchant and farmer	Rev James Courran Adm
Broune	Patrick	Vicar street	Shop-keeper	do
Commins	James	Tullinacaly Road	do	do
Flatley	Thomas	Bishop street	Blacksmith	do
Munroe	Thomas	Shop street	Shop-keeper and farmer	do

(Signed)

John Glynn,  
 Town Clerk.

Town Hall, 12th day of October, 1895

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners

Candidates Elected

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
Begley	James	Bishop street	Merchant and farmer
Broune	Patrick	Vicar street	Shop-keeper
Commins	James	Tullinacaly rd.	do
Flatley	Thomas	Bishop street	Blacksmith
Munroe	Thomas	Shop street	Shop-keeper & farmer

Dated this 15th day of October 1895

(Signed)

Patrick Cullkin  
 Returning Officer

The foregoing are true copies of notices duly posted up in connection with Election of Commissioners, October 1895.  
 John Glynn Town Clerk

Thursday, 24th October, 1895.

A special meeting was held today for the purpose of considering the Gas Contractor's bill for year 1894-1895.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), M<sup>r</sup> Shine, Michael Giggins, Thomas Munroe, and Patrick McHugh.

M<sup>r</sup> Munroe, one of the five retiring by rotation, having been re-elected, read and signed his Declaration as Commissioner (see page 188)

M<sup>r</sup> James McDonnell, Gas Contractor, submitted his bills for lamps and gas light etc amounting to £118.7.11 and making allowance for services of the Board's lamplighters, 3 months, etc, accepted a cheque for £110 in full discharge thereof, which was ordered and signed. (See Finance Book)

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 4th November 1895

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen Chairman of the Board, James J Begley, John MacPhilpin, Michael C Shine, John Connolly and John Cunningham.

M<sup>r</sup> Begley one of the five retiring by rotation having been re-elected signed his Declaration as Commissioner (see page 188)

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank £143.0.6

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

In accordance with request by Committee Inam Catholic Temperance Society it was ordered that gas jet for the stairs and landing of the Town Hall be lighted in future at expense of the Board.

Letters were read from the Lord Justices Dublin Castle formally acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolutions in reference to weights and measures and recommending the appointment of M<sup>r</sup> John MacPhilpin as a member of the Board of Governors of the Ballinascloe District Lunatic Asylum

Letters were read from the Postmaster-General and the Secretary Waterford & Limerick Railway Co assuring that the Board's resolution in reference to Night Mail train to Inam would receive attention.

The following letter was read:-

"Inam 4th November 1895

To M<sup>r</sup> John Glynn Town Clerk Inam

"Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter directing attention to a breach in the wall of the Potato Market which you state was caused by some action of M<sup>r</sup> John Glynn. I have handed the letter to M<sup>r</sup> Glynn who doubtless will give it the necessary attention. Meantime I am certain your Board is not so unreasonable as to hold that I should be held liable or responsible for M<sup>r</sup> Glynn's doings. Yours faithfully,

"M<sup>r</sup> Walsh"

The Town Inspector was directed to obtain an estimate of the probable cost of repairing the breach in the Potato Market wall to lay before the Board at their next meeting

M<sup>r</sup> J Egan's tender to repair a portion of the Meat Shambles, adjourned from previous monthly meeting was referred to a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs Begley, Shine, Lyons, Connolly and Henry Kiwan J<sup>r</sup>.

The following letter was read:-

"Inam October 29 1895

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk

"Dear Sir - Please to have removed out of the potato-market the heaps of manure which are lying there. Yours truly

"Lawrence Burke"

Marked "read"

The following proposed by M<sup>r</sup> MacPhilpin and seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Connolly was passed unanimously - "That we are pleased to learn that a branch of the Amnesty Association has been started in Inam and we pledge ourselves to support the movement in any way in our power. Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Inam Board of Guardians with a request that they adopt it."

Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Shine seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Begley and passed, none dissenting but M<sup>r</sup> MacPhilpin - "That we strongly protest against the manner in which the "Daily Independent", "Freeman's Journal" and "Irish Times" have acted towards the Inam people in not publishing full reports of our great October fair, though treating less important towns exceptionally in this respect. Copies of this resolution to be sent to those newspapers to M<sup>r</sup> P D Bernard Chairman Waterford and Limerick Railway Co, to the Midland Great Western Co and to the Inam Board of Guardians."

The following letter was read from Contractor for Fire Extinguishing Appliances:-

"M<sup>r</sup> John Glynn, Town Clerk, Inam -

"Dear Sir - As you have not replied to ours of 9th ult we presume it is intended to remit amount of our account in full, and as the full length of credit agreed upon viz 6 months from date of invoice will expire at the end of this month we shall be glad to have early remittance. Yours truly,

"John Morris & Sons"

The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs Morris & Sons that their letter would be considered at next meeting of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen

Chairman



I James J Begley 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.

Subscribed before me this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1895

James J Begley

Witness

Patrick Culkinn

I, Patrick Broune, 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.

Subscribed before me this  
day of 189

Witness

I, James Commins, 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.

Subscribed before me this  
19 day of November 1895

James Commins

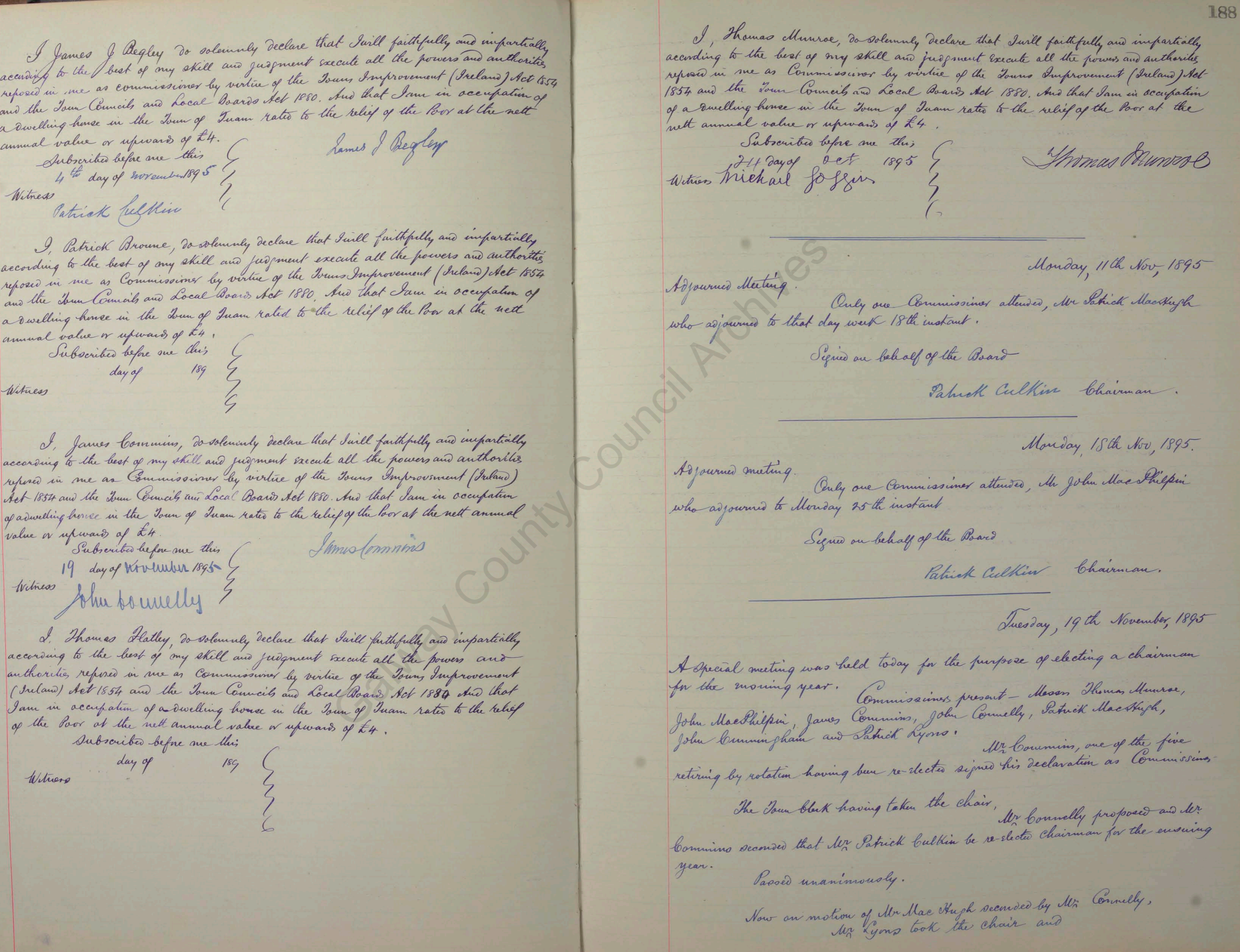
Witness

John Connelly

I, Thomas Flahley, 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.

Subscribed before me this  
day of 189

Witness



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 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.

Subscribed before me this  
24 day of Oct 1895

Witness Michael Joggins

Thomas Munroe

Monday, 11th Nov, 1895

Adjourned Meeting.

Only one Commissioner attended, Mr Patrick MacHugh who adjourned to that day week 18th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday, 18th Nov, 1895.

Adjourned meeting.

Only one Commissioner attended, Mr John MacPhilpin who adjourned to Monday 25th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Tuesday, 19th November, 1895

A special meeting was held today for the purpose of electing a chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present - Messrs Thomas Munroe, John MacPhilpin, James Commins, John Connelly, Patrick MacHugh, John Cunningham and Patrick Lyons.

Mr Commins, one of the five retiring by rotation having been re-elected signed his declaration as Commissioner.

The Town Clerk having taken the chair, Mr Connelly proposed and Mr Commins seconded that Mr Patrick Culkinn be re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Now on motion of Mr MacHugh seconded by Mr Connelly, Mr Lyons took the chair and

The following resolution, proposed by Mr MacShigh and seconded by Mr Cunningham, was unanimously adopted:—

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby express our deepest regret at the death of Miss Jessie Calkin, daughter of our respected Chairman and offer him and his family our sincerest sympathy in the affliction which has befallen them."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman

Monday, 25th Nov, 1895

Adjourned Meeting, Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Calkin Chairman of the Board; James J Begley, John Connolly, James Commins and John MacShighin

Mr John Quinn Solr was also present.

The following report was read:—

"Town Hall, Nov 25, '95.

"Gentlemen, - I beg to report to you that the streets and lanes are in a very filthy state and have been entirely neglected since the last road session, especially High street, the Pig market, and Church Lane. Both entrances to the Protestant Church were in a scandalous way yesterday, the road being left uncleaned by the road contractor. The material the contractor is using in parts of the streets is coarse gravel which in wet weather becomes sloppish. Not having a specification I could not get estimate of probable cost of building up gap in Potato Market wall. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,"

"Bill Hugh Town Inspector."

The Clerk was directed to send a Copy to the County Surveyor of that portion of the report in reference to the streets and lanes.

The Enumerators' returns for the October sheep and cattle fairs were as follows:—

Sheep - sold:—	Ewes 4568	Wethers 6775	Hoggets 5889	Lambs 1248	rams 59	total 18539
- unsold	" 1495	" 1161	" 2229	" 1043	" 95	" 6323
Totals	6363	7936	8118	2291	154	= 24862

Cattle - sold:—	Heifers 3661	Bullocks 3491	Calves 215	Cows 73	total 7440
- unsold:	" 652	" 246	" 340	" 47	" 1285
Totals	4313	3737	555	120	8725

The following is copy of schedule of Tolls and Customs adopted unanimously on 2nd Day of September 1895:—

"Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners  
Schedule of Tolls and Customs  
Under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Asses & Mules, each	5.0	Hides and Skins - Cow & horse, each	5.0	
Booths, each	5.0	Calf, each	0.1	
Bacon, per fitch	0.1	Hay, straw, heath, seaweed etc	£	
Butter - from 1lb to 3lbs	0.0 1/2	per horse or mule cart		0.3
3lbs to 7lbs	0.1	ass cart		0.2
7lbs to 14lbs	0.2	ass load	0.1	
14lbs upwards at same rate		Hucksters, per week	0.2	
Bonhams, sold or unsold,	0.1	Onions, per cwt	0.2	
Bricks, per load	0.3	Pigs, each	0.2	
Bullocks and heifers, each	0.4	Slaughtered including custom	£	
1 to 2 years old	0.3	and bramage ~		0.3
Cows, each	0.6	Potatoes - under 8 st	0.0 1/2	
Calves - weanling	0.2	8 st to 12 st	0.1	
Suckling	0.1	12 st to 16 st	0.1 1/2	
Circuses	10.0	16 st to 20 st	0.2	
Eggs, up to 120, free;		and same rate upward		
from one hundred to six hundred,		Sheep, lambs, and kids, each	0.1	
per hundred or fraction of a hundred	0.0 1/2	Standings, on market & fair days -		
Six hundred and upwards	0.6	Covered, each	0.3	
Fish, per Cartload	0.4	Uncovered, "	0.2	
barrel, box, or basket	0.1	Timber, per load	0.3	
Fowl - Cocks, hens and chickens, per basket	0.1	Vegetables - Cabbage, turnips	£	
ducks, per pair	0.0 1/2	mangold, carrot, parsnip		0.3
geese and turkeys, each	0.0 1/2	etc, per cart	0.1	
Flammb, per piece	0.2	Basket or barrow	0.1	
Grize, per piece	0.2	Worked timber & road per load	0.3	
Fruit, per basket	0.1	Wool - under one stone	0.1	
Grain, including oats, wheat, barley		1 st to 4 st	0.2	
and all other kinds from 1st to 8st	0.0 1/2	4 st to 8 st	0.3	
and per half cwt upward	0.0 1/2	8 st to 16 st	0.6	
Horses and foals, each	0.6	per pack	1.0	
Honey, per hive	0.6			

"It was resolved by the Commissioners that if any tents or booths for the sale of spirituous liquors are erected at the Fair Green, or any place within the Borough on the occasion of any of the Tuam fairs they shall be subject to a toll of £5, to be collected by the Town Commissioners.

"Complaints as to overcharges, incivility, etc, are to be made to the Town Inspector."

Special meeting by requisition of the Commissioners above named, present,

The requisition was as follows:— "Tuam 21st November 1895

"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 25th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering the advisability of taking steps to purchase the fee simple

of the Town Hall and Potato Market plots Mr Handcocks' estate comprising same being about to be sold

"Patrick Culkinn B.T.B.  
"John Mac Philpin  
"John Connelly  
"James Commis  
"Patk Lyons"

Proposed by Mr Mac Philpin, seconded by Mr Connelly and passed unanimously -  
"That we the Inam Town Commissioners are of opinion that we ought to purchase the fee simple of the Town Hall and Potato Market plots and that we ask our Treasurer, Manager National Bank, if he would lend the purchase money about £350."

Mr Begley and the Town Clerk deputed to wait on the Manager National Bank, having ascertained the conditions which he would recommend to his directors were loan to be repaid with interest 5 per cent per annum in five years by equal annual instalments and a town rate to be struck to meet the instalments if necessary,

Mr Mac Philpin proposed and Mr Connelly seconded the following which was passed nem con:-

"That we the Town Commissioners of Inam consider five years too short a time for the loan applied for to the Treasurer and are of opinion that a town rate should not be struck."

Subsequently, the Manager National Bank suggested that the Town Clerk by direction of the Board write him a letter stating the terms on which they desired to get the loan which letter he would forward his Directors

Ordered accordingly, the proposed terms being loan to be repaid with interest 5 per cent per annum in twelve years by equal annual instalments.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Thursday, 28th Nov, 1895

Special meeting pursuant to the following requisition:-

"Inam 25th Nov 1895

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,-

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next, 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering the advisability of borrowing from the National Bank a sum of £350 for the purchase of the fee simple of the Town Hall and Potato Market plots, said sum to be repaid with interest in twelve years by equal annual instalments.

"P Culkinn,  
"J Connelly,  
"J Munroe,  
"Patk Lyons,  
"Patk McHugh."

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkinn Chairman of the Board, James J Begley, John Connelly and John Cunningham. The number was short of the quorum.

Mr John Quinn B.T.B. was present.

The Clerk stated that the Bank Manager Mr B.W. Quinn had shown him reply from his directors expressing regret that they could not lend money for so long a period as twelve years.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 2nd Dec, 1895.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) James J Begley, John Cunningham, John Connelly, Michael B Shine and Thomas Munroe

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £202.5.3 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims

Mr Shine moved and Mr Connelly seconded the following which was passed nem con: "That we give the Dancing Class now being formed in town the use of the Board room free during the week nights when not otherwise required by the Board."

The following letter was read:- "Inam, Dec 2nd '95.

"To the Chairman and Town Commissioners, Inam,  
"Gentlemen - I beg to draw your attention to the condition of the Potato Market. It is very dirty and the broken stones that were put on it have bits of bottle through them that make it a dangerous place both for cattle and for persons in their bare feet. Yours faithfully  
"Laurence Burke, Toll Farmer."

The letter was referred to a Committee appointed to inspect the Potato Market

The following report was read:- "Town Hall, Dec 2nd 1895

"Gentlemen - I beg again to call your attention to the reported state of the road leading into the town especially Bloontoo road, Ballygaddy road, Galway road and Bishop street. From Mr Jones to First Bridge is in a very bad way. The Contractors scarcely ever scrape or clean them. I require coarse gravel to put in holes in the Potato Market. I am gentlemen your obedient servant, -  
"B. McHugh, Town Inspector."

The Town Inspector was directed to see and arrange with Mr. James McDonnell about the quantity of sand wanted, 60 carts or thereabout.

The following letters were read: -

"Castlehackett, Tuam, 16th Nov 1895.

"Sir - I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of 15th with copy of resolution of Tuam Town Commissioners regarding the non-publication of full reports in the Dublin newspapers. If you will be so good as to remind me nearer the time I will see what I can do in the direction indicated. Yours faithfully  
"Percy R. Bernard."

"J. Glynn Esq."

"Dublin, 18th Nov 1895.

"Sir - I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 15th inst. The directors do not see how they could well interfere with the proprietors of newspapers to get them to send reporters to particular fairs. They already afford facilities to reporters upon authorised applications to travel over the railway and they widely advertise the train arrangements for fairs generally on their system. I am, Sir, your obedient servant  
"Geo Wm Greene, Secretary."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam"

"Dublin, Nov 15th, 1895

"Dear Sir, - I have to acknowledge receipt of the resolution of your Board and to assure all concerned that whatever the action of the other newspapers in Dublin concerned the one ("Irish Daily Independent") of which I am editor never fails to insert any items of interest received from Tuam, and is especially open to the insertion of its fairs, their importance to the town being fully recognised. Yours faithfully -  
"Edward Byrne."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

Mr. Shine said that the cause of the Board's complaint was that the Dublin newspapers did not send reporters to the Tuam fairs - the May and October - as they send to Ballinasloe and much smaller fairs than Tuam and that the Clerk might write to that effect to Mr. Byrne and request him to send a reporter to the Tuam great fairs in future.

Applications from the Town Craner and Assistant for the usual biennial overcoats were referred to next meeting for consideration.

Mr. J. McBoys bill for watering streets, flushing sewers and wages to men assisting during past summers was ordered to be sent to the Board of Guardians for their consideration the work being public and sanitary and the Clerk to submit the bill again to the Commissioners at next meeting.

Mr. Connolly, Egan's Lane, was appointed to caretake the Fish Market at £2 (two pounds) a year salary, she to keep the place clear of all things, except fish dealers, and their fish and customers and to report to the Town Inspector anything occurring there requiring his attention.

A specification was furnished by Mr. J. Egan for rebuilding portion of the wall between the Potato Market ground and Church Lane. It was adopted and advertisement ordered, tenders to be considered at the January monthly meeting.

The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr. Bernard, Chairman Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. about the necessity of at once erecting and lighting a gas lamp at the Station Crossing and of putting footpath to the Cattle bank in proper order and to add that the Board would provide such a lamp if the Railway Co. helped to defray the expense.

Mr. J. Egan agreed to repair the footpath flags - all that presently need it - for 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> per square yard and the Clerk was directed to advertise for annual Contractor, tenders to be considered at the February monthly meeting; also to order a waggon of Malbay flags.

After some remarks about stopping the Corofin Market the Clerk was directed to call on the Board's solicitor who has opinion of Counsel obtained some years ago touching such matter.

Mr. Shine gave notice as follows: -

"Take notice that for some number on my behalf, will propose at next monthly meeting that two additional gas lamps be erected, one at Wm. Burke's, adjoining Cloontoa road, and another at Connolly's forge, Falway road."

The Committee to whom has been referred Mr. J. Egan's tender for repairing shed at Meat Market for the safekeeping of the Board's Fire Extinguishing appliances having approved of same and the Contract having been completed, Mr. Egan was ordered a cheque for the amount viz £6.10.0 with £1.13.4 for other items.

At suggestion of Mr. Shine it was ordered to erect a gas jet at the horse shed, Meat Market, and that a dozen keys be got for the shed door, also keys for the hydrants.

Mr. Shine gave notice that he would propose at next meeting to sell to Gas Manager for £4 the gasaliers of the Board room and replace same with new gas fittings.

Adjourned to Monday, 9th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Cuthkin Chairman.

Monday, 9th Dec, 1895.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cuthkin (Chairman of the Board), James J. Begley, Mr. C. Shine, Thomas Munroe, John Cunningham and Patrick McHugh.

Proposed by Mr. Begley, seconded by Mr. McHugh and passed unanimously that Thomas Dwyer Craner and John Butler Assistant Craner be granted £2 each for over-coats.

The clerk was directed at suggestion of Mr. Shine to include in circular for next monthly meeting Mr. McCoy's bill for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Shine according to notice moved that Mr. Walsh, gas manager, be given the gasaliers of the Board room for £4 and have same replaced with new gas fittings.

After some discussion the gas manager offered to supply and erect a powerful Wenham Ceiling lamp and four brackets for wall, for a sum of £9.7.6 he getting the east-side gasaliers gratis. Accepted unanimously.

Mr. Bernard Chairman of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Co., appeared before the Board and made note of what they suggested regarding erection of a gas lamp at Railway Crossing, Inam Station, and putting in proper repair the footpath leading to the cattle park.

The Board agreed to erect and light a gas lamp at the Crossing provided the Railway Co. guaranteed them £5 a year for it.

The following letter was read:-

"Inam, Decr 7, 1895.

"Dear Mr. Glynn - I beg to acknowledge the receipt of resolution passed at your Board on the 19th ult, in reference to the death of my dear daughter, Miss Teresa Culkim, kindly convey to my brother Commissioners my most sincere thanks for their kind sympathy for myself and family in our sad affliction. I am, dear Mr. Glynn, faithfully yours -

"Patrick Culkim".

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk."

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Begley and passed, Mr. Shine alone dissenting:-

"That we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. John Dillon, M.P., on his marriage and we take this opportunity of wishing him and his bride very many happy years of health and happiness.

"That we desire to place on record our unabated confidence in Mr. Justin McCarthy and the majority of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and we hereby endorse and approve of their action in expelling Mr. Timothy Michael Healy and his three associates. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. John Dillon and 'Framan's Journal'."

Mr. John Quinn also having attended on the part of Mr. S. J. Conway, the Board's solicitor, and read opinion of Mr. Francis Nolan Q.C. obtained in 1887 in the case of McGrath of Killeloghan,

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Begley seconded the following resolution which was carried unanimously:

"That the Board's solicitor be directed to obtain the opinion of eminent Counsel as to what steps should be taken by the Board with reference to the markets which have been got up by Mr. Patrick Raftery and others at for-profit of tolls and customs, and which seriously interfere with the Inam fairs and markets and with the rights of the Inam Town Commissioners as owners of the Tolls and Customs of Inam."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 1895.

Meeting by requisition.

A meeting had been summoned in compliance with the following requisition:-

"Inam, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1895.

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Inam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of reading Counsel's opinion regarding the Crophin market and of considering what steps to take in the matter.

"Patrick Culkim C.T.C.

"John Connelly

"Thomas Munroe

"James Commins

"John MacPhilsin

"Patrick Lyons

"James J. Begley."

Only one Commissioner attended, namely, Mr. James J. Begley.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Decr, 1895

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held today:-

"Inam, Decr 27<sup>th</sup>, 1895

"To Mr. John Glynn Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 30<sup>th</sup> inst, at 12 o'clock to consider the question of a night mail to Inam.

"P. Culkim, C.T.C.

"James J. Begley, J.C.

"Michael C. Shine, J.C.

"James Commins, J.C.

"Patrick Lyons, J.C.

"Thomas Munroe, J.C."

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board) James J. Begley, James Commins, John Cunningham, John Connelly, and Thomas Munroe.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Begley seconded the following resolutions which were passed unanimously:-

"That having regard to the increasing importance of the town of Inam and large district which it serves the present arrangement for carrying the mails at night to and from Athlery by Mail Car is primitive and unsatisfactory, and that the Postal Authorities be requested to enter into immediate arrangements with the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company

for their conveyance by train, thereby securing better accommodation and protection for the large quantity of parcel post packages, many of which are valuable and the amount of which is increasing. "That the present postal accommodation between Inam and the Counties of Mayo and Sligo which involves letters being taken to Athlone or Mullingar and thence to their destination, which was intelligible formerly, cannot now be justified since direct communication has been opened with the north and that this matter should be subject of negotiation between the Post Office and the Railway Company."

Proposed by Mr. Commins, seconded by Mr. Munroe and passed unanimously:-  
"That copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Post Office Dublin for submission to the Postmaster-General to Mr. P. B. Bernard, Chairman Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. and to the M.P.'s for the District concerned viz Messrs Denis Kilbride, John Dillon, David Sheehy, John Roche, Daniel Conilly and J. Curran."

Signed on behalf of the Board,  
Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday, 6th January, 1896

Monthly Meeting. Only one Commissioner attended, namely Mr M. C. Shine who adjourned to Monday 13th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Meeting by Requisition.

A meeting had been summoned for this day (Monday 6th January 1896) pursuant to the following requisition:-  
"Inam 2nd January 1896

"John Glynn Town Clerk -  
"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Inam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 6th inst at 12.00 noon for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Bonaparte market.  
"P. Culkinn, C.T.C.,  
"J. Connelly, J.C.,  
"J. Munroe, J.C.,  
"James Commins,  
"Michael Gaggins."

Only one Commissioner attended, namely, Mr M. C. Shine.

Signed on behalf of the Board,  
Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday 13th January 1896

Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) M. C. Shine, Thomas Munroe, Patrick McHugh and John Connelly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank by the Board £78.18.0.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the Officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

It was ordered at suggestion of Mr Shine to advertise for a powerful <sup>ceiling</sup> Wenham gas lamp and four wall brackets for Board room, Town Hall, contractor to take in part payment the east-side gasolier.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr McHugh seconded the following resolution which was passed, none dissenting:-

"That a resolution be cabled from the Board to President Kruger, Transvaal, calling on him to hold Jameson and the other invaders of his country as hostages until England does justice to Ireland by releasing the Irish Political Prisoners who have suffered such terrible punishment extending over such a long period."

Copy to be sent to the Irish National Amnesty Association Dublin.

Mr Shine according to notice proposed and the Chairman seconded the following which was passed unanimously:-

"That two additional gas lamps be erected, one at William Burke's, adjoining Clamton road, and the other at Connelly's forge, Salway road."

A Committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs Munroe and Shine to fix the points at which to erect the lamps.

The following letter was read:-  
"Poor Law office, Inam, 9th Dec, 1895

"Dear Sir, - With reference to your letter of the 4th inst enclosing a bill from Mr. McBoy for watering the streets and flushing sewers of the Town, I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to state that they refuse to pay the bill in question and to return same. I am also directed to send you the enclosed form of Bye-laws and to request that they will be so good with the assistance of the Inam Guardians, the Medical officer of the district and the relieving officer to frame bye-laws for the approval of the Board of Guardians. Yours faithfully,  
"J. P. McDonagh, Clerk of Union."

"To John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk Inam."

The Clerk was directed to reply that as the Town Commissioners were not the Sanitary Authority they declined to touch the matter of the Rodding-house Bye-laws.

A bill was submitted from Mr John McCoy as follows:—  
 "For watering streets and flushing sewers in Summer 1893, 10 days at 6<sup>s</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>; like work in Summer, 1894, 8 days at 6<sup>s</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>; like work in Summer 1895, 8 days at 6<sup>s</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>; Cash paid one to labourers to assist, £2; Total £9.16.0  
 I may mention that I am only claiming the actual time lost. I make no other claim although I may assure you that between working at fires and watering streets I spoiled two good suits of clothing."

Ordered that Mr McCoy be paid £4 in full discharge of above bill.

There was but one tender for contract to take down and to rebuild the meeting wall between the Potato Market and Mr M S Walsh's houses in Church Lane. It was from Mr Thomas Egan, builder, amount £19.

The Clerk was directed to show the Specification and tender to Mr Walsh and ascertain from him if he approves of both and if he will contribute towards defraying amount of the contract. Mr Walsh's answer and Mr Egan's tender to be submitted to the Board at meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

A letter was read as follows from Peter Shaughnessy, Barrack street:—

"Having been requested by the Tenants and those interested in the repairing and cleanliness of Barrack street, to bring before you the very filthy state of this street with a view that you may take it into your kind consideration and do something to keep it in a proper state in future I do so and beg further to state that if you will kindly consider the case I would be willing to undertake to do so for as reasonable a charge as may be expected. I append the names of the tenants who would wish you to consider the matter (here followed 14 signatures)"

It was decided to apply at next Parish Sessions for Prosentment for Barrack street.

The Clerk said that the stock of Crane hooks having been exhausted he had with the authority of the Chairman obtained a supply, without advertising, not exceeding in cost the limit fixed by resolution, namely £2.

The Board approved of same and directed that the usual quantity be advertised for, viz a gross books, 100 packets in each, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

The following letter was read:—

"Chancery, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1895.

"John Blym Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam, Ireland,

"Dear Sir, — We are obliged by your favour of 28<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing remittance for £20, and enclose stamped receipt for same. Referring to the extension ladders we supplied you with, these ladders are made with the object of being light and portable so that one or two men may carry them about and bring them into facility, and we think they attain this object. They are not intended to have several men on the ladder at the same time like a large and strongly built fire escape. There should not be more than one man on the ladder when extended except in cases of emergency. We have not heard any complaint of the ladders failing to answer their purpose, viz — "a light portable, extension ladder to enable persons to escape from a building. Of course the special

Ten Brigade extension ladders cost about £10.10.0 each and weigh about three times heavier, consequently they require three or four trained men to handle them. This is a point not to be lost sight of. Yours respectfully,  
 "J Morris & Sons."

The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs Morris & Sons that the Board would order the £10.10.0 extension ladder if they take back the £5.5.0 one and allow for it the full cost price.

It was ordered to procure a lantern, pickaxe, spade, hatchet, and a heavy hammer for use in case of fire.

The following letter was read from the County Surveyor:—

"Galway, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1895

"Dear Sir, — I have to thank you for your letter in regard to cleaning Tuam streets, and I assure there is some improvement. I shall be glad if, by applying local pressure, you can get the contractor to attend to this matter. I shall look specially to the upkeep of the surface, but I have not sufficient opportunity of seeing the street of Tuam to be answerable for their regular cleaning. I shall be very glad if the Town Commissioners, next time the contract is open, will take the proper steps see their way to undertake it. I hope to find that the contractor will take the proper steps to have the bushes cut. I am very faithfully yours  
 James Perry.

"John Blym Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

The following correspondence was read relative to the Board's resolution requesting the Postmaster-General to run a night mail between Tuam and Athlone:—

"General Post Office, London, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1895.

Sir, — With reference to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> October last, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acquaint you for the information of the Town Commissioners of Tuam that the question of forwarding the night mail to Tuam by railway instead of by road, has been considered, but such an arrangement could not be carried out at greatly increased expense which the circumstances do not warrant. The present hours of arrival and despatch by car cannot be said to be inconvenient, and the cost already incurred on the Tuam service is large as compared with the revenue. Under those circumstances, His Grace regrets that he is unable to comply with the wishes of the Commissioners. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
 "P. E. Sifton.

"John Blym Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

"General Post Office, Dublin, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1896

Sir, — I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., forwarding copies of resolutions passed by the Town Commissioners of Tuam respecting the conveyance of mails to and from that town, and to assure you that the subject shall receive attention. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
 "W R Greenwell, Secretary.

"The Town Clerk, Tuam."

Cottlehackett, Duam, 30th December, 1895

"Dear Sir, - I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 30th inst with resolutions adopted by the Duam Town Commissioners regarding the mails which will receive every consideration. yours faithfully  
"P. O. Bernard."

"J. Glynn Esq, Town Clerk."

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Bernard inquiring if the Railway Co. agreed to contribute £5 annually for lamp erected and lighted by the Commissioners at the level crossing, Duam Station, and to draw his attention again to the bad state of the footpath and road leading from the Crossing to the Cattle bank.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Thursday, 16th January, 1896

Meeting by requisition

Subjoined is the requisition:-

Duam, 13th January, 1896

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Duam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Thursday next 16th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Crophin markets.

"Patrick Culkinn, C.T.C.

"Michael C. Shine, H.

"John Connelly, H.

"Thomas Muirroe H.

"James Commins H."

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine, Thomas Muirroe, Jas J. Begley, Michael Gaggins and John Connelly.

On the motion of Mr Gaggins seconded by Mr Begley the chair was taken by Mr Shine who presided.

Mr John Quinn Esq, having read Mr Piers F. White's opinion,

The following resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Begley was passed unanimously:-

"That the Board's solicitor be directed to obtain the opinion of another eminent Counsel (in addition to that already obtained from Mr Piers F. White R.C.) before deciding as to what further steps should be taken with reference to the markets which have been got up at Crophin and which seriously interfere with the Duam fairs and markets, and with the rights of this Board as owners of the Tolls and Customs of Duam."

According to direction at previous meeting the Clerk again submitted Mr Thomas Egan's tender for taking down and rebuilding the boundary wall between the Potato Market and Mr. M. S. Walsh's houses in Church Lane, amount £19.

Mr M. S. Walsh appeared before the Board to personally reply to the Clerk's letter. He approved of the Specification but refused to contribute anything towards defraying the cost of building.

Mr Egan consenting to reduce the sum to £18 his tender was accepted unanimously.

It was ordered to procure for use in connection with the Board's hose etc, 3 boards 16 feet x 11 in x 1 in, one gallon kerosene foot oil, one tin, 1 lb Brooke's Monkey Soap, one oil brush, and one round tin vessel.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 27th January, 1896

A meeting had been summoned pursuant to the following requisition:-

"Duam, January 23rd, 1896

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, Duam

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next 27th inst at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Crophin markets, opinion of another eminent Counsel being obtained on the matter.

"Patrick Culkinn C.T.C.

"James J. Begley H.

"Michael Gaggins

"James Commins

"John MacPhelipin."

No Commissioners attended.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman



Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 1896.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkim C.T.B., John MacSheehan, Michael C Shine, James J Begley.

The number being that of a quorum, Mr. Shine proposed Mr. Begley seconded and it was agreed to adjourn to that day week, 10<sup>th</sup> instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman.

Meeting by requisition:

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been summoned for this day, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1896:-

"Tuam 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1896.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Corofin Markets opinion of another eminent Counsel be obtained on the matter.

- "Patrick Culkim, C.T.B.,
- "John Connelly,
- "John Cunningham,
- "James J Begley,
- "James Commis.

The Commissioners present were the above mentioned four <sup>there</sup> was not a quorum

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

Adjourned meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkim, C.T.B.; M.C. Shine, James J Begley and John Connelly.

There not being a quorum Mr. Culkim proposed and Mr. Shine seconded and it was agreed to adjourn to that day week 14<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman

February  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1896

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1896.

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been summoned for this day:

"Tuam, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1896.

"To John Glynn,

Town Clerk, -

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 10<sup>th</sup> inst, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Corofin Markets, opinion of another eminent Counsel being obtained on the matter.

(Signed)

- "John Cunningham J.B.,
- "James J Begley J.B.,
- "Thomas Muirroe J.B.,
- "John MacSheehan J.B.,
- "Patrick McHugh J.B.,"

The Commissioners who attended were Messrs Patrick Culkim, C.T.B.; M.C. Shine, James J Begley and John Connelly.

There was not a quorum

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkim Chairman.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1896.

Adjourned monthly meeting

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, John Connelly, James Commis, Thomas Muirroe, Patrick McHugh, James J Begley and John MacSheehan

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £192.4.2 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The following correspondence was read:-

"Lthy, Feby 5<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

"Sir, - I have received copy of resolutions passed by your Board in connection with the Tuam postal service. Will you kindly inform your Board that I shall be very glad to further the objects they have in view in any way I can. Would you be good enough to put me in possession of more detailed information in connection with this matter. Yours faithfully "Denis Kilbride."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

"Pallybrock, Feb 5, 1896.

"Dear Sir, - I have received a copy of the resolution recently adopted by the Duam Town Commissioners demanding a better mail service for that important town, and I desire to say in reply to your accompanying letter that I shall be glad to aid in furthering so reasonable a request. I remain yours truly,  
"Michael Davitt."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Duam."

"Irish National Federation, 24 Rutland Square,  
"Dublin, February 6th, 1896.

"Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your communication sending me copies of resolution passed by the Duam Town Commissioners with regard to the night mails to and from Athlery, and in reply I promise to do all I can to further the wishes of the Commissioners in this matter, as it is certain somewhat primitive now to be carrying these mails by cars while trains are available. Yours very sincerely,  
"David Sheehy."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Duam."

"Woodford, February 13th, 1896.

"Dear Sir, - I beg to acknowledge receipt of resolutions of your Board, and desire to say that I shall do my best to give effect to same. Sincerely yours,  
"John Roche."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Duam."

"Dimerick, 6th February, 1896.

"Sir, - I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant. If your Board will kindly recollect my promise, it was to the effect that the fact of their having erected a lamp near the station crossing was not to prejudice them when the claim to be paid something by the railway company was considered, and that will be faithfully carried out. I regret that owing to press of business I have not sooner brought it forward - £5 would appear to be a large amount. The condition of the road and footpath from the crossing to the cattle bank, in so far as we are concerned, will also be considered. I need not say that as far as possible I am anxious to meet the views of your Board. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
"Percy B. Bernard."

"J Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Duam."

There was a tender (invited by advertisement) from Mr J. M. Walsh, Gas Manager, to supply a Wenham Ceiling lamp and four wall brackets for the Board room, consideration of which was deferred till next Board day.

There were five tenders (invited by advertisement) to supply a gross books of Crane docket according to specimen furnished by the Clerk.

The cheapest, that of Mr. John Falconer, 53, Upper Duckville Street, Dublin, viz 3½ per book, was accepted unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to advertise for a person competent to take charge of the Board's hose and other fire extinguishing appliances, and to keep same in proper order, to water the streets of the town whenever necessary, and to maintain in repair all the plumbing work in connection with the Town Hall.

A letter having been read from Mr. John McCoy, temporarily in charge of the Board's fire extinguishing appliances, directing attention to the unfinished state of the fire station, and to the necessity of having the place heated by some means to preserve the hose,

It was agreed to supply a gas stove price 35/-, if Committee consisting of Messrs. Cuthin, Stone and Dealey, appointed to examine it, approved of it.

It was also agreed that proposal to erect a lamp in front of the fire station be considered at next monthly meeting.

It was ordered that the Town Inspector, Mr. Mac Hugh, hire men to clean the road at Barrack street.

A letter having been read from Messrs. Morris & Sons, Manchester regarding extension ladder, it was agreed unanimously to take the £10.10.0 one, the firm accepting in full payment for same the sum of £5.5.0 and the ladder which they have supplied the Board.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Connelly and passed unanimously - "That the Irish National Sawtooths get the use of the Board room to hold their meetings from time to time which society has been sanctioned by His Grace the Archbishop."

There was but one tender for the yearly contract to repair the flagged footpaths (only advertised). It was received from Mr. John Kenny of Contoon which was accepted as follows: - "To set new flags at 2/- per square yard, and for resetting old flags at 1/6 per square yard, the finding labour, lime and sand."

A communication was read from the "Gaelic League" Dublin, "protesting against the action of the Schoolmasters Association in endeavouring to have the total of marks reduced in the Preparatory Grade with the avowed object of crushing out the Irish Language from the Intermediate schools."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cuthin

Chairman.

Monday, 17th February 1896.

Meeting by requisition.

Annexed is the requisition pursuant to which the meeting had been summoned:-

"Tuam, 13th February, 1896

"To Mr. John Glynn Town Clerk, -  
We the undersigned Towns Improvement Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 17th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding the Corofin markets, opinions of two eminent Counsel being obtained on the matter.

(Signed) "John Cunningham  
"John Connolly  
"John MacSheehy  
"Patrick McKHugh  
"James J. Begley."

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen, C.T.B.; Michael C. Shine, John Connolly, James Connors, Thomas Munroe, Patrick McKHugh, James J. Begley and John MacSheehy.

The solicitor of the Board not being in attendance with the opinions referred to, nothing was done regarding the matter.

(Signed) on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman.

Monday 20th March 1896

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen C.T.B., James J. Begley, Thomas Munroe, James Connors and John Cunningham

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank £195.4.6

Cheques for the officers' salaries and other claims were ordered and signed as per Finance Book.

The following letters were read:-

"House of Commons, 26th Feb 1896

"Mr John Glynn Town Clerk Tuam -

"Dear Sir - In reply to your letter of 4th Feb enclosing resolutions passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners, I beg to say that the object aimed at in those resolutions will have my best support. Whenever any opportunity arises for forwarding the wishes of the Town Commissioners, kindly communicate with me.

"Yours sincerely,  
"John Dillon"

"Waterford Limerick and Western Railway office

"Waterford, 18th February, 1896.

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk Tuam

"Sir - Lamp at Tuam Station etc: The correspondence which took place between you and the chairman has been before my Board and in connection therewith I am desired to point out that the Company have already placed a lamp at the station. They will, however, bear half the cost viz £2.10.0 per annum of the lamp erected by the Commissioners. The Company's Engineer has given instructions with regard to the road referred to in your letter. I am Sir, your obedient servant

"John J. Murphy Secretary."

The Clerk was directed to write that £2.10.0 was insufficient as the lamp, being lighted all night, costs double as much as any other in the town.

It was ordered that the Town Inspector employ men to sweep the road at Bazaar Street.

The Board, <sup>adjourned</sup> to Monday 9th instant for the transaction of the remainder of the business.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday 9th ~~inst~~ March 1896

Adjourned meeting:

No Commissioners attended and the Clerk adjourned to Monday 16th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday, 16th March, 1896

Adjourned meeting:

Only three commissioners attended viz Messrs Patrick Cullen, C.T.B.; M.C. Shine, and John Connolly

Signed on behalf of the Board  
P. Cullen

Chairman

Friday, 20th March, 1896

Meeting by requisition:

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been summoned for this day:

"Tuam, 17th March, 1896.

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk:

We, the undersigned Towns Improvement Commissioners, hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Friday, 20th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of transacting the remainder of the monthly

business adjourned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant.

"James J. Begley F.C.,  
John Connolly F.C.,  
Thomas Munroe F.C.,  
John Cunningham,  
Michael C. Shine.

Only two Commissioners attended viz. Messrs Patrick Culkinn, F.C., and M.C. Shine.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1896

The monthly meeting was held today

The Commissioners present were: Messrs Patrick Culkinn, Chairman of the Board; James J. Begley, M.C. Shine, John Connolly and Michael Giggins.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank, £94.17.1

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. J. Mac Cormack not having attended any meeting of the Board since 19<sup>th</sup> September 1895 his seat was vacant.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Shine seconded that Mr. J. J. Mac Cormack be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Passed unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr. J. M. Walsh, Secretary Dr. Mac Evilly Branch Irish National Foresters enclosing the following resolution:—

"That this Branch of the Irish National Foresters Benefit Society tender a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Town Commissioners for their generous action in placing the Town Hall at the disposal of the Branch for the transaction of business connected with the Branch."

The following tender was accepted unanimously, the appointment to date from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1896:—

"I propose and agree to take charge of your hoose and all the fire extinguishing appliances; to have same regularly cleansed and sited and carefully hung up in the place prepared for them; I further agree to water the streets of the Town whenever required, and keep all the plumbing work of the Town Hall in good order— all work to be done in the best possible manner and to the satisfaction of the

Board: For the sum of £9 (nine) pounds per annum.

"March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896."

"John M. Coy."

An application was read from Dan Brioham, the Board's Bill Poster for increase of salary consideration of which was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Ordered: To advertise for a suitable ground to be used as a receptacle for street sweepings:

That the County Surveyor be written to requesting his attention to parts of the street channels of the Town which badly require to be re-paved:

That notices be issued of application to be made at next sessions for Clare Barriny for a presentment for Barrack street

That consideration of Mr. J. M. Walsh's tender to supply Ceiling lamp and Wall brackets be adjourned; also, motion to erect lamp in front of the Fire Station.

Adjourned to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

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 Commissioner by virtue of the Town 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 Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1896

Witness: Michael Shine

Francis Mac Cormack

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1896.

Adjourned meeting:

Only one Commissioner attended namely Mr. Patrick Culkinn Chairman of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday, 4th May, 1896.

Monthly meeting

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) Thomas Munroe, John Connolly, James J. Begley and John Cunningham.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £151.8.5 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Mr Connolly proposed and Mr Munroe seconded that the salary of Dan Crisham, the Board's Bill poster be increased by ten shillings, that is, his salary henceforward to be one pound ten shillings per year.

There was but one tender to supply a receptacle for the street cleansings. It was from Martin Dooney at £3 per year but was rejected the ground being considered unsuitable.

A letter having been read from John Murphy offering his service as enumerator for the May Fair,

Mr Connolly proposed and Mr Munroe seconded that John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer be appointed enumerators for the Sheep and Cattle Fairs, 9th and 11th May, at a remuneration of 15/6 each per day.

The clerk reported there were two vacancies in the Board, Messrs Flattery and Patrick Browne not having attended any meeting for the last six months.

The following letter was read:-

"General Post Office, London,  
7th April, 1896.

"Sir, - With reference to your letter of the 30th December, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state, for the information of the Town Commissioners of Inam, that the question of conveying the night mails between Inam and Athlone has again been carefully considered but it is still found that the advantages to be gained by such an alteration are not commensurate with the additional expense which would be involved. As regards the suggestion that the new line of railway between Inam and Claremorris should be used for the mail service, I beg to inform you that, with the present service of trains, practically no advantage would be gained by the adoption of that proposal. Under these circumstances, His Grace regrets that the wishes of the Inam Commissioners cannot be complied with. I am, Sir, your obedient servant -

"J. O'Byrne Esq., Town Clerk, Inam."

"J. E. Sifton."

Mr MacPhiepin having drawn attention to the necessity of providing a suitable place as office for the Clerk and for the safekeeping of the Board records the Clerk was directed to give notice of the matter in circular for the next monthly meeting of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn (Chairman).

Tuesday, 12th May, 1896

Special meeting.

requisition:-

A meeting was held to-day pursuant to the following

"Inam, 8th May, 1896.

"Mr John O'Byrne, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Committee of Inam hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Board for Tuesday next 12th instant at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of co-opting members to fill vacancies in the Board caused by the non-attendance of Messrs Patrick Browne and Thomas Flattery since their election as Commissioners last October.

"Patrick Culkinn, C.T.C.,

"John MacPhiepin, T.C.

"James J. Begley, T.C.

"Patrick McHugh, T.C.

"Thomas Munroe T.C."

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) James J. Begley, Michael Giggins, John Connolly, and Thomas Munroe.

Mr Connolly proposed and Mr Begley seconded that Mr Edward J. Guy be co-opted to the seat vacant through non-attendance of Mr Patrick Browne since his election as Commissioner last October."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Connolly and seconded by Mr Begley that Mr Francis Meagher be co-opted to the seat vacant through non-attendance of Mr Thomas Flattery since his election as Commissioner last October."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn (Chairman)

I, Edward G. Guy, 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 Towns Councils and Local Board Acts 1880; and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
1st day of June 1896  
Witness - Patrick Cullen  
Edward G. Guy

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 Commissioner by virtue of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Towns Councils and Local Board Acts 1880; and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
1 day of June 1896  
Witness - Patrick Cullen  
Francis Meagher

I, Patrick Lynch, 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 Board Acts 1880; and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
day of 1896  
Witness  
Patrick Lynch

I, Thomas Flattery, 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 Board Acts 1880; and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the Poor at the net annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this  
7th day of Sept. 1896  
Witness  
Patrick Cullen  
Thomas Flattery

Monday, 1st June, 1896.

Monthly meeting.

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Munroe, M. C. Shine, James Cummins, Francis Meagher, E. G. Guy, Patrick McHugh, John Cunningham, and John MacPhillipin.

Messrs Guy and Meagher signed their declarations as Commissioners.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £115.12.1 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Munroe, Mr. P. J. Lynch, Vicar street, was unanimously co-opted as Commissioner for seat vacant by Mr. Lyons not attending since 19th Nov last.

Proposed by Mr. Shine, seconded by Meagher and passed unanimously that bills from Mr. Kennedy, Crisham and Decheny in connection with advertising the May Fair, total £2.11.3 be paid.

Mr. Shine gave the following notice:

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will propose at next monthly meeting of the Board that a Gas Lamp be erected and lighted on Sullinadaly road adjoining Fair Green, one on Old Road, one on Ballygaddy road adjoining Mr. Keys', and one at Shuffawn near Railway Station."

John Connolly's tender for the post of Bellman, to publish fairs and markets and all notices the Board may require to give, was accepted unanimously, salary to be Two pounds per year.

Mr. Shine proposed, Mr. MacPhillipin seconded and it was unanimously agreed "that Mr. P. J. Kelly be paid £3 in full payment of bill £4.4.0 for printing and advertising in Sept 1893 as a compromise, the amount being in dispute between Mr. Kelly and the Board".

Proposed by Mr. Shine, seconded by Mr. Guy and ordered unanimously "that an advertisement be issued for next monthly meeting inviting tenders for painting the doors and windows of the Town Hall."

It was also ordered that tenders be invited for repairing and adjusting beam and scales of the Market Crane in the Square and for supplying a watering Cart small and light enough for an ordinary pony.

Mr. Shine proposed and it was unanimously agreed to have the Fire Station and its contents insured for the sum of £100.

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The Clerk was directed to order a wagon of flags from Messrs, O'Leary and Joseph Salway.

After consulting Mr. Burke, Toll Farmer who suggested that new fair advertised for 17th June be let lapse, the Clerk was accordingly directed not to issue any placards.

Annexed are Enumerators' returns for the May Fair:-

Sheep:	Sold - Wethers, 895; Hogshead, 3715; ewes & lambs 503 = 5113
	Unsold - do 486; do 173; do 110 = 769
	<u>Total exhibited = 5882</u>
Cattle:	Sold - Heifers, 2094; bullocks, 1678; Cows, 166; Calves, 192; bulls, 0 = 4130
	Unsold - do 1004; do 570; do 104; do 124; do 2 = 1804
	<u>Total exhibited = 5934</u>

Mr. Shine proposed and it was ordered unanimously that implements required for Fire Station be provided viz pick, spade, hatchet, hammer etc

Adjourned to Monday to Thursday 8th instant, to consider report from Mr. J. Egan as to fitting up an office for the Clerk, and other matters.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Monday, 8th June, 1896

Adjourned meeting.

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, Patrick Mac Hugh, Francis Meagher, and John Cunnelly.

The following, handed in, was read:-

"Specification for alterations in Town Hall W.C. &c:-  
Remove partitions, W.C., lavatory-basins, urinal and all unnecessary piping; repair floor where required; repair walls and ceiling and whiten same.

Thomas Egan.

"To the Town Commissioners.

"I hereby agree to execute the foregoing specification for the sum of one pound seventeen shillings and six pence".

Thomas Egan.

Mr. Egan's tender was accepted unanimously, the articles removed from the W.C. to continue the Board's property.

Mr. Shine proposed and the Chairman (Mr. Cullin) seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Michael P. Kelly, one of our leading Citizens and beg to tender to Mrs. Kelly and family the expression of our sincere

sympathy in their sad affliction".

Proposed by Mr. Shine, seconded by the Chairman (Mr. Cullin) and passed unanimously -

"That we respectfully request the Board of Guardians to appoint Mr. J. Kelly to the post of Caretaker of Swan Cemetery rendered vacant by the lamented death of her husband. We are aware that owing to his ill health she has for the past few years performed the duties attendant on the office, these duties she performed to the entire satisfaction of the public."

It was agreed to request Mr. J. Egan to report at next monthly meeting of the Board as to fitness of breaking out windows on rear of Town Hall for the purpose of ventilation etc

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday, 6th July, 1896

Monthly meeting:

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, James J. Begley, Edward G. Guy, and John Cunningham.

The minutes of the last meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account was laid before the Board showing a balance due to the Bank, £114.13.0.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

There were two tenders for contract to paint doors and windows of the Town Hall: One from Brett Bros. Pallinrobe at £17; the other from William Stockwell at £6.17.6

Mr. Stockwell's tender was unanimously accepted, he to enter a bond with two sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract within six weeks of date of the acceptance of the tender.

There were two tenders for contract to repair and adjust the beam and scales of the Crane in the market square viz Michael Burke's at 10% for adjusting the beam and 15% per cwt for new iron scales; and John Silk's at £5 for making a pair of new iron pans and sharpening the beam bearings, also cleaning the beam and that of the Crane in use at the Potato Market.

Mr. Silk's tender was accepted.

There were two tenders to supply a watering cart for sprinkling streets, viz one from Messrs Peter & Hanagan & Son Duam and one from Messrs McKeuzie & Sons Dublin, each accompanied with illustration of Cart.

Both tenders were adjourned till some member of the Board goes to Dublin and inspects the specimens offered.

Mr. Shine proposed according to notice and Mr. Guy seconded "that a Gas lamp be erected on Tullinadaly road adjoining Fair Green, one on Old road, one on Ballypaddy road adjoining Mr. Hayes', and one at the Skuffawu near Railway Station.

Passed unanimously, a Committee of the Board to fix the points whereat to erect the lamps.

The following letter was read from Mr. Hoesty which was ordered to be inserted in the minutes :-

"The Square, Tuam.

"Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your letter enclosing resolution of the Town Commissioners and would thank you to convey to the members of your Board my sincere thanks for their kind expressions of sympathy to me and my family in my sad bereavement. Very truly yours

"A Hoesty."

"John Elym Esq, Tuam.

The following, received from Mr. Potter, Skibberen, was proposed by Mr. Shine seconded by the Chairman and unanimously adopted :-

"That we respectfully but earnestly ask Mr. Palfour to introduce into his Land Bill, a clause empowering Corporations in Ireland to procure parks or recreation grounds, so essential for the health of the people, and the general advancement of towns and cities. We believe this desirable end can be easily accomplished by the introduction of a Compulsory clause in the Bill enabling Corporations to compel landlords to sell suitable sites for the purpose, such sites to vary in size from fifty to three hundred acres, according to the population of the town or city seeking the accommodation. The purchase, we consider, should be effected on the same terms and on the same principle as farmers procure loans for the purchase of their holdings. Such a clause in the Land Bill, the Commissioners believe, would confer great advantages on Irish towns, and be accepted with gratitude by the working classes and the town population generally. That we also request our County members, and the Irish members generally to give this suggestion their earnest consideration. That our clerk be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Palfour and the leading Irish members."

Colonel O'Hara's report on audit of the Board's accounts for year 1894-5 was read as follows :-

"Town Commissioners of Tuam - Copy of report on account for year, 29 Sep 1895  
To the Secretary Local Government Board Ireland, Lenaboy, Galway, 17 June 1896.

"Township valuation £3777.5.5.  
No rate made.

"Sir, - I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the year ended the 29 Sep 1895 and to submit herewith abstract of same, duly certified by me in the usual manner. There is nothing in the account calling for special observations: the books appear well kept and regularly posted and were put before me for audit in a clear and satisfactory manner. The maintenance of the roads having been taken over by the County, there will be full opportunity for the Town Commissioners to reduce the amount due to the Treasurer at foot of this account. The amount for printing and advertising appears high but it is accounted for by the second election which was found necessary. Have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant

"J O'Hara, Auditor."

To the Secretary Local Government Board, Ireland.

It was ordered that the Clerk's application for necessary furniture for his office be included in circular for next monthly meeting.

The Board adjourned to Monday 13th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman.

Monday, 13th July, 1896

Adjourned meeting.

No Commissioners attended.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Calkin Chairman.

Monday, 3rd August, 1896

Monthly meeting.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Calkin (Chairman of the Board) Francis Meagher and Michael C. Shine.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock pm. on the motion of Mr. Shine

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman.

Adjourned meeting was held at 6 o'clock pm. Monday 3rd August 1896

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Calkin (Chairman of the Board) M.C. Shine, John MacPurpin, Michael Higgins, James J. Wesley and Francis J. MacCormack.

Mr. MacCormack signed his declaration as a Commissioner and proposed the following resolution which, seconded by Mr. Shine, was passed unanimously :-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby express our deep and heartfelt regret at the death of Mr. P. J. Conway, solicitor to the Board for over a quarter century, and tender to his family our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction which has befallen them, and that as a mark of respect to his memory, we now adjourn without transacting any business. Copies of this to be sent to Mrs Conway, Miss Conway, Mr. William Quinn, Dr. John Conway, Rev Brother Joseph Conway and Mr. Patrick J. H. Conway."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Calkin Chairman.



Monday, 10th August, 1896

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting of the Board was held today:—

Tuam, 6th August, 1896.

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, 10th instant, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly business, of co-opting a member in room of Mr. P. J. Lynch who has resigned his position as a Commissioner, and of considering proposition to provide furniture for the Clerk's office."

"Patrick Culkim C.T.C.

"M. Gaggins,

"Thomas Munroe,

"John Connelly,

"John MacPhilpin."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Culkim (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Munroe, James J. Begley, Michael Gaggins, John MacPhilpin, Francis Meagher, John Cunningham, James Commins, Edward G. Guy, Francis J. MacLormack and John Connelly.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank, £34.13.11.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The following letter was read:—

"Vicar Street, Tuam, August 3rd 1896.

To John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam.

"Dear Sir, — Will you kindly lay this my resignation of my seat at your Board before the Commissioners at their next meeting and express my regret that I am unable to devote the necessary time to the proper discharge of the duties of the office and beg to thank the Commissioners individually and collectively for the honour paid me by their unanimous vote. Believe me yours truly,

"Patrick J. Lynch."

Mr. Begley proposed and Mr. Commins seconded that Mr. J. A. Egan, Dublin-road, be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. P. J. Lynch's resignation.

Mr. Gaggins proposed and Mr. MacPhilpin seconded that Mr. Thomas Hatley Bishop Street be co-opted for the vacancy.

There votes for Mr. Egan — Messrs Commins and Begley (2); for Mr. Hatley — Messrs MacPhilpin, MacLormack, Gaggins, Cunningham and Munroe (5).

Mr. Hatley was declared duly co-opted as Commissioner in room of Mr. P. J. Lynch.

The following correspondence was read:—

"Irish Office, Old Queen-st, London,  
"14th July, 1896.

"Sir, — The Chief Secretary desires me to acknowledge your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a resolution adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners with reference to recreation grounds for towns.

Yours faithfully —

"J. A. Grant.

"John Glynn Esq."

"House of Commons, 14th July, 1896

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam.

"Sir, — I have received your letter of the 15th instant enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners with reference to parks and recreation grounds for Irish towns. The object aimed at in the resolution has my warmest sympathy, and shall gladly support any proposal for carrying into effect the wishes of the Town Commissioners.

"Yours sincerely —

"John Dillon."

"At a public meeting held in Oughterard on Sunday, the 19th inst, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"(1) That we pledge our support and sympathy to the Rev Father McDonogh P.P. in the vexatious and anti Catholic proceedings instituted against him by one of his parishioners for the fearless discharge of his duty as our pastor.

"(2) That a defence fund be opened and that his friends and the general public be invited to co-operate.

"(3) That a Committee be formed consisting of the promoters of this meeting with Messrs P. A. Joyce and M. Houlihan as Treasurers and Rev P. A. Francis and Mr. W. Donnellan as Secretaries.

"Your Co-operation is respectfully solicited.

(Signed)

"P. A. Francis, C.C. } Non-Secretaries."  
"W. Donnellan. }

"Oughterard, 22nd July, 1896.

Mr. Gaggins proposed, Mr. Cunningham seconded and it was unanimously carried — "That this Board are in thorough sympathy with Rev Father McDonogh and adopt in toto the resolutions passed at the Oughterard meeting on the 19th ultimo."

"24 Rutland Square, Dublin, July 27th 1896.

"Dear Sir, — Under the Constitution adopted for the summoning of the Convention of the Irish Race to assemble in Dublin on the 1st 2nd and 3rd September next, Nationalist members of public bodies are entitled to be present, and I have therefore much pleasure in inviting you to take part in the proceedings. The Convention will be composed of Nationalists of all shades who will confer on the best means to be adopted in the future to advance the cause of Irish liberty. On hearing from you that you intend to be present, I shall forward you a card of admission. Yours faithfully —

"David Shesley."

"Patrick Culkim Esq, C.T.C., Tuam."

Consideration of the letter was adjourned.

On the motion of Mr MacPhiepin the Board unanimously empowered the Chairman to procure for the Clerk's office whatever furniture may be required viz table, desk, press, shelves, chairs, stove &c

The Clerk was directed to convene a meeting of the Board for Thursday 20th August to revise the schedule of the Tolls and Customs and to fix a day for next letting of same.

Mr MacPhiepin proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was ordered unanimously that the Clerk issue advertisement inviting candidates for the office of Solicitor to the Board rendered vacant by the death of Mr P J Conway their late Solicitor, applications to be considered at the monthly meeting 7th September next.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullhin Chairman.

Tuesday, 11th August, 1896.

A meeting had been summoned pursuant to the following requisition:-  
"Inam, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896.

"To Mr John Glynn Town Clerk, -

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday 11th August for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of the Board this being necessary in consequence of Mr Conway's death preventing the business being transacted to-day

"Michael C Shine J.C.

"E. J. Gray J.C.

"James J Begley J.C.

"John Connelly J.C.

"Thomas Munroe J.C."

No Commissioners attended

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullhin Chairman.

Thursday, 20th August, 1896.

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held today:-  
"Inam, 17th August, 1896.

"To Mr John Glynn Town Clerk, Inam.

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next, 20th instant, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of revising the schedule of the Tolls and Customs of the Town, and of fixing a day for the letting of the same for the ensuing year; and of appointing delegates to the Nationalist Convention to be held in Dublin

Dublin 1st September next; also, of adopting a resolution with reference to changes about to be made in the train service, calculated to be injurious to Inam.

"Patrick Cullhin, C.C.,

"John Connelly,

"Thomas Munroe,

"Francis Meagher."

"E. J. Gray."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Cullhin (Chairman of the Board) Edward J Gray, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, James J Begley, and Thomas Munroe.

The schedule of Tolls and Customs for the current year which see at page 190, was adopted without a change for year '96-'97 and placards of it were ordered to be posted up in conspicuous parts of the town.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gray and unanimously agreed to by the Board that the following clause be inserted in advertisement of the next letting of the Tolls and Customs:-

"The Commissioners reserving to themselves all control over the fairs and markets and their respective sites with power to make any change in same that may to them seem advisable and to use the ground of the Plate market for any purpose they may consider necessary".

It was also unanimously agreed that Monday the 14th of September prox be fixed for the letting of the Tolls and Customs for the ensuing year.

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Begley seconded that the Chairman and the Town Clerk be asked to go to Dublin to see and report on watering carts tendered the Board by Messrs McKenzie and others, and also to procure furniture & books, &c for the Clerk's office and that they both be paid their train fares and personal expenses viz £4 (four pounds) each

Passed unanimously.

Mr Begley proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that Mr John MacPhiepin J.C. be appointed delegate to the Convention of the Irish Race to be held in Dublin on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd September prox.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Connelly, seconded by Mr Munroe, and unanimously passed that the Chairman, Mr Patrick Cullhin, be appointed delegate to the Convention.

The Town Clerk also, on the motion of Mr Munroe seconded by Mr Meagher, was appointed delegate to the Convention.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:-

"That we the Inam Town Commissioners of Inam, beg leave respectfully to bring under the notice of the Directors of the Midland Great Western Railway that changes are about to be made in the train service by Inam, which may have a most injurious effect on that town. These changes are made on the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway by the Grand Jury of the County of Mayo because the present train arrangements do not give the County the facilities agreed on and for which that County pays a large annual sum. The train takes one hour and twenty minutes

minutes to travel between Claremorris and Athlone and as the Midland train does not arrive at Claremorris until 9.35 it would be impossible to reach Athlone by 10.32 in time to catch the up train from Galway to Dublin as it does, at present, and which train is of immense advantage to Tuam people. We therefore hope that your Board will modify their present arrangements so as to give the Waterford and Limerick sufficient time to catch the up train from Galway to Dublin, and enable them to continue the present connection with the morning train to Dublin. Copy of this to be forwarded to Secretary Midland Great Western Railway and Hon R H Nugent, Director.

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby respectfully request the Directors of the Waterford Limerick & Western Railway to take into consideration the great inconvenience to which the district of Tuam is subjected by the discontinuance of the evening train which used to arrive in Tuam at 9.30 from Athlone, conveying hither business people leaving Dublin by the 4.30 pm and trust the directors will again, as heretofore, run the train referred to and thus oblige the people of Tuam and its surroundings who are among the Company's best friends and supporters." Copy to be sent to P B Bernard Esq D L Chairman of the Company and to the Secretary.

The following resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Guy was passed unanimously:—

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, at this our first opportunity, express our most heartfelt regret at the premature demise of Mr Dowling wife of our respected townsman Dr J E Dowling JP once a member of this Board, and daughter of the late Dr Thomas Bodkin, an esteemed old Tuam man who was not only a member but also chairman of our body for years and that we tender to Dr Dowling and the relatives of the deceased lady, our sincerest sympathy in the sad affliction which has befallen them. Copy to be sent to Dr Dowling, Mrs Dr Kelly, Mrs Dr McDonogh, Mr M M Bodkin, Q C, Mr Jurell McDonnell, Mr Thomas McDonogh and Mr Joseph P McDonogh."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday, 7th September, 1896.

Monthly meeting.

Commissioners present — Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Francis J Mac Cormack, Thomas Hatty, John MacPhiepin, Thomas Munroe, John Cunningham, Michael Goggin, James J Begley, Francis Meagher, Michael C Shive, Patrick McHugh, Edward J Guy and James Commins.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank, £194.8.6.

The Finance business was adjourned to Monday 14th instant.

Mr C Shive proposed, Mr Mac Cormack seconded and it was passed unanimously:— "That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby express our deepest

regret at the death of Mrs MacHugh, mother of our respected Colleague, Mr Patrick MacHugh and tender to him our sincerest sympathy in his sad bereavement."

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for the Tuam September Fair at a remuneration of 15/6 each.

The following applications for the office of solicitor to the Board were read:—

"Tuam, 20th day of August 1896  
Gentlemen — I beg to apply for the position of solicitor to your Board in succession to my legal partner the late Mr Conway, who acts as your solicitor for, I believe, upwards of a quarter of a century. For some years past, as you are aware, my partner had been in failing health, and the business of the office including that of your Board necessarily devolved on me for its execution. I am, therefore, no stranger to the position and I have every confidence in stating that if I succeed in obtaining the appointment, being familiar with its duties, I shall give satisfaction. I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,  
John Quinn  
The Chairman and Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners."

"Tuam Co. Galway, 7th day of September 1896.  
To the Chairman and members of the Tuam Town Board  
Gentlemen — I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office of solicitor to your Board, rendered vacant by the death of Mr P D Conway.  
Yours obediently,  
Francis J Mac Cormack."

Mr Begley proposed and Mr Commins seconded that Mr John Quinn be appointed solicitor to the Board.

Proposed by Mr Goggin and seconded by Mr MacPhiepin that Mr Francis J Mac Cormack be appointed solicitor to the Board.

There votes for Mr Begley's proposition:— Messrs McDonogh, Commins, MacHugh, ~~Shive~~ Shive and Begley (4)

For Mr Goggin's proposition:— Messrs Meagher, Goggin, Cunningham, Munroe, MacPhiepin and Hatty (6)

Messrs Guy, Mac Cormack, and the Chairman declined to vote.

Mr Mac Cormack was declared duly appointed to the office of solicitor to the Board.

The following letters were read:— "Park Cottage, Eyre Court,  
August 31st 1896.

"Dear Sir, — Kindly permit me to ask you to return my very sincere thanks for me to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the more than kind and sympathetic vote of condolence tendered to our sorrowful family on the truly sad occasion of the early death of our darling sister, Mrs Dowling. The graceful manner in which our dearly beloved departed father is remembered by that Board and the kindly words spoken of him in the vote of sympathy has been indeed a great consolation through a sad one, to us now in

our affliction. Again assuring you of my most grateful thanks.  
"Yours sincerely —"  
"Christina Kelly."

"P. Bulkin Esq., 85 B, Tuam."

"Castlane House, Tuam,  
"23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1896."

"My dear Mr. Glynn — Kindly convey to the Tuam Commissioners, my very sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy with me and my family in our recent bereavement, and believe me, yours faithfully."

"John E. Dowling."

"J. Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam."

"9, Hardwick Place Dublin  
"August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1896"

"Dear Sir, — We beg to acknowledge your favour of 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, enclosing copy of resolution from your Board in reference to our dear father the late Mr. P. J. Conway Solicitor, and we desire to return them our most sincere thanks for their very thoughtful token of respect to his memory. We are, gentlemen, yours faithfully,"

"Marcella Conway,  
"Madeline Quinn."

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk,"

"Castle Hacket, Tuam,  
"23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1896."

"Dear Sir, — I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 20<sup>th</sup> and copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Commissioners, of Tuam on that day with reference to the evening train from Athlery in connection with the requirements of ~~the~~ system 4.30 from Dublin. As far as we can, consistently with the requirements of our system generally and without loss to the Company, we are anxious to meet the views of the Tuam people."

yours faithfully —

"Percy D. Bernard."

"J. Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam."

"Dublin, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1896."

"Sir, — With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant transmitting copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Commissioners of Tuam at their meeting on same day, relative to alterations in the train service in connection with Tuam proposed to be made by the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway Company. I am desirous to say that my Board disapprove of any alterations which would cause this company to change their present train service arrangements, which were adopted after full consideration and incurring considerable expenses. I am, Sir, your obedient servant —

"Geo. Wm. Grene, Secretary."

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam"

"Newpark House, Kilmacogue  
"Co. Kildare, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 1896"

"Mrs. McDonogh requests the Clerk will kindly convey to the Chairman and members of the Tuam Town Commissioners her very sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of her dear sister Mrs. Dowling."

"Glencoe House, Dussmore"

"Gentlemen — I am extremely obliged for the kind resolution of condolence regarding the death of my dear aunt and I fully appreciate the good feeling that prompted it but it is only in keeping with the friendly spirit that has always existed between our family and the Tuam people. Again thanking you, believe me yours faithfully —

"Ina McDonnell."

27-8-1896

A letter ~~was~~ read from inhabitants of Bishop street having been read requesting the Board to erect a gas lamp at Gurrans road, Bishop street,

Mr. Shine gave the following notice:—  
"Take notice that I will propose at the next monthly meeting that the application of the inhabitants of Bishop street be acceded to and that a lamp be erected near Gurrans road."

Remainder of the business was adjourned to Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1896

A meeting was held today pursuant to adjournment on 7<sup>th</sup> instant and to resolution of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

Commissioners present — Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, J. Connelly, James J. Depley, John MacPhelipin Thomas Hatley and Thomas Munroe.

Orders were read as follows:—

"Tuam, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1896."

"To the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners,

"Gentlemen — I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896 to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1897 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of six hundred pounds (£600). I offer for my sureties for the faithful performance of same Mr. Francis Keane Dublin road Tuam merchant and Mr. Patrick Ambro of Claretuam, farmer. Your obedient servant —

"Lawrence Burke, Tuam."

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become sureties for Mr. Lawrence Burke for the above."

"Francis Keane, Dublin road, Tuam  
"Patrick Ambro, Claretuam."

"Tuam, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1896."

"The Chairman the Tuam Town Commissioners,

"Gentlemen, — I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896 to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1897 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of £625.0.0. I offer for my sureties for the faithful fulfillment of same Mr. John Tierney of Belmont and Mr. Michael Hamill of High street Tuam. I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant, —

"Thomas Nolan."

"We, the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above —

"John Tierney, Belmont  
"Michael Hamill, High st, Tuam."

The advertisement was read as follows:—

"Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam, from the 29th of September 1896 to the 28th of September 1897 to be let at a special of the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners on Monday, 14th September next:

"The terms 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 paid ~~pay~~ 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 day of January 1897; the second on the 10th March; the third on the 10th May; the fourth on the 4th July; and the fifth on 10th September in the same year.

"The tenders and sums offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, will be received in the letter box of the 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 revised schedule of the Tolls and Customs etc payable within the Borough can be seen on application to the Clerk.

"Possession will be given on the 29th September next, the Commissioners reserving to themselves all control over the fairs and markets and their respective sites with power to make any change in same that may to them seem advisable, and to use the ground of the Potato market for any purpose they may consider necessary. The Commissioners also to reserve to themselves, as usual the keys of all the doors and gates of the several market sites, weigh house etc, with the lock of any of which the Toll Farmer is by no means to interfere nor with any board bearing advertisement exhibited in any part of said sites, neither is he to charge toll or custom for any such advertisement board.

"The tenders will be considered on conditions that parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whomsoever may be appointed by them as to the solvency of sureties.

"By order,

"John Glynn, "Town Clerk."

"Office, Town Improvement Commissioners  
"Tuam, 20th August, 1896."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Connelly seconded that Mr Nolan's tender be accepted.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter was read:—

"Tuam, Co Galway,  
"10th day of September, 1896.  
"To John Glynn Esq, Clerk, Tuam Town Commissioners.  
Dear Sir, — Having been appointed solicitor to the Board, I would thank you to place my resignation as a Commissioner before the next meeting and oblige  
"Yours very truly —  
"Francis J MacDonnack."

Accepted.

Cheques were ordered for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book but not signed.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullen (Chairman)

Thursday, 14th September, 1896.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held to-day:—

"Tuam, 14th September, 1896.

Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam, —

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Town Board for Thursday next, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of signing all the cheques ordered to-day.

"Patrick Cullen, C.T.C.,

"J Connelly

"James J Begley

"James Commis

"John Cunningham"

Commissioners present — Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shinn, John Connelly, John MacPhelipin and Michael Higgins.

The cheques were signed accordingly.

The following tender for the printing and advertising contract, prepared by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Connelly, was accepted unanimously, same to date from the termination of Mr Kelly's contract for 1895-'96, viz: 2nd Sept 1896.

"21 Great Charles street,  
"Mountjoy Square, Dublin,  
"Sept-13, 1896.

"Gentlemen, — I propose in accordance with the terms of your advertisement to publish all your advertisements in "Tuam Herald" and "Tuam News" newspapers, and to print all the usual work required by your Board for the ensuing year as formerly for the sum of £23. I enclose sureties.  
Yours faithfully

"Richard J Kelly, "Tuam Herald."

"The Chairman and Board of Town Commissioners, Tuam.

"We agree to become sureties for Mr R Kelly's due fulfilment of the Contract for printing and advertising in "Herald" and "News" for Tuam Town Board for next ensuing year

"Signed

"Thomas Fahy,  
"Robert Farrell."

The advertisement was as follows:—

"Notice is hereby given that the Town Board Commissioners will at their meeting to be held on Monday 7th September next, consider tenders from persons willing to do all the advertising and printing of every description required by the Board (except Crane tickets) for one year from 7th September 1896 to 7th September 1897. Tenders endorsed "tender for printing and advertising" and enclosing consent in their own handwriting of two solvent persons 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. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

"By order,

"Town Commissioners' office  
"Inam Aug 18, 1896."

"John Cllym, "Town Clerk."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine Chairman.

Monday, 5th October, 1896.

Monthly meeting.

There was not a quorum, only three Commissioners attended viz Messrs Patrick Culkine (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine and John Connelly.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr Culkine, to Monday 12th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkine Chairman.

Monday, 12th October, 1896

Adjourned monthly meeting.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culkine (Chairman of the Board), John Connelly, Edward G. Guy, Francis Meagher, John MacSheehan, and John Cunningham.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £104. 8.6 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries (and other claims as per Finance Book amongst which were cheques to the Chairman and the Clerk £4 each their expenses to, in, and from Dublin pursuant to resolution passed on 20th August last (vide page 222)

The following letter was read from Very Rev Dean Townsend:-

"The Deanery, Inam, Oct 1st 1896.  
"Dear Sir,- I write in behalf of the Congregation attending St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday evenings to ask the Town Commissioners to allow the lamp on the Cathedral avenue to be lighted as formerly on these evenings. Your kind Compliments will much oblige the Congregation and yours, very truly -  
"Wm. C. Townsend  
"Dean &c."

"To the Chairman of the Inam Town Commissioners."

Mr James M. Donnell Contractor for Gas, attended at request of the Board and agreed to put the lamp referred to in proper order for £1 and to light it on the evenings named for £1.50 per annum.

A report was read from the Town Inspector, Mr. M. Hugh, as follows:-

"Town Hall, 5th Oct, 1896.

"Gentlemen, - I beg to report to you that the state of the streets on Sunday morning is bad owing to their not being cleaned after the Saturday market. The Sewer at rear of Mr Munn's house in Shop street is flooded when rain falls. The fish dealers having refused to leave the streets I request to be informed as to what steps I may take regarding them. The stone step from the Crossing at Mr. McDonnell's Dublin Road is dangerous and should be looked after, and also the stone step at Mr. M. Kelly's Waterlaid. New flags are required to be put down in parts of the town and the channels in several places want badly to be repaired. I am gentlemen yours etc  
"B. M. Hugh."

The Clerk was directed to have notice served of application to the Parochial Board for presentment to repair the street channels, to write to the Board of Guardians about the state of the sewer in Shop street and to the County Surveyor about the stone steps and the Inspector was directed to prosecute fish dealers refusing to leave the streets.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Meagher, Mr John MacSheehan was appointed unanimously to act Returning Officer at the next election of Town Commissioners.

It was ordered to advertise for Contractor to paint 42 town lamps, posts, brackets and crosses, the metal railing of the Bridge in Shop street, two doors of Meat Market two gates of Potato Market, and two gates of Fish Market, - all to get two coats best oil and colour.

It was also ordered to invite tenders for supplying (to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Weights and Measures) two new iron pans, each with three cross bars, for Crane at Potato Market.

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dewyer were appointed Enumerators for the October Sheep and Cattle fairs, the remuneration to be the same as last year.

The following letter was read:-  
"Lavallo 1519, Buenos Aires, 11. 9. 96

"Patrick Culkine Esq &c

"Inam Town Commissioners:

"Dear Mr Culkine - Please accept the expression of my heartfelt thanks to you

and your brother Commissioners for the sympathy expressed at your monthly meeting of 7th ult with our family in the loss of my beloved father and also for the mark of respect shewn to his memory by the adjournment of your Board on the occasion. Faithfully yours  
 "P. S. H. Conway."

Mr. Shine's notice "to move that the application of the inhabitants of Bishop street be acceded to and that a lamp be erected near Gurrane's road," fell through no commissioners proposing it

Mr. John Butler, Assistant Cranes, wrote complaining that on 10th instant while weighing at the Market Crane he was obstructed, abused, and threatened with personal violence by Patrick Hessim of Ballymote.

A Circular was received from Mr. J. Harrington to the effect that any members of the Board desiring to attend the Independent National Convention to be held in the Rotunda Dublin on the 12th October could procure cards of admission on application to the office, Irish National League.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Josiah Keogh Chairman.

Election of Commissioners, 1896.

Annexed are true copies of Notices duly posted up:-

"Notice to the Electors of the Borough of Inam.

"Being Town Clerk of the said Borough am now in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871 about to prepare a list of all persons qualified to vote for the forthcoming Election of Town Commissioners for the Borough of Inam. A preparatory list of persons (who appear from the evidence at my disposal) qualified to vote is now ready and can be seen at this office on any day between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. up to and including the 25th inst. Any person having an objection to make to the name of any person being retained on this list or any person whose name is not on this list claiming to have his name inserted thereon is hereby required to send me a notice in writing stating the grounds of said objection or claim as the case may be on or before the 25th instant.

"John Glynn  
 "Town Clerk"

"Town Commissioners office,  
 "Inam, 21st Sept, 1896."

"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 an Election of Five Commissioners will be held for the Borough of Inam on the 15th day of October 1896 in 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 description.
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 15th day of October 1896.  
 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            18

Signed

"5. That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 12th day of October, 1896.

"Dated this 1st day of October 1896.

"By order,

"John Glynn,  
 "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 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 which nominated
Costello	Thomas B	Bishop street, Inam	Medical Doctor	Rev Patrick Forde CC
Culkin	Patrick	Shop street, Inam	Merchant	Francis Meagher
Flaherty	Thomas	Bishop street, Inam	Blacksmith	Patrick Culkin
Dyons	Patrick	Shop street, Inam	Merchant	Rev Patrick Forde CC
O'Connor	Patrick	Bishop street, Inam	Victualler	Thomas Munroe
Shine	Michael B	Bishop street, Inam	Merchant & Victu	Francis Keane

"The poll will take place on Thursday, the 15th day of October, 1896, at 8 o'clock a.m.

"Signed,

"John Glynn  
 "Town Clerk."

"Town Hall, 13th day of October, 1896."

Notice

"Take notice that at the Election of Towns Improvement Commissioners in and for the Borough of Tuam the 15th day of October 1896 the following candidates were elected Commissioners and received the number of votes opposite their names: -

Names of parties elected				Number of votes
Costello	Thomas B,	Bishop street	Tuam	45
Culkin	Patrick	Shop street	Tuam	42
Flaherty	Thomas	Bishop street	Tuam	39
Lyons	Patrick	Shop street	Tuam	43
Shine	Michael C	Bishop street	Tuam	40

"The votes received by the remaining candidate are as follows: -

O'Connor	Patrick	Bishop street	Tuam	votes
				37

"(Signed)

"John MacPhillipin,  
Returning Officer."

"Tuam, 15th day of October, 1896."

I, Thomas B Costello, 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 net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1896

Thomas Bodkin Costello

Witness

Patrick Culkin

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 net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0.

Subscribed before me this

2 day of Dec. 1896

Patrick Culkin

Witness

Francis Magner

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 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 net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this

7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1896

Thomas Flaherty

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 net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0

Subscribed before me this

2 day of Dec 1896

Patrick Lyons

Witness

Francis Magner

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 net annual value or upwards of £4.0.0.

Subscribed before me this

2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec 1896

Michael C Shine

Witness

Francis Magner



Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1896

Monthly meeting. Commissioners present - Messrs Francis Meagher, J. J. Begley, E. G. Guy, Michael Goggins, John Connelly, Patrick Culklin, M. C. Shine, and Patrick Lyons.

On the motion of Mr. Goggins seconded by Mr. Connelly which was passed unanimously, Mr. Meagher took the chair for the time being.

Messrs Culklin, Lyons, and Shine signed their respective declarations as Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Connelly proposed that Mr. Culklin be elected Chairman to continue to hold such office till the usual annual meeting (19<sup>th</sup> instant)

Mr. Goggins seconded the proposition which was passed, Mr. Shine dissenting.

The chair was then vacated by Mr. Meagher and taken by Mr. Culklin.

The Treasurer's account was submitted showing a balance <sup>against in favour of</sup> the Board of £0.18.10.

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The following letter was read:-

"Iruam, 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1896.

"To the Inam Towns Improvement Commissioners -  
Gentlemen, - In compliance with instructions received from the administrators of the late Mr. P. J. Conway solicitor I enclose particulars of law costs due by your Board, amount £124.9.8. I have been requested by my clients to ask for an early settlement of this account to enable them to close the administration.  
I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,  
John Quinn".

Mr. Guy proposed and Mr. Goggins seconded that said bill of law costs be taxed

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Shine proposed, Mr. Goggins seconded and it was passed unanimously that in future the Board's solicitor shall furnish his law costs account every six months.

Mr. Guy proposed and Mr. Shine seconded - "That the Constabulary be requested to assist in keeping cattle from obstructing thoroughfare in front of hotel in the Square".

Passed unanimously, copy of the resolution to be sent to Mr. Moore & Co.

Mr. John Silk tendered to make a pair of iron scales for Potato Market to the satisfaction of the Commissioners and such gentlemen as might inspect them - for the sum of £3.0.0

Accepted unanimously.

It was ordered unanimously that the Chairman of the Board procure three ladders suitable for use in case of fire outbreak in the town.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Guy seconded:- "That we condemn the action of the 'Daily Independent', 'Freeman's Journal' and 'Irish Times' newspapers for not reporting our great October fair as fully as they did the Ballinacree fair which is not of more importance."

Passed unanimously.

The Enumerators' returns of the October Sheep and Cattle fairs were read as follows:-

Sheep :-	Wethers	Ewes	Hopets	Lambs	Rams	Total
Sold	6718	4624	5036	1326	56	= 17760
Unsold	1584	581	1691	702	18	= 4576
Total	8302	5205	6727	2028	74	= 22336

Cattle :-	Heifers	Bullocks	Cows	Calves	Bulls	Total
Sold	3406	3130	60	96	0	= 6692
Unsold	1711	986	58	128	3	= 2886
Total	5117	4116	118	224	3	= 9578

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Culklin Chairman

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 1896

A Special meeting.

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Culklin (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Munroe, James J. Begley, James Commins, Francis Meagher, M. C. Shine, Michael Goggins, Edward G. Guy and Patrick McCaugh.

Resolutions were unanimously passed as follows:-

(1) Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Goggins:- "That we the Inam Town Commissioners at this a specially convened meeting of our body hereby express our most heartfelt regret at the death of our solicitor Mr. J. J. Mac Cormack and sincerest condolence with his family in their sad bereavement."

(2) Proposed by Munroe and seconded by Mr. Meagher:- "That copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mr. Mac Cormack, Charles Mac Cormack, Dr. Charles Mac Cormack, Most Rev. Dr. Mac Cormack and Thomas Mac Cormack J.P."

(3) Proposed by Mr. Guy and seconded by Mr. Commins:—"That a wreath with an appropriate inscription be procured and sent to the relatives to be placed on the coffin of the late Mr. Francis J. Mac Cormack, our solicitor, as a mark of our deep regret for his sad and untimely death."

(4) Proposed by Mr. Shine and adopted that the inscription be as follows:—"From the Inam Town Commissioners as a sorrowful token of respect for their solicitor, Mr. F. J. Mac Cormack, one known and highly respected by the public at large."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Thursday, 19th Nov, 1896.

Annual meeting for the election of Chairman for the next ensuing year,  
Commissioners present—

Messrs John Mac Philpin, Patrick Culkinn, John Cunningham, John Connelly, Michael Goggins, and Edward J. Guy.

The Town Clerk having taken the chair,

Mr. Connelly proposed that Mr. Patrick Culkinn be elected Chairman of the Board for the next ensuing year.

Mr. Guy seconded the proposition, which, having been put to the meeting, was declared unanimously passed.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 4th December, 1896

Monthly meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), James J. Begley, Dr. J. B. Costello, James Commins, Michael Goggins, Francis Meagher, Michael C. Shine, John Connelly, John Mac Philpin and Thomas Flaherty.

Dr. Costello and Mr. Flaherty signed their respective declarations as Town Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account submitted, showed a balance against the Board, £150 " 19 " 6

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

The following letters were read which on the motion of Mr. Shine seconded by the Chairman were ordered to be recorded in the minutes:—

Beech House, Tuam 13th Nov, '96

"Dear Sir, — Kindly convey to your Board my sincere thanks for their sympathy and for the expression of their regret at the death of my dear husband and for the beautiful memorial cross which they sent.

"yours truly,

"C. A. Mac Cormack."

"Mr. John Glynn."

"Athlone, 15th November, 1896

"Dear Sir, — Will you kindly convey to the members of your Board my deep and sincere thanks for their truly kind and most feeling expression of sympathy on the death of my poor brother. Truly yours —

"Charles J. Mac Cormack."

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk."

"Castlbar, Nov 14th, 1896

"John Glynn Esq Tuam —

Dear Sir, — I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter to hand this morning enclosing resolution of condolence from the Town Commissioners regarding the death of my poor nephew. Will you kindly convey to them on the part of his father and myself our most grateful thanks, it is consoling even in our great affliction to know the respect he was held in. Believe me, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

"Thomas Mac Cormack."

"Mount St. Mary's, Galway  
15th Nov, 1896.

"Dear Sir, — I beg you will do me the favour of conveying to the Inam Town the expression of my deep and lasting gratitude for their resolution of condolence with the family of the late Mr. F. J. Mac Cormack. The Commissioners gave proof of their esteem for him by electing him as their solicitor, and now they confirm that testimony by another act of good will, the resolution of sympathy on the sad occasion of his death. I am, dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

"F. J. Mac Cormack  
Bishop of Galway &c

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk."

The following resolution forwarded by the Drogheda Corporation was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr. Shine seconded by Mr. Mac Philpin:—

"That inasmuch as the important Committee appointed by the present Government to inquire into the financial relations existing between Great Britain and Ireland have brought in their report showing that this Country has been robbed by excessive taxation to the enormous sum of 2 1/2 millions sterling yearly for upwards of a period of 40 years, now, we the Corporation of Drogheda representing the ratepayers of the important seaport town, call upon the Government to take such steps as will relieve Ireland of this unequal and unjust taxation and make immediate arrangements to repair in some substantial measure the great injustice done to our country."

It was proposed by Mr Shine seconded by Mr MacPhelipin and passed unanimously - "That we the Inam Board Commissioners hereby request the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Clonbrock to call public meetings to express the opinions of the County at large on excessive taxation of the County as ascertained by the Financial Relations Commission, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all the Public Boards of the County, with a request that they adopt same or one of like import."

The Solicitor's office of Solicitor to the Board being vacant owing to the lamented death of Mr J J MacCormack,

Mr Bealey proposed and Dr Costello seconded that the Board advertise for a Solicitor,

Mr Meagher moved and Mr Goffins seconded that the Board make no appointment to the office.

There votes for appointing a Solicitor - Dr Costello, Messrs Bealey, Commis, Shine, Flattery and MacPhelipin (5) Against - Messrs Goffins and Meagher (2)

Messrs Connolly and the Chairman did not vote.

The clerk was directed to issue advertisement inviting Candidates for the office of Solicitor, applications to be considered on 4th January next.

Mr MacPhelipin proposed, Mr Shine seconded and it was passed unanimously that the Chairman and the Inam Clerk sign notice prepared by Mr H J Concanan Solr re taxing the late Mr. P J Conway's Law Book account furnished by Mr John Quinn Solr.

Attention having been called to the damp state of the Board Room in rainy weather,

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Commis seconded and it was passed nem con. that Mr Robert Newman & E Gardenfield be requested to inspect the building and furnish a Specification of what is necessary to be done to prevent in future and be sufficiently ventilate the room of the room,

Mr Bealey moved and it was agreed that a Committee of the Board attend with Mr Newman while making inspection.

Mr Tho Flattery having brought under notice that on Market Days there is much obstruction and confusion in Bishop Street by crowding of Carts, it was ordered that the attention of the police be called to the matter.

At suggestion of Mr Shine it was agreed that a frame be procured for the horse reel and also a gas stove for the fire station.

It was also ordered on Mr Shine's motion that three ladders be got from Messrs Clohesy and Sempke Galway, 38 ft, 30 ft, and 20 ft, suitable for use in case of fire outbreak in town.

The following resolution passed by the Inam Board of Jurors was adopted unanimously: "That we request the Bacon merchants and pig buyers of Limerick and Waterford to refer the dispute between them to arbitration in order that the industry should no longer suffer; copies of this resolution to be sent to the merchants and the pig buyers association."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday, 4th January, 1897.

Monthly Meeting.

Mr. Patrick Cullen, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

The other Commissioners present were Messrs John MacPhelipin, Thomas Flattery, James J Bealey, Thomas Murray, Michael Goffins, Edward J Guy, Patrick Lyons, Mr Shine, John Connolly, Patrick McHugh, and J B Costello, M.D., Commis and John Cunningham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account, submitted, showed a balance of £180.10.10 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

Mr. Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded: -

"That we request the Midland Great Western Railway Co. to run a special train from Galway to Athlone on Saturday, 16th instant, to enable parties from Inam attending the meeting at Galway in reference to the Financial Relations Commission to return by the train reaching Inam at 7.30 p.m."

Passed unanimously

On motion of Mr Lyons the clerk was directed to inquire of Mr James McDonnell if he would now reduce the price of gas as he led the Board to believe when entering into a contract for the town lighting he would after a time make a reduction.

The clerk was also directed to ascertain from the Inam Victuallers what would they be willing to pay per year if stalls suitable for their business were fitted up for them in the present Meat Market.

The next business was appointment of Solicitor to the Board pursuant to advertisement in the local newspapers.

There were two applications which were read as follows: -

Inam, Co Galway, 4th day of January, 1897

"Gentlemen," I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Solicitor to your Board, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. McCormack.  
"your obedient servant,"  
"H. J. Concaun.

"The Inam Board Commissioners."

Inam, 4th day of January, 1897.

"To the Inam Board Improvement Commrs."

"Gentlemen," I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Solicitor to your Board rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Francis J. Mac Cormack  
your obedient servant -  
"John Quinn."

Mr. Depley proposed and Mr. Commins seconded that Mr. John Quinn be appointed Solicitor to the Board.

Mr. Guy proposed and Mr. Cunningham seconded that Mr. H. J. Concaun be appointed Solicitor to the Board.

These votes for Mr. Quinn - Messrs Costello, McHugh, Commins, Shine, Lyons, Munroe, and Depley (7),

and for Mr. Concaun - Messrs Connolly, Guy, Gaggins, Cullkin, Flahay, MacPhelipin, and Cunningham (7).

The Chairman, giving his casting vote, declared Mr. Concaun elected Solicitor to the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday, 1st February, 1897

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman)  
Michael L. Shine, John Connolly, Michael Gaggins, and Patrick McHugh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account showed a balance of £178.11.6 against the Board.

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book

A bill was submitted from Mr. James McDonnell, Gas Contractor, amount £143.10.8<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Gaggins seconded that a cheque on account be given Mr. McDonnell for £45 payable on 13th May next.

Passed unanimously.

The Manager Gas Works having complained that some of the street lamps were extinguished on dark nights by mischievous persons and lighted on bright nights when unnecessary,

The Clerk was directed to bring the matter under the notice of Mr. Moore, D.S., with a view to have the police on the watch in future.

Mr. McDonnell personally replying to letter written him by Direction of the Board asking if he would reduce the price of Gas said he could not at present afford doing so as he was scarcely making five per cent on his outlay on the Gas works.

The following resolution received from the Athlone Board of Guardians was proposed by Mr. Shine for adoption and seconded by Mr. McHugh:-

"That Her Majesty's Government be requested pending the consideration of the Report of the Financial Relations Commission by Parliament to bring in a bill to extend the provisions of the Agricultural Rating Act of last Session to Ireland, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Passed unanimously.

The following resolution transmitted by the Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners Association for adoption was proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Connolly:-

"Whereas, it is the conviction of this public meeting composed of men practically familiar with all aspects of the Irish Live Stock and many other trades that in order to enable the traders of Ireland to hold their own against the ever increasing volume of foreign competition, a radical change in the management of transit generally on Irish railways is imperatively needed especially in respect of live stock traffic so as to avoid delays shunting, and bruising which deteriorate the value of live stock in the British market; also, that in addition, an all-round reduction in goods, freight, and passengers is a necessity of the situation.

"Whereas, in view of the volume of complaints from traders regarding high local tariffs and low preferential through rates coupled with the diminution of Irish Commerce this public meeting request the Chief Secretary to ask Parliament to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the feasibility and desirability of the State purchase of the Irish Railways so as to work them economically for the welfare of the entire Community.

"That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded - "That we, the Inam Board Commrs urge the Government to release the few remaining Irish Political Prisoners and thus satisfy united Ireland. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Central Branch, Amnesty Association, Dublin and the Home Secretary."

Passed unanimously.

A report was submitted from Mr Robert J Kirwan, C.E., Gardenfield on the leakage in the Town Hall and ventilation of Billiard rooms etc, consideration of which was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board.

The Clerk said that he had furnished a statement to Mr Patrick Byrne of rent due by him to the Board for store and adjoining ground plot, £13.17.6 and received no reply.

The Board directed the Clerk to apply again to Mr Byrne for the debt.

A report was received from the Town Inspector on the state of the streets etc

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday, 1st March, 1897.

Monthly meeting - Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman), Michael C. Shine and John MacPhilpin.

The number being short of a quorum they adjourned, on motion of Mr Cullkin seconded by Mr Shine, to Monday 8th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday, 8th March, 1897.

Adjourned monthly meeting.

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman), John MacPhilpin, Francis Meagher, M.C. Shine, Michael Liggins, and Patrick MacHugh.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board, £198.18.10

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book.

A bill was presented from Representatives of the late Mr J. Mac Cormack Esq, per Mr P. Robert Kelly Esq, Athlone, for Law Costs, £25.0.8.

The Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of the bill and to state that the charge by the late Mr D. Conway Esq (Mr Mac Cormack's predecessor in office) for preparing lease of the Tolls and Customs was always £3.

A report on leakages in the Town Hall was received from Mr Robert J Kirwan C.E., with specification of what was necessary to be done to staunch the roof and ventilate the rooms of the building.

It was unanimously ordered to insert advertisement in the local papers, inviting tenders for the work.

Mr MacPhilpin proposed and Mr Liggins seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we, the Town Commissioners, beg to direct the attention of the Postmaster-General, when considering the intended acceleration of the mails, to the arrangement for the Town of Tuam. At present though only two miles farther from Dublin than Galway the morning mail train is timed to arrive in Tuam 29 minutes later than Galway and though the ordinary trains between Tuam and Athlone are timed to take only thirty <sup>five</sup> minutes, the mail train is timed to take 45 minutes so that a considerable saving of time can be effected. We would also point out the necessity for a train in connection with the night mail."

A communication having been read from the "98 Centenary Provisional Committee", Dublin, inviting the Chairman of the Board to membership of that Committee, Mr Shine proposed and it was agreed that he (Chairman) sign form of application for the purpose of having him enrolled as member to represent the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Thursday, 18th March, 1897

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting of the Board was held to-day:-

"Tuam, 15th March, 1897.

"To Mr John Lynam, Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday, 18th instant, for the purpose of taking steps to appear by Counsel or Solicitor before the Grand Jury on Friday next to claim refund of money expended on street cleansing in the years '94-'95.

"Patrick Cullkin, Esq.,  
"James J. Begley, Esq.,  
"John Connelley, Esq.,  
"Thomas Murrell Esq.,  
"Michael C. Shine, Esq.,  
"James Commis, Esq.,  
"Michael Liggins, Esq.,  
"E. J. Gray, Esq.,  
"Francis Meagher, Esq."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman), M.C. Shine, J. J. Begley, John MacPhilpin, and Francis Meagher.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr MacPhilpin was passed unanimously: - "That we instruct our Solicitor, Mr J J Concanon to engage Mr R J Kelly Q.C., for our application to the Grand Jury for a refund of money expended by us on street cleansing in the years '94, '95 and Mr Concanon himself to appear for the application by Messrs Patrick Cullen and Francis Meagher for presentment to re-pave 500 yards of the street channels of the town situated in the barony of Clare."

It was suggested by Mr Shine and ordered by the Board that the Clerk write to the Board of Works, stating the Town Commissioners were advised that they were entitled to a refund of income tax assessed on money paid on account of Town Hall loans.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman.

Monday, 5th April, 1897

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman), Michael O Shine, Francis Meagher, James J Deley, E J Gray and John Connelley.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank, £175.14.10.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries etc as per Finance Book

The following correspondence was read: -

"16 King Street, Athlone,  
"31 March 1897.

"Dear Sir, - Mr Mac Cormack Deceased. I am in receipt of yours of 29th inst this morning. Of course it was open to Mr Conway to make any arrangement with your Com<sup>rs</sup> that suited him but as to Mr Mac Cormack accepting the same terms or agreeing to accept them, some evidence should be given to his representative Mr Mac Cormack. There is nothing in his books to show he agreed to accept Mr Conway's terms. Would you kindly send me a copy of the resolution appointing Mr Mac Cormack Solicitor to the Board. I observe you state that you informed him of the terms, it is strange he made no entry of it or instructed his assistant Mr Murphy. I am acting for the Widow and children and am of course bound to be reasonably satisfied on the subject, so I shall be glad to hear from you. I may mention that £3 is the minimum or smallest fee allowed by the Solicitors Remuneration Act even for the commonest and shortest lease. Yours faithfully,

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Inam"

"P Robert Kelly"

"Office of Public Works, Dublin,  
"2nd April 1897.

"Sir, - Loan, Town Hall: With reference to your letter of the 29th ult I beg to state that the practice is for the Inland Revenue Com<sup>rs</sup> to allow Income Tax in respect of the interest paid to the Board and on further representation the practice will doubtless be followed in the present instance. A statement showing the interest paid will be furnished if the period be named I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"O St Braddell, Accountant."

"The Town Clerk, Inam."

The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr P Robert Kelly and to the Board of Public Works.

A printed circular was read from the Evicted Tenants' Committee inviting representatives of the Board to attend National Convention to be held in Dublin in support of the Evicted Tenants.

Mr Shine proposed Mr Deley seconded and it was carried nem con that the Chairman call a public meeting in aid of the Evicted Tenants for some Sunday that would be convenient date of same to be announced by placard

A long communication was read from Lord Hobhouse about Queen Victoria's forthcoming Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Shine proposed Mr Meagher seconded and it was carried unanimously -

"That claim £6.18.9 against each of the Belliere rooms for water service be cancelled for the reason that no agreement being made with those rooms the Board could not insist on payment; and that each Belliere room be charged £1 (one pound) per year for the water service in future, dating from 25th March 1897."

A tender was unanimously accepted from John Mc Coy for supplying lead pipes, sewer trap etc for the Clerk's office for the sum of £1.19.8

John Mc Coy tendered for contract to take down the metal pipes in the Clerk's office and erect in their stead the lead pipes supplied by him, for the sum of 17/6 (eleven shillings) the work to be subject to Mr Robert J Kerwan's approval.

Ordered -

That the Fire station and its contents be insured at the office of the Patriotic Assurance Co for the sum of £150 and that the fire station be painted by Dan Crisham

That entrances to Mr Kilgarriff's Lane, Egan's Lane, Mr Murray's gateway and Farrell's Mill be repaired and that the Town Inspectors get the work done

That notices of applications to the Sanitary Sessions be served for presentments to re-pave 500 yards of street channels, to make a paved foot way with curbstone centre at Bishop street Bridge and to make a new footpath on Dullinadaly road.

That the Clerk be provided a supply of notepaper, envelopes, pens, ink etc

That consideration of Mr Egan's tender for contract to staunch roof and ventilate rooms of the Town Hall be adjourned to Monday 12th inst and that Mr Robert J Kerwan Esq be requested to attend the meeting of the Board on that day

The Board then adjourned to Monday 12th April 1897

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen

Chairman

Monday, 12th April, 1897.

Adjourned meeting - Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen<sup>Chm</sup>, Michael C. Shine, Francis Meagher, Edward G. Guy and John Connelly.

Mr Robert S. Kirwan Esq was present by request of the Board

The advertisement in the local newspapers inviting tenders having been read,

The following tender was read: -

"Duan, April 5th, 1897.

"To the Duan Board Commissioners

"Lawn Hall Repairs.

Gentlemen, - I hereby agree to execute all the repairs according to specification to the entire satisfaction of Robert S. Kirwan Esq, Architect for the sum of Forty-eight pound sterling, detailed as follows: - Roof repairs and Ventilating Board Room £24/10/-, Breaking out for building gables and arches, supplying and fixing cut stone window sills, window frames and sashes, and repairing plastering as specified, £12; Ventilating two billiard rooms as specified 8/6 each, £8.10. Total £48.

"Thomas Egan."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -

"That the tender of Mr. Thomas Egan, Builder be accepted as read at Board meeting today for a sum of forty-three pounds (£43); two pounds (£2) additional to be allowed Mr. Egan in case the present blank window does not suit; the billiard rooms ventilation to be done immediately; the other works to be done on Board giving fourteen days notice to contractor.

Mr Egan agreed to the terms of the above resolution

Mr Connelly proposed and Mr Guy seconded the following which was carried nem con: - "That the billiard rooms pay a sum of £1 (one pound) each towards ventilation as agreed on at meeting today"

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Connelly seconded the following resolution: -

"That the Board of Guardians be requested to add to the Committee already formed in connection with Duan Sewerage the following, very Rev John Fallon President St Jarlath's College, Mr Walsh, Francis Keane, Mr C. Shine, E. G. Guy, John Connelly, James J. Begley, J. A. Flanagan, William Quinn, Michael Goggins, C. A. Blake, P. H. Nostry, and Mr J. B. Costello."

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 3rd May, 1897.

The Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Thomas Flaherty, James J. Begley, John Connelly, Michael Goggins and John Mac Philpin

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account was submitted showing a balance against the Board, £169-1-11.

Cheques were advised and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book folio 21, initialed by the Chairman.

The Town Inspector Mr. O. Mac Hugh reported that he had not paved, with cut stone centres, the entrances to Kilgarriff's Lane Bishop Street, Farrell's Mill and Mr. Munroe's yard Shop Street and recommended that the Crossing between Whyte's corner and Dwyer's and entrance to Plate Market and Crossing between Scullin's corner and Connelly's at Foster Place be paved the same way.

It was ordered that the Inspector's recommendation be carried out and that a cheque be issued him to pay cost of the paving done, viz £7.3.3.

It was ordered that the May three days fair be advertised in the three Dublin newspapers, "Freeman", "Independent", and "Irish Times" of 5th, 6th and 7th instant.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded that John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer be appointed Enumerators for the May Sheep and Cattle fairs at the remuneration of £1 (one pound) each per day.

Passed unanimously

The following resolution received from the Duan Board of Guardians was unanimously adopted: -

"That we request the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway Company to continue the market train for Galway on Saturday and Wednesday also as it will be a great loss and inconvenience to the people of the district if they cannot get market tickets to Galway."

The following letters were read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes: -

"21 Great Charles St,  
Mountjoy Square, Dublin,  
April 12th 1897.

"My dear Sir, - I am in the receipt of your letter asking me on behalf of the Board to attend as a delegate and its representative at the Convention in Dublin Mansion House upon the admitted Financial Grievances of this Tax-oppressed County. I felt greatly honoured at being chosen to represent my native town in whose affairs and whose people I take so deep an interest and it gave me great pleasure to attend on the occasion. Being already a member of the Organising Committee of the Convention and so much chosen to speak to the fourth resolution, I was able to take a part in the proceedings and it is to be hoped as a result of the action taken by

by that representative gathering that some of the grievances under which this country suffers may be redressed and that immediately the heavy taxation on land may be removed in the same degree as in England. You will kindly inform your Chairman and Board that it will always give me pleasure to attend any meeting or do anything I can to oblige them and that they need never hesitate one moment to command my willing services in that respect. Yours faithfully  
"Richard J Kelly."

"J Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

"Accountant's Department,  
"Office of Public Works,  
"Dublin 30th April, 1897."

"Sir, - With reference to your letter of the 27th inst I beg to forward particulars of Principal and Interest repayments on foot of the two loans referred to for the four years, Apr '93 to Apr '97 and to state that the information furnished is limited to that period as the Inland Revenue Commrs will not, it is understood, make an allowance for arrears further back than three years.

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1893	40.0.0	17.3.0	57.3.0
1894	40.0.0	15.17.9	55.17.9
1895	40.0.0	14.12.4	54.12.4
1896	40.0.0	13.1.10	53.1.10
Loan £400			
1893	18.4.0	12.18.0	31.2.0
1894	18.4.0	12.5.0	30.9.0
1895	18.4.0	11.12.0	29.16.0
1896	18.4.0	10.16.4	29.0.4

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
"O.H. Braddell, Accountant."

"The Town Clerk, Tuam"

"The Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society  
"Branch" Dr McEvilly", No 284,  
Branch Office, Town Hall,  
"Tuam May 3rd 1897."

"To the Chairman of the Town Councils Tuam:

"Sir, - The members of the Dr McEvilly Branch Irish National Foresters having heard from various sources that complaints are being made as to the monopoly which this Society holds of the Boardroom on Sundays at a time, it is much generally needed for other meetings by the Town people, we respectfully wish to inform you and the Town Councils that we have no desire to be at variance with the people of Tuam in any way, and consequently, with the permission of the Commissioners, we wish to have our meetings held from 8.15 to 10 o'clock pm, instead of in the daytime on Sundays as hitherto. When the Commissioners first kindly granted our Society the use of the Town Hall no hour was specified, and we fixed upon what we considered a convenient time for all parties but finding that this hour does not suit we respectfully request the Councils to allow the use of the Boardroom at the hour now mentioned, viz from 8.15 to 10 pm. I may mention that the Burial Society generally hold their meetings immediately after prayers on Sunday evenings and could conveniently transact all their business by 8 o'clock, so we consider the

the hour at which we require the use of the hall would perfectly suit and would allow the room free for any other meetings during the fore and afternoon. Thanking you and the Commissioners for the great kindness you and they have always shown to us, I beg to remain, Sir, very respectfully yours,  
"Michael J McHugh, Sec IN Foresters, Tuam."

Proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Connolly and passed unanimously -  
"That the Burial Society hold their meetings in the Boardroom on Sunday evenings from 7 o'clock until 8.15 o'clock and that the Foresters' Association hold their meetings in said room on said evenings from 8.15 o'clock until 10 o'clock."

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Culkin Chairman

Friday 28th May 1897

Meeting by requisition  
A special meeting of the Board was held today pursuant to the following requisition: -

"Tuam, 25th May 1897."

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, -  
"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering what steps to take regarding Burial Contracts for the town of Tuam coming off at adjourned presentment sessions for the Barries of Dunmore and Clare on the 5th and 7th prox respectively."

- "Patrick Culkin C.T.C.
- "Francis Meagher J.P.
- "John Connolly J.P.
- "John MacPhillipi,
- "James Connors,
- "James J Begley,
- "Michael Laggan,
- "E J Guy."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Culkin (Chairman of the Board), Francis Meagher, E J Guy, Mr Shine, and John Cunningham.

Mr Meagher proposed, Mr Guy seconded and it was unanimously passed "that Mr A H Concanon J.P. be instructed to attend on behalf of the Board at Dunmore adjourned presentment sessions on the 5th of June next to see to Burial Contracts for the town of Tuam."

It was ordered that the clerk write to Mr Perry County Surveyor requesting him to draft specifications for the town contracts in such a way that the work could be done for the sums approved at the Clare and Dunmore Presentment Sessions.

It was also ordered that the Chairman and the Clerk attend the adjourned Presentment Sessions at Dunmore on the 5th June and at Tuam on the 7th ditto.



It was proposed by Mr. Shive and seconded by the Chairman that contract to repave 500 yards of the street channels in Parson's Quay be advertised, the work to be done according to the County Surveyor's specification.

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

Monday, 24th June, 1894

Monthly meeting.

The Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board) John Connelly, Francis Meagher, Michael Loggins, James J. Begley and Edward J. Guy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account submitted showed a balance of £126-4-1 Due by the Board to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book and initialled by the Chairman.

The Town Inspector, D. McHugh, reported that he had according to the Board's order got cut stone and paved Crossings put down at Foster Place - between Scanlon's corner and Connelly's, at Vicar street - between Whyte's corner and Dwyer's, and ~~at~~ at entrance gate to the Potato Market. And he recommended that a like crossing be made at Bishop Street - between the Protestant Palace Wall and the Cathedral Gate.

Proposed by Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. Begley and unanimously passed that the Town Inspector get the Crossing made as recommended by him.

Also ordered that a cheque be issued to the Town Inspector for £5-9-6 to pay labourers employed at making Crossings and for materials supplied and used in the work.

The Inspector also reported that in the slip to the river, at back of the Little Mill there were being thrown broken bottles and other rubbish and in the entrance there were lying stumps of old trees blocking the place.

Ordered that the Clerk write to the Sanitary authority, the Board of Guardians, drawing their attention to the matter.

A report having been read from Mr. Robert J. Kirwan C.E., certifying that he had examined the plumbing work executed in the Clerk's office in the Town Hall and that it had been done in a satisfactory and substantial manner,

The Contractor Mr. John McCloy was ordered a cheque for the lead pipes supplied by him £1-19-8 and his labour in fitting and laying them, 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - total £2-10-8.

A report was read from Sergeant John Murphy, ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, recommending that the Board procure a brass yard measure to be kept in some convenient place for persons selling flannel in High Street on market days.

The Town Inspector was directed to provide such a measure.

Mr. Guy proposed and Mr. Begley seconded that contract be advertised for painting the metal pillars of the Bridge parapets in Shop Street, the railing of the Town Cross, the gate and door of the Fish Market, the two gates of the Potato Market, and the two doors of the Meat Market, tenders for the said contract to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Passed unanimously.

It was ordered that contract for repairing 500 yards of the waterchannels of the Town be advertised, the work to be done according to the County Surveyor's specification tenders for the said contract to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Also ordered that the Clerk procure for the use of the Board a copy of the Ordnance Map of the Town of Tuam, varnished and mounted, same as the Board of Guardians' copy of said map.

Annexed are the Enumerators' returns for the May Sheep and Cattle Fairs:-

Cattle: Sold - Heifers, 1636	Bullocks, 1186	Cows, 101	Calves, 114	Bulls, 1	Total, 3038
Unsold, 624	912	72	95		1706
Total, 2263	2098	173	209		4744

Sheep: Sold - Wethers, 382	Hoggets, 2635	Caracul lambs, 425	Total, 3442
Unsold, 559	1338	618	2515
Total, 941	3973	1043	5957

Signed on behalf of the Board

Francis Meagher Chairman

Monday, 5th July, 1897

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs C. B. Shine, James  
Commins, Thomas Hatley, Francis Meagher, and Thomas Munroe.

The Chairman of the Board (Mr. P. Cullin) being absent,  
Mr. Hatley proposed and Mr. Commins seconded that Mr.  
Meagher take the chair for the meeting.  
Passed unanimously.

Mr. Meagher having taken the chair accordingly,  
The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read  
and signed

The Treasurer's Account laid before the meeting showed a balance  
against the Board, £223.10.3

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries, and other  
claims as per Finance Book and initialed by the Chairman (see pages 24, 25)

Contract for painting having been duly advertised in the "Inam Herald"  
and the "Inam News,"

Tenders for same were received and considered as follows:— 1st  
from Andrew Teraghty at £6.10.0, 2nd from Dan Crisham at £5.0.0, 3rd from  
Mr. J. Brett at £4.10.0.

Proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Hatley,  
Mr. Brett's tender was unanimously accepted, of which the  
subjoined is copy:—

"July 5th, 1897.

"Gentlemen, — I hereby propose and agree to paint in two coats of any selected  
colour all the lamp posts and lamps, also the gates of the fish, meat and potato markets  
and the railings of the bridge in Shop Street and Cross in Square for the sum of £4.10.0  
Thomas J. Brett.

Only one tender was received for contract (duly advertised in "Inam Herald" and  
"Inam News") to repair 500 yards of the water channels of the town. The tender was from  
Patrick Stare which was as follows:—

"Inam, July 5/97.

"Gentlemen — I propose and agree to pave according to specification (500) five  
hundred yards of the water channels in the town of Inam in the specified places  
and find material to complete the work according to the County Surveyor's specification  
at 1/6 per yard. Gentlemen, I remain yours obdly, "Pat. Stare".

Proposed by Mr. Hatley and seconded by Mr. Munroe the tender was  
declared unanimously accepted "subject to County Surveyor's approval".

Mr.

Mr. Shine proposed and it was passed unanimously that a wagon of Malbay  
flags be ordered of Messrs. O'Leary (and Temple Salway) and that the footpaths, wherever it  
is necessary, be at once re-flagged.

It was proposed by Mr. Munroe and seconded by Mr. Shine that Mr. P. M. Hugh  
Town Inspector go to Salway and select the flags and be paid £1 (one pound) as  
expenses.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Shine proposed and it was unanimously ordered that Mr. Thomas Egan,  
builder, be given a fortnight's notice to finish his contract to ventilate the Board room  
and other rooms of the Town Hall, etc according to architect's specification for the work

It was also ordered that the Clerk include in circular for next monthly  
meeting "steps to be taken to recover the instruments of the late town band which had  
been in the Board's custody."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Monday, 12th July, 1897

By requisition

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been  
summoned for this day:—

"Inam, 8th July, 1897,

"To Mr. John Glynn Town Clerk,  
We, the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Inam  
hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 12th  
instant, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering the advisability of instructing  
the Board's solicitor to appear before the Grand Jury at the next Assizes to apply for an  
increase of the presentment for the road from the Market Cross to the turn to  
Larsenfield,

"Patrick Cullin, C.T.C.,  
"Francis Meagher, T.B.,  
"E. G. Guy,  
"Michael Saggis,  
"James J. Begley."

The Board's solicitor (Mr. H. J. Concanon) having meantime advised  
that the Grand Jury could not entertain such an application, tender for the contract  
having been already accepted and bond entered into, — there was no meeting.

John Glynn,  
Town Clerk.

I, Thomas Bodkin Costello, 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 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 next annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1897

Witness  
Michael O'Brien

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 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 next annual value or upwards of £4.

Subscribed before me this      day of     

Witness

Monthly Meeting Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1897.

Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), John Cunningham, James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, E. J. Guy and James Cummins.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed balance of £230.19.10 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims, as per Finance Book and initialled by the Chairman, see folios 25-26 of same.

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one for £5.6.9½ to the Town Clerk to pay small bills particularized in said folios of Finance Book.

A cheque received from the County Grand Jury, refund of money expended by the Board on street cleansing in the year '94-'95, was ordered to be lodged with the Treasurer.

Pursuant to notice in Circular "of taking steps to recover the musical instrument of the late Tuam Band which had been in the Board's custody" it was inquired whether anyone knew where these instruments lay and there being no answer, the matter was allowed to drop.

Due notice having been given in Circular, Mr. Meagher proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded—  
"That Dr. Thomas Bodkin Costello be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by his non-attendance for six months."

Passed unanimously.

Due notice having been given in Circular, Mr. Begley proposed and Mr. Cunningham seconded—  
"That Mr. Patrick Lyons be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by his non-attendance for six months."

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Guy seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—  
"That we request our Parliamentary Representative, Mr. Denis Kilbride, to bring before the House of Commons the necessity for erecting a post office in Tuam, the present one being inadequate for the postal business of the district owing to the great number of sub-offices therewith connected."

The Auditor's report on the Board's account for year ended 29<sup>th</sup> September 1896 was read as follows:—

"Inam Township.  
"Town Commissioners Account for year to 29 Sep 1896.

"Copy of Auditor's Report.

"Kenaboy 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1897.

"Sir, - I have the honor to report for the information of the Local Government Board for Ireland that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Inam for the year ended the 29th September, 1896, and to submit abstract of same duly certified by me in the usual manner. The valuation of this Township for rateable purposes is £3724 but no rate has been struck as the expenditure by the Commissioners is chiefly met by receipts from tolls which are farmed. I am glad to be able to report that the amount obtained in 1896 for the tolls amounts to the respectable figure of £600, which was fully paid up in the year under audit. The balance due to the Treasurer at foot of the account is somewhat less than that of previous year but this improvement is illusory, as there has been an increase in the receipt from the tolls, to counterbalance it. There is nothing however to particularly notice in the expenditure but the Commissioners must use economy to bring their expenditure within the limits of their income. The Accounts were submitted by the Town Clerk in a clear satisfactory manner and with one exception every item was adequately vouched. In this particular item there was a difficulty in getting a formal receipt and the endorsement on the cheque was submitted as receipt. An endorsement is an acknowledgment of receipt of the money but does not state for what purpose the money in the body of the cheque was paid, which would be necessary in a proper receipt for goods etc. I have the honor to be,  
Sir, your obedient servant,

"J. O'Hara, Auditor.

"To the Secretary Local Gov. Board for Ireland,

The necessity for erecting a heating apparatus in the Clerk's office to save the Board's books and documents from damp if was ordered to advertise for a Hygienic Gas stove, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs Meagher, Cunningham, Regley and Commings, to select and recommend a suitable site for Calf Market.

It was ordered to have annual Contract for printing and advertising and that for repairing the flagged footpaths of the Town duly advertised, tenders for each to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Monday, 9th August, 1897.

Meeting by Requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting has been summoned for this day :-

"Inam, 5th August, 1897.

"To Mr. John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Inam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 9th instant, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of

- "1<sup>st</sup> To fix a suitable site for Calf Market,
- "2<sup>nd</sup> To name a day for revising the Tolls and Customs schedule,
- "3<sup>rd</sup> To frame a diversionment of next letting of the Tolls and Customs,
- "4<sup>th</sup> To issue advertisement of Contract for metalling the road between the Market Cross and Bohernewagh or turn to Lardenfield

"Patrick Cullkin, C.T.C.,  
"James J. Regley  
"James Commings  
"John MacPheipin  
"Thomas Munroe."

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board) E. J. Guy, John Cunningham, Francis Meagher, and Michael Gaggins.

Mr. Gaggins proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded -

"That the Calf Market in future be held on Dublin Road, between Mr. Browne's Corner and the National Bank Gate, and that this resolution be inserted in advertisement of the next letting of the Tolls and Customs."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Guy and passed unanimously  
"That Tuesday, 14th September, prox., be fixed for the next letting of the Tolls and Customs."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Guy seconded -

"That the advertisement of last year's letting be adopted (see page 227), excepting the paragraph, "The Contractor will have to pay half legal expenses," which is to be struck out and replaced with the following: -  
"The Contractor will be required to execute a lease to be prepared by the Board's Solicitor before he gets authority to collect said Tolls. The entire expenses of said lease must be paid by the Contractor and also all other expenses in connection with said Contract including stamps on sureties' bills."

Passed unanimously.

It was ordered to add to the advertisement an old resolution of the Board, viz: - "If any tents or booths for the sale of spirituous liquors are erected at the Fair Green or any place within the Borough of Inam, on the occasion of any of the Inam fairs or of Athletic or other sports they shall be subjected to a toll of five pounds (£5) to be collected by the Town Commissioners."

It was also ordered to submit the advertisement to the Board's solicitor, Mr H J Concanon, before publishing it in the newspapers.

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Goggin seconded -  
"That Monday 23rd instant be fixed for revising the Tolls and Customs schedule, notice of same to be given in the local papers, to all whom it may concern". And that Contract for works to be done in the repair and maintenance of 480 perches of road and footpath between the Market House and the turn to Gardenfield for five years be advertised, tenders for same to be considered on Monday 23rd instant."

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday 23rd August, 1897

Meeting by Requisition

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting had been summoned for this day:-

"Suam, 19th August, 1897.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Improvement Commissioners of Suam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 23rd instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of revising the Tolls and Customs schedule and of considering tenders for works to be done in the repair and maintenance of 480 perches of the road and footpath between the Market House Suam and the turn to Gardenfield."

"Patrick Cullin C.T.C.,

"John Connelly

"John Cunningham Esq.

"E G Guy

"Francis Meagher."

There was not a quorum, only three Commissioners attended, viz Messrs Patrick Cullin, Michael C Shine, and John Cunningham

There was received but one tender for the road contract, it was handed in by Mr Michael J Mullen and lies over unopened

None of the public whom revision of the Tolls and Customs schedule might interest, put in an appearance.

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 6th September, 1897.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, John MacPhislin, John Connelly, E G Guy, Thomas B Costello, M.D.; and John Cunningham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

D<sup>r</sup> Costello read and signed his declaration as Commissioner.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed balance £207.3.3 due to the Bank

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book and initialled by the Chairman, see folios 26 and 27.

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one for £4.8.2 to the Town Clerk to pay small bills particularized in said folios of the Finance Book.

Mr Thomas Brett having as certified by the Town Inspector, satisfactorily carried out his contract for painting the lamps, lamp posts, doors, gates, etc, a cheque was ordered him for the amount of same, £4.0.0

Mr William Stockwell was ordered 70/- for a painting specification supplied by him.

A bill for £5.14.8 having been submitted from Mr John Kenny, Contractor, for repairing the flagged footpaths of the Town, a cheque for £4 was ordered him on account.

Consideration of tenders for supplying a hygienic gas stove, repairing flagged footpaths, and printing and advertising was adjourned.

The following tender received on the 23rd ultimo was considered:-  
"Suam, August 23rd, 1897.

"Chairman and Town Commissioners, Suam,

"Gentlemen, - I propose and agree to take contract of the road and footpath from the Market-house Suam to the turn to Gardenfield, 480 perches at 2/3 per perch for five years from Summer assizes 1897 and to carry out the contract according to the County Surveyor's specification and your advertisement which have been shown to me by the Town Clerk and offer as my sureties John Roach and John Moran farmers both of Woodquay for the faithful performance of the contract whose consents in writing to join me in bond are hereto appended.

"Michael J Mullen, Knocknagur."

"We, whose names are hereto subscribed, consent to join Michael J Mullen in a bond for the faithful performance of the above contract.

Dated this 6th day of Sept, 1897

"Witness, John Glynn  
Town Clerk

"John Roche  
"John Moran"  
mark

Annexed is the Board's advertisement referred to in the foregoing tender:-

"To Road Contractors.

"The Inam Town Improvement Commissioners will receive and consider at their meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> instant tenders for work to be done in the repair and maintenance of 480 perches of road and footpath from Inam to Hollymount, between the Market house in Inam and the turn to Gardenfield for five years, from Summer assizes 1894, the Commissioners as usual to clause the sheet at their own expense from the Market house to Mr. Kishworth's Wool store. Tenders to be lodged in the letterbox of the Board not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on the abovesaid day, enclosing names of two solvent sureties, expressing their consent in writing to join in a bond for the ~~fulfillment~~ performance of the contract perfectly, in accordance with the County Surveyor's Specification and entirely to that official's satisfaction. Cost of preparing the bond to be paid by the Contractor. The County Surveyor's Specification can be seen at the office of the undersigned.

By order

"John Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Town Hall, Inam, 12th August 1894.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Connelly seconded that the tender be accepted.

Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we the Inam Town Commissioners, have learned with regret that Colonel O'Hara Local Government Auditor is about being retired under the 65 rule. During the time, about 20 years, he had been engaged in auditing our accounts we always found him a most civil gentleman and anxious to forward the interests of the Township in every way. We consider the rule should not be enforced in this case as we believe Colonel O'Hara is fully able to discharge the duties for many years to come.

"Copies to be sent to Colonel O'Hara, the Local Government Board, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for the September Sheep and Cattle fair.

Referring to the Textile Exhibition held in Dublin recently and the attention attracted there by the exhibits of Mr. M'Loughlin of Clonkerry, Mr. Shine proposed and it was ordered that the Clerk write to the Congested District Board with a view to have the Curragh Mills made a woollen factory."

The schedule of the Tolls and Customs for the current year was adopted unaltered (See same, page 190) for year commencing 29th September 1894.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Tuesday, 14th September, 1894

A Special meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held today:-

"Inam, 9th September, 1894.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Improvement 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 considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs, printing and advertising, repairing flagged footpaths, and supplying a hygienic gas stove.

"Patrick Cullkin, E.S.C.,

"James Cummins,

"John MacSheehy,

"E. G. Guy,

"Thomas Hatley."

Commissioners in attendance Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Francis Meagher, M.C. Shine, E. G. Guy, John Cunningham and John Connelly.

The Toll Farmer, Mr. Thomas Nolan, appearing before the Board said he had lodged with the Treasurer the full amount of his contract for the current year.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded-

"That it be recorded on the minutes the great satisfaction which Mr. Nolan as Toll Farmer has given in discharging his liability by punctually taking up all his bills as they matured."

Passed unanimously.

Advertisement of the letting of the Tolls and Customs for the ensuing year, duly published in the local newspapers was read as follows:-

"The Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Inam from the 29th September 1894 to 28th September 1898 to be let at a special meeting of the Inam Town Improvement Commissioners, on Tuesday, 14th September next.

"The terms of payment to be as follows:- The Toll Farmer to pass his bills, joined by two solvent sureties, willing 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 1898, the second on the 10th March, the third on the 10th May, the fourth on 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 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 revised schedule of the Tolls and Customs payable within the Borough can be seen on application to the Town Clerk. Possession will be given on the 29th Sept next, the Commissioners reserving to themselves all control over the fairs and markets and

and their respective sites with power to make any change in same that may to them seem advisable and to use the ground of the Plate Market for any purpose they may consider necessary. The Commissioners also reserve to themselves as usual the keys of all the doors and gates of the several market sites, weighhouses etc, with the lock of which the Toll Farmer is by no means to interfere, nor with any board bearing advertisement exhibits in any part of said sites, neither is he to charge toll or custom for any such advertisement Board. The Calf Market will in future be held on the Dublin road between Mr Browne's Corner and National Bank gate. The tenders will be considered on condition that parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whosoever may be appointed by them as to solvency of sureties. The Contractor will be required to execute a lease to be prepared by the Board's solicitor before he gets authority to collect said tolls, the entire expenses of said lease must be paid by the Contractor and also all other expenses in connection with said contract, including stamps on sureties' bills. If any tents or booths for the sale of spirituous liquors are erected at the Fair Green, or any place within the Borough of Tuam, on the occasion of any of the Tuam fairs or of Athletic or other sports they shall be subject to a toll of £5 to be collected by the Tuam Commissioners.

By order,  
"John Flynn, Town Clerk"  
"Office, Tuam Improvement Commissioners,  
"Tuam, 20th August, 1897."

There was but one tender for the Tolls and Customs which was as follows:—  
"Tuam, 14th Sept, 1897

"The Chairman the Tuam Town Commrs  
"Gentlemen I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29th September 1897 to the 28th September 1898 according to advertisement and offer for same the sum of £600:0:0. Offer for my sureties Mr Michael Kamel of Tuam and Mr John Tierney of Belmont.  
"I am gentlemen your obedient servant,  
"Thomas Nolan".

"We the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above  
"Michael Kamel, Tuam,  
"John Tierney, Belmont."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that Mr Nolan's tender be accepted.  
Passed unanimously.

The following three tenders adjourned from the meeting of the 6th instant were considered:—

"Herald office, Tuam, Sept 6, 1897.  
"Chairman, Tuam Town Commissioners,  
"Sir, - I propose and agree to do all printing and advertising in Tuam News and Tuam Herald for one year from 6th instant for £25 in accordance with terms of advertisement (Crown docket's excepted)  
"Richard J. Kelly"

"We consent to become sureties for the due performance of this contract.  
"Robert Farrell,  
"Michael J. O'Shugh".  
Accepted at £24.

"Gas Works, Tuam, Sept 6th, 1897  
To the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Tuam  
Gentlemen - In compliance with your advertisement for gas stove I beg to tender for same according to specification and to connect a supply pipe from Gas main of Town Hall Meter, all complete and to your entire satisfaction for the sum of three pounds five shillings (£3.5.0).  
"J. M. Walsh".

Accepted subject to the approval of Mr R. D. Kirwan C.E.

Proposed by Mr Shine seconded by Mr Meagher and unanimously passed -  
"That cheques be filled and signed for Messrs Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer for £2 each for acting as Enumerators at the September Sheep and Cattle fairs 1897 and that the said parties be appointed as Enumerators for the coming October Sheep and Cattle fairs at the same remuneration as last year October."

Passed unanimously.

A number of the Town Victuallers having come before the Board, urging that suitable stalls be built for them in the Meat Market for which they are willing to pay rent, Mr Shine proposed and it was ordered that the Clerk include the matter in circular for next monthly meeting for consideration

Signed on behalf of the Board  
Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday, 4th October, 1897

Monthly Meeting Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board) John MacPhilpin, James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, and E. G. Guy.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance of £142.7.1 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book and initialled by the Chairman (see folios, 28)

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one for £482 £2.18.2 to the Town Clerk to pay small bills particularized in said folios of the Finance Book.

Mr. John Kenny's tender to keep in repair the flagged footpaths of the Town for twelve months at 2/6 per square yard for new flags put down and 7/6 per square yard for old flags re-set was accepted on 14th Sept 1897 and through an oversight omitted from minutes of the last meeting.

Enumerators' returns of the September Sheep and Cattle fair were read as follows:-

Sheep:	Sold - 1242 wethers,	7685 ewes,	1356 lambs,	26 rams =	10309
	Unsold - 967 "	796 "	1050 "	20 "	= 2823
	<u>2209</u>	<u>8481</u>	<u>2406</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>= 13142</u>
Cattle:	Sold - 221 bullocks,	177 heifers,	76 cows,	55 Calves =	529
	Unsold - 290	307	59	223	= 874
	<u>511</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>= 1403</u>

The following letter was read:-

"Lenaboy, Galway, 10 Sept, 1897.

"Dear Sir, - I beg you will convey to the members of your Board my sincere thanks for the complimentary resolution they passed on my retirement from service as auditor of accounts. It is a great pleasure to find that I have retained the good wish and esteem of public boards after 19 years performance of duties that are always responsible and often difficult, I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

"J. O'Shara, Government Auditor.

To the Chairman Town Commrs, Tuam."

The following resolution proposed by Mr MacPhilpin and seconded by Mr Begley was unanimously passed:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners wish to draw the attention of the Irish Executive Government to the impending famine in the Country. It is of the utmost importance that steps be taken at once to avert it. This impending famine is brought about by the almost total failure of the potato crop.

"Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr Denis Kilbride, M.P.; Mr John Dillon, M.P., and the Tuam Board of Guardians."

It was also proposed by Mr MacPhilpin, seconded by Mr Meagher and unanimously passed -

"That the Town Clerk be authorised to put himself in communication with the Chairman of Board of Works regarding loan to enable the Tuam Loan Commissioners to buy out the Tuam Gas Works under Public Work Loan, Act, 1897."

The following letter was read:-

"Hogan's Hotel, Ballinasloe, October 2nd, 1897

"Dear Mr Glynn, - I regret being unable to attend tomorrow's meeting of the Town Board. I trust the Commissioners will take some practical steps in the direction of erecting stalls for the butchers who certainly have strong claims on the Board. The erection of these stalls should prove remunerative. At the rear of them a market for the sale of butter and eggs could be held which is also much required as at present it is very unfair to see vendors of these commodities having to stand exposed to the inclemency of the weather. I would also suggest that the Dublin papers be asked to send down special reporters for our fair, that they might not hesitate to do as they are in the habit of sending special reporters to places of less importance.

"Yours truly - Michael C. Shine."

Proposed by Mr Guy, seconded by Mr Meagher and passed -

"That the Town Clerk write to each of the Dublin papers to send a reporter to the Tuam October Fair same as to Ballinasloe."

Consideration of the advisability of taking steps to erect stalls for victuallers in the meat market was adjourned to next monthly meeting, the Clerk in the meantime to look up Mr. Pat Donelan's plan and specification obtained some years ago.

Mr Guy gave notice that he would move at the next monthly meeting that a few urinals be erected in the Town for accommodation of the public.

It was ordered that the Town Inspector take the necessary steps to compel calf sellers to the market site fixed for them viz: Dublin Road, between Mr Browne's Corner and the National Bank Gate.

The following report from the Town Inspector was read:-

"Town Hall, Oct 4th, 1897.

Gentlemen, - I beg to report to you that the roads of the Town, viz the Square, the way to the railway station and that to the Chapel gate have been in a very bad state for the last week the Contractor having neglected to clean them and several complaints have been made to me about the matter. A part of the paved channel on Circular Road wants to be repaired. I have, as usual this time of year, got the walks of the several market places white washed. The gutters of the Town Hall roof want to be cleaned and the grass picked off the tops of the chimneys. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

"Bill Hugh, Town Inspector."

The report was approved, and the Clerk was directed to communicate with the County Surveyor regarding the state of the streets



An application was made by Mr Thomas Dwyer Town Clerk, for a winter overcoat, consideration of which was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman.

Monday, 11th October, 1897.

A Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting of the Board had been summoned for this day:-

"Tuam, 7th October, 1897.

"To Mr John Lynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 11th inst, at 12 O'Clock, noon, for the purpose of deciding what to do regarding the Town Weighbridge condemned by the Inspector of Weights and Measures and what presentments to apply for at the next Baronial Sessions for Clare and Dunmore.

"Patrick Culkinn J.P.

"John Connelly J.P.

"Thomas Munroe J.P.

"John Mac Philbin

"James Commins."

Commissioners in attendance:- Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Hatley, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, James J. Begley and G. G. Gray.

Sergeant Murphy, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Tuam, having on the 4th Oct 1897 tested the Town Weighbridge and found it unjust, half cwt in ton against the seller, warned that if a competent fitter was not at once sent for he would prevent further use of the machine and prosecute the Board.

The Town Clerk said he had written, at the Inspector's suggestion, to Messrs Samuel Gatchell and Sons, 57, Mary Street, Dublin for a fitter and to several foundries for quotations for new weighing machines and received replies:-

Annexed is copy of letter received from Messrs Gatchell & Sons which he read for the Board:-

"57, Mary Street, Dublin, 5th October, 1897.

"John Lynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam,-

"Dear Sir, - We are in receipt of yours of the 4th instant directing us to send down a man to repair the Town Weighbridge in your town. This we shall be very happy to do. But before doing so we wish to point out to you (for the information of the Commissioners) that owing to this weighbridge being an exceedingly old one, it may be that we would not be able to put it in such a state of correct adjustment as would meet the present requirements of the Inspector of Weights and Measures as the five feet which is now applied to these weighbridges was not in force at the time your weighbridge was made. Therefore, we must ask you to say are the Town Commissioners willing to pay our man's <sup>time and</sup> expenses if he finds that

he could not be able to put the weighbridge in such a state of adjustment as would pass the Inspector of Weights and Measures. If your Commissioners agree to these terms we can send you a competent weighing machine fitter next week. Also please let us know if you can get the use of one ton of correct 56lb weights for purpose of testing the weighbridge. Our man would also require the use of a blacksmith's forge and you would require to supply him with help to lift on and off the plate of the machine, also one good man to stay with him all the time he is at the work. We could send down a helper with him but that would put the Commissioners to the expense of his railway fare etc. On getting your reply we can let you know the day next week that we can send the man.

"Yours truly,

"A. Gatchell & Sons."

Mr Hatley proposed and Mr Begley seconded that the Clerk write that day to Mr George Sheridan, Church Street, Dublin, at whose foundry the weighing machine was made, to send down at once a competent fitter whose time and expenses the Board would pay and he (Mr Hatley) would give him the use of his forge. And if on examining it the fitter finds the machine unfit for future use, let the Clerk advertise for a new one

Passed unanimously.

Mr Hatley proposed and the Chairman seconded-

"That Bishop Street on ~~Sundays~~ Saturdays being almost impassable from treble line of carts occupying the road, we respectfully request Mr Moore J.P., R.T.C., to order the police not to allow in future any cart of fodder for sale to stand nearer to the weighhouse than the Cathedral gate"

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to lodge applications for presentments for repairing stone steps at Mr Kynes Corner, High Street, Mr Mc Donnell's corner, Dublin Road, and Mr Mc Halls Corner, Waterslade, making footpaths at Inlindadaly Road and Circular Road, concreting footpath at Bishop Street, and repairing 500 yards of the street channels in Bishop Street and Shop Street, Mr J. Egan to furnish him estimate of cost of the stone steps.

The Clerk was also directed to write to the County Surveyor directing his attention to the state of the paved channels in Shop Street and Bishop Street which in many places badly require repairing and to the gravelled footpath in Bishop Street, between Sergeant Shuby's house and Pat Halligan's, which in wet weather, owing to its material and construction, is covered with slush which flows into the floors of the adjoining houses.

Also, ordered that Pat Shave be asked for an explanation of his not carrying out his contract for paving the street channels.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman

I, John Connelly, 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 (four pounds)

Subscribed before me this  
19th day of Feb 1897  
Witness - Patrick Cullin

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 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 (four pounds)

Subscribed before me this  
7 day of February 1898  
Witness Patrick Cullin

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 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 (four pounds)

Subscribed before me this  
19 day of November 1897  
Witness Patrick Cullin

I, John MacPhelin, 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 Town Improvement Act (Ireland) 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 (four pounds)

Subscribed before me this  
1st day of Nov 1897  
Witness Patrick Cullin

I, Timothy Waldron, 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 of or upwards of £4 (four pounds)

Subscribed before me this  
6th day of December, 1897.  
Witness Patrick Cullin

### Election of Commissioners, 1897.

Annexed are true copies of Notices duly posted up.

#### Notice to the Electors of the Borough of Tuam.

Being Town Clerk of the said Borough, am now in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1897 about to prepare a list of all persons qualified to vote for the forthcoming election of Town Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam. A preparatory list of persons (who appear from the evidence at my disposal) qualified to vote is now ready and can be seen at this office any day between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm, up to and including the 24th instant. Any person having an objection to make to the name of any person being retained on this list, or claiming to have his name inserted thereon, is hereby required to send me a notice in writing stating the grounds of said objection or claim as the case may be, on or before the 24th instant.

John Flynn, Town Clerk.

Town Commissioners office, Tuam, Sept 18, 1897

#### 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 1897 in 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 October, 1897.

Nomination Paper.

Christian name & surname of person nominated.	Place of abode of person nominated.	Description of person nominated.	Christian and surname of nominator.	Address of nominator.
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Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1897  
[Signed]

That all nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Clerk on or before the 12th day of October 1897.

By order,  
John Glynn, Town Clerk,  
dated this 1st day of October, 1897.

Election of Commissioners for the Borough of Tuam.

I, the undersigned, being the Town Clerk of 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 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
Connelly	John	Shop St. Tuam	Merchant	Michael Gaggins
Cunningham	John	Bishop St. Tuam	Merchant	Michael Gaggins
Gaggins	Michael	Bishop St. Tuam	Merchant	E & Guy
MacKilpin	John	Waterlode, Tuam	Newspaper Proprietor	E & Guy
Walton	Timothy	High Street, Tuam	Merchant	E & Guy

[Signed]  
John Glynn, Town Clerk.  
Town Hall, 12th day of October, 1897.

Town of Tuam  
Election of Commissioners  
Candidates Elected

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

Surnames	Other names	Abode	Rank, profession or occupation
Connelly	John	Shop St. Tuam	Merchant
Cunningham	John	Bishop St. Tuam	Merchant
Gaggins	Michael	Bishop St. Tuam	Merchant
MacKilpin	John	Waterlode, Tuam	Newspaper Proprietor
Walton	Timothy	High Street Tuam	Merchant

Dated this 15th day of October 1897  
(Signed)

Patrick Cullen,  
Returning Officer.

Thursday, 28th October, 1897.

A Special Meeting

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting of the Board was held today:-

Tuam, October 25th, 1897.

To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk.  
We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday week, 28th inst, at 12 o'clock (noon) to consider the question of the change recently made in connection with the sale of hay, straw, and other produce in Bishop that which the vendors as well as the public in general consider a great inconvenience.

- "Michael O'Shine, J.P.,
- "E & Guy, J.P.,
- "F D Costello, J.P.,
- "M Gaggins, J.P.,
- "James J. Begley, J.P.,
- "James Commis, J.P.,

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board) Michael O'Shine, Thomas Flattery, F D Costello, M.D., and James Commis,

The following letter was read from the local District Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary:-

"Inam, 16th October, 1897.

Sir, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th inst, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Town Commissioners, relative to preventing carts of fodder for sale being kept nearer than the Cathedral gate, with a view to preventing street obstructions. I have directed the police to inform the people accordingly and shall furnish you in due course with lists of the names of those who infringe the order, that the Town Commrs may direct their prosecution under the Towns Improvement Act. The police will, of course, be available as witnesses. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. S. Moore D.F., R.I.C.,

"John Glynn Esq."

Mr J. P. Costello proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Michael O'Shine and passed unanimously:—

"That the resolution passed at the meeting on the 11th instant requesting the District Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary to order the police not to allow in future any cart of fodder for sale to stand nearer to the weighhouse than the Cathedral gate, be withdrawn as due notice of the motion had not been given and that the District Inspector be informed of the withdrawal of said resolution."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman

Monday, 1st Nov, 1897

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, E. G. Guy, John MacPhilpkin, Francis McLaughlin and J. P. Costello, M.D.

Mr John MacPhilpkin read and signed his declaration as Town Commissioner.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed a balance due to the Bank, £37.16.5

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book folios and initialed by the Chairman

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one for £2.18.7 to the Town Clerk to pay small bills particularized in said folios of Finance Book.

Messrs J. Dwyer, Cramer, and John Butler, Assistant Cramer, were ordered cheques, £2 each for winter overcoat.

A bill having been submitted from Mr James McDonnell for gas lighting of the street etc, amount £147.10.0, a cheque for £70 was ordered to him in account.

The following letter was read from M.P. for North Galway:—

House of Commons, Oct 11, 1897.

Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult, directed to Athy which has reached me here with resolution enclosed, requesting me "to bring before the House of Commons the necessity for erecting a post office in Inam the present one being inadequate". As it will involve a delay of some months before the House of Commons assemble for ordinary business, may I ask you to kindly bring the matter of this resolution before your Board and ascertain whether in the meantime the Town Commissioners of Inam would desire me to communicate with the Postmaster-General on the subject. With regard to the latter portion of resolution, could you inform me of the number of sub-offices therewith connected. Please direct letter to the House of Commons.

Yours faithfully

"Denis Kilbride"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Inam."

Consideration of the subject of the letter was adjourned

The following letter was read from the Board of Works:—

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 30th October, 1897

"Sir, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, and to state that they understand that the Inam Town Commissioners are not a sanitary authority while under the Public Health Act of 1878 the Board cannot make a loan for the purchase of Gas Works, except to sanitary authorities. In these circumstances, the Board regret that they would not be able to entertain an application for a loan from the Town Commissioners, to purchase the Gas Works, referred to by them. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"H. Williams, Secretary."

"The Town Clerk, Inam."

Mr Costello gave the following notice which was accepted:—

"Take notice that for some members on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that no proposition be discussed at Board unless first handed in writing and signed."

It was proposed by Mr Guy and seconded by Mr Shine—

"That a Committee consisting of Messrs M. O'Shine, E. G. Guy, Mr Costello and the Chairman be appointed to suggest sites for urinals through the Town and report at adjourned meeting of the Board on 8th instant."

Passed unanimously.

The Town Inspector, Mr D. H. Hugh, reported as follows:—

"In compliance with your order at last meeting, I tried to get the calf sellers to leave the Square and exhibit their calves on the site fixed for them viz Dublin Road between Mr Browne's Corner and the National Bank Gate. I handed a copy each of the printed notice of the change of the Calf Market to Laurence Shanahan, Patrick Bush, Michael Hamill, Simon Fahy and Ambrose Hickey and they all refused to leave the Square."

Adjourned to Monday 8th instant to consider what further steps to take in the matter.

Mr Shine gave the following notice which was accepted:—  
 "Take notice that for some member on my behalf, will, at the next monthly meeting, move that Mr Robert Skirwan & Co, be requested to consult with the members of the Board and prepare a plan and specification providing for butchers' stalls in front of Meat Market, also for a proper market place at back of same for the use of vendors of butter and eggs."

The following letter was read:—

"Inam, Nov 1st, 1897."

To the Chairman and Town Commissioners, Inam,  
 "Gentlemen— Finding myself unable to carry out the contract entered into by me with you for the repaving of 500 yards of the street channels of the Town in the Barony of Clare I hereby ask you to release me from the responsibility of the Contract."  
 "Patrick Hare"

Released unanimously and the contract ordered to be re-advertised.

The Clerk having stated that supply of Crane Dockets and receipt and order forms was almost exhausted it was ordered to advertise for two gross books of the former and of each of the latter two, one dozen books, — 100 leaves in each book, and to apply for quotations to Dublin houses that the Board had on occasions got printing from viz Messrs, Falconer, Dollard, O'Brien and Co etc

Mr Shine gave notice that he would move at next monthly meeting of the Board that in future the October Big Fair be held on Friday.

The Clerk having stated that according to the Board's resolution of the 11th ult he had written to Mr George Heridan, Church Street, Dublin, & sent down a competent Machine Fitter to repair and adjust the Town Weighbridge, and received on 16th ult the following reply by telegraph:—

"Get Gatchell; best man; have no man here at present."

The matter being urgent he (Town Clerk) wrote by direction of the Chairman (Mr Culkhin) to Messrs Gatchell and Co, 54 Mary Street, Dublin to send down a fitter on the terms of their letter of the 5th ult (which see, page, 267-8). They sent accordingly a man (Dervence Hughes) who arrived in Inam on the 25th ult, and, having examined the weighbridge, said it could be satisfactorily repaired and adjusted to meet the requirements of the Inspector of Weight and Measures. The fitter then set to work

Approved unanimously by the Board.

Annexed are the Enumerators' returns of the October Sheep and Cattle Fairs:—

Sheep: Sold 6823 wethers,	5030 ewes,	4899 hoggets,	1703 lambs,	94 rams = Total 18549
unsold, 1062	1098	1537	671	40 = 4408
22957				
Cattle: Sold 3603 heifers	3906 bullocks	75 Cows	50 calves	1 bull = Total 7635
unsold 661	1461	26	306	1 = 2455
10090				

Mr Shine proposed Mr Meagher seconded and it was ordered unanimously that the crossing between Mrs Kelly's and Mr W Connell's and that between Mr Meagher's and Mr Begley's be repaired.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Culkhin Chairman

Monday, 8th Nov, 1897.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkhin (Chairman of the Board) James J Begley, Michael C Shive, James Commins, Edward J Guy, and J B Costello, M. A.,

A cheque was ordered and signed to the Town Clerk for 16/5 to pay carriage of Weighbridge arms from Messrs Gatchell & Co Dublin and repairing of Mud Cart (See Finance Book folio 30).

The following tenders were read:—

To the Inam Town Commissioners

"Gentlemen— I hereby agree to supply a book case in the Town Clerk's office, according to specification, & furnishing all necessary materials, including locks and hinges and staining for the sum of three pounds sterling."  
 "Thomas Egan"

"Inam, 8th Nov 1897."

To the Inam Town Commissioners

"Gentlemen— I hereby agree to pave 500 yds of the street of Inam Barony of Clare according to specification and to the sat satisfaction of Jas Perry Esq, County Surveyor for the sum of twenty five pounds sterling."  
 "Thomas Egan"

"Inam 8th Nov 1897"

It was proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Begley that the above two tenders from Mr Egan be accepted

Passed unanimously.

Mr Costello proposed and Mr Commins seconded that the cheapest tender for printing be accepted namely Mr John Falconer's which was as follows:—

"Crane Dockets, two gross books, 100 leaves in each book, at 3/2 per book; twelve books, receipt forms, 100 leaves in each book @ 10/ per book; and twelve books, order forms, 100 leaves in each book, at 10/ per book."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Guy, seconded by Mr Shine and passed unanimously — "That the Town Clerk write to the Board of Guardians to erect urinals in the Town, same being much required."

Mr Mac Philpui proposed, Mr Begley seconded and it was passed unanimously — "That the Corporation seal be fixed to requisition to tax list re P J Conway Sts (ceased)."

Mr Shine proposed — "That the report of the Town Inspector in reference to the sub of Cattle in the Square be adjourned to next monthly meeting with a view to having some amicable arrangement come to."

Mr Guy seconded the proposition and it was passed unanimously.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Commins seconded —  
 "That Dr. Coote and Messrs. Shine and Guy be deputed to draft a circular and placard inviting the public to attend at a meeting of the Board in the Town Hall on Tuesday 16th inst. for the purpose of taking practical steps to establish a horse fair and jumping competition in Tuam."

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Friday, 19th Nov, 1897.

Special meeting:

The annual meeting for electing a Chairman for the ensuing year was held today. Commissioners present were Messrs. Patrick Cullin, Michael Goggin, John Connelly, Francis Meagher, E. G. Guy, and Thomas Flattery.

Mr. Goggin read and signed his Declaration as Town Commissioner.

The Town Clerk having taken the chair,

Mr. Meagher proposed and Mr. Connelly seconded that the outgoing Chairman Mr. Patrick Cullin be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Cullin then resumed the chair and returned thanks for the compliment paid him.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 6th December, 1897.

Commissioners present, Messrs. Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Flattery, Timothy Waldron, John Connelly, Francis Meagher and John MacSheehy.

Mr. Waldron read and signed his Declaration as Town Commissioner.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was laid before the Board showing a balance of £186.12.9 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the Officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book, folios 31, 32, and initialled by the Chairman.

One of the cheques was to the Town Clerk for £12.17.9 for the Officers' salaries etc.

Messrs. Gatchell & Sons, 54 Mary Street, Dublin, having furnished their bill for repairing and adjusting the Town Weighbridge,

Mr. Flattery proposed, Mr. Connelly seconded and it was unanimously passed that a cheque be issued them for the amount viz £24.10.0.

Proposed by Mr. MacSheehy and seconded by Mr. Meagher —

"That the Crossing between Mr. C. St. Blake's gate and the Corner at the Bridge be improved and that the Town Inspector be authorised to get it done."

Passed unanimously.

In pursuance of notice given by Dr. Coote at previous monthly meeting, Mr. Connelly proposed, Mr. Meagher seconded and it was unanimously carried: — "That no proposition be discussed at Board unless first handed in writing and signed."

According to notice given by Mr. Shine at previous monthly meeting, Mr. Connelly proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded —

"That in future the October Pig Fair be held on Friday and not on Monday as hitherto and that this alteration be sufficiently advertised."

Passed unanimously.

The following letters were read: —