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Sale of Property Committee

Mr Bright - Mr Callaghan - Mr Hastings - Mr J. Mr Dermod
Mr Tomkins - Mr T. Bright - Mr Tinsley - Mr Mr Sheehy
Ald Mr Donnell - Mr T. Bright - Ald Gabbett -
Mr Bowring Ex - Ald Fitz Gerald - Mr Robson
John O'Donnell - Mr McMahon - Mr Scanlan

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25 August 1858 Members Present
Ald Gibson - Ald Fitz Gerald - Ald Tomkins
Mr Mr Sheehy -

The Mayor in the Chair

It was proposed and agreed to that this meeting do adjournal to Thursday next at 12 o'Clock -

J H O'Mara Sec

Mayor

Thursday 2 Sept 1858

Members Present -
Mr Mr Sheehy - The Mayor - Ald Fitz Gerald
Ald Tomkins - Mr Bowring Ex - Mr Hastings
Ald Tinsley -

The Mayor - Chairman

The letter from the Treasury in reference to the Memorial for the Sale of the Corporate Property was read - and the Committee submitted a Draft thereof and approved -

Resolved That the Draft Letter now approved of in Answer to the Letter from the Sec'y to the Treasury dated 12 August inst

be submitted to the Council for final approval, and we Recommend that the Mayor, with ~~both~~ Alderman FitzGerald with both the City Members be requested to Wait on the Lords of the Treasury and urge, in person, their Lordships to Consent to the Sale of a sufficient portion of the Corporate property, to pay off the Mortgage for £20.000 as set out in said letter

Gubbett
Mayor

John N Owen
Secy

Read in Council on 2nd Sept 1858 and adopted also draft letter read and approved of
John Ellard
Town Clerk

Gubbett
Mayor

Friday 10th Sept 1858
Meeting of Property Committee present the Mayor in the Chair. Dr Kane - Mr McSheehy. Ald FitzGerald. The Town Clerk and Law Agent:
Draft of letter to Lords of the Treasury which was approved of in Council - Reconsidered and Completed - Letter to be forwarded by the Mayor

John N Owen
Secy

Thursday 21st Octr 1858
Meeting of Sale of Property Committee Present
Ald FitzGerald - Mr Barrington[2] - Mr Hastings[3] -

Ald FitzGerald Chairman

Mr Mayor. Mr J. Spaight M.P. being about to proceed to London. in the Dromore Packet Station Question - they are requested to have an interview with the Authorities of the Treasury & present the letter prepared on the last day of Meeting and afford every information to my Lords on the subject of the Sale of the Corporate Property -

John N Owen
Secy

Friday 3rd December 1858 -
"Sale of Property Committee"
Members Present.
Mr McMahon. Mr Mc Sheehy[2]. Ald FitzGerald[3] Mr Hastings[4] Mr W. Spaight[5] -

Ald FitzGerald Chairman

This Meeting was Convened to Consider the Letter of the Lords of the Treasury dated 3rd November 1858 in reference to the Sale of a Portion of the Corporate Property ~~of~~ Sanctioned thereon -

Ald FitzGerald is requested to Communicate upon with Lords of the Treasury with the View of procuring Power to Sell that portion of the Property Excepted in part to Sell the entire Property. The Meeting

Not to be sold without the sanction of the Council.

W. O'Connell Clk

J Mowen Surg

Waterford & Limerick Railway Sewers Committee thereon appointed by Council 13 Jany 1859.

Ald Scanlan	Mr Cantr	Mr Murphy
Ald W. Fitzgerald	Mr Keays	Mr Ellard
Ald Sheehy	Mr McMahon	Mr Corbett
Ald Tinsley	Mr Ward.	
Mr Barrington		

Convened for 12 O'C Monday 17th Jany 1859

Present.

Ald Fitz Gerald Ald Sheehy Mr Barrington
Mr Keays The Mayor Ald Tinsley Mr Cantr
Ald Scanlan Mr Mc Mahon

The Mayor Chairman

The Report of the Corporation Officers on the subject of the Drainage of the Waterford & Limerick Railway Co. having been referred by the Council at its last Meeting to this Special Committee to Report thereon —

This Committee proceeded to visit the Waterford & Railway Lands and premises and the Streets and Lands adjacent thereto —

Ordered — That the Town Clerk do Communicate with the Directors of the Railway Co, inviting a deputation from that Body, accompanied by their Engineer to Meet this Committee, at their earliest Convenience, on the Subject of the drainage and Sewerage, of and in the Vicinity of the Waterford & Limerick Railway —

I W R Ryan
Mayor

W. O'Connell
Secy

Railway Sewers Committee Feby 8th 1859

Members Present

Ald Scanlan — Ald Fitz Gerald Mr W. Sheehy
Mr Barrington Mr The Mayor

The Mayor ~~Ald Scanlan~~ Chairman

This Committee will Meet the deputation from the Waterford & Limerick Railway Directors — ~~& the Commissioners thereof~~ in reference to the drainage of the Railway premises — To meet at Town Hall —

I W R Ryan Chairman

J Mowen
Secy

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Waterford & Limerick Railway Committee

Wednesday 9th Feby. 1859

Members Present

The Mayor - Ald Tierney Ald Fitz Gerald - Ald Sheehy -
Mr Barrington

The Mayor Chairman -

This Committee was convened for the purpose of Meeting a deputation from the Directors of the Waterford & Limerick Railway on the subject matter of the Drainage Sewerage of the Railway Premises & Streets adjacent -

Mr Smith the Railway Company's Engineer, attended this Meeting - after some discussion Mr Smith having suggested that he and Mr Corbett, our Engineer should meet, and arrange on the best Means of draining the Railway premises, having in View at the same time the public advantages - & to Estimate, & report, on the subject -

This Committee adopt this Suggestion and adjourn pr tour Report & Estimate

John N Owen
Secy

Read in Council 24 Feby 1859

W K Ryan

Friday 25th Feby. 1859

"Sale of Property Committee."

Members Present

Ald Fitz Gerald - Mr Mc Sheehy - Mr Barrington -
Mr Mc Mahon -

Ald. Fitz Gerald Chairman

Read Letter from the Lords of the Treasury, dated 8th February 1859. Having reference to the Sale of the Corporate property & particularly in reference to the Sale of the Fishery

The following Resolution was proposed, and agreed to, viz
That We request Mr Murphy, our Law agent, to prepare an advertisement, offering the Fisheries for Sale, subject to the approval of the Council, and the Lords of the Treasury, and that he also be requested, to prepare a Letter for the Signature of the Mayor, requesting the Treasury to lend their Consent for Sale, of the remaining portion of the property, and the advertisement be submitted for the Approval of the Council, at their next Meeting -

John N Owen
Secy

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Lunatic Asylum Committee

To call the attention of the Government to the large sums annually levied from the Rate payers of this City for the Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in the Asylums. Committee to forward Memorial

"Members of Committee"

Mr Cullen. Ald. Fitz Gerald. Ald. M Donnell
Mr McSheehy and Mr Hastings -
Hon. Secretary
Convened Monday 7th March 1859 -
Members Present
Hon. Fitz Gerald - Mr Hastings -
No Meeting

John O'Connell

Thursday 3rd March 1859

A Special Meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to examine the crossings on the Limerick & Ennis Railway was convened and held this day

P. C. Edmond Gubbins in the chair
P C Lenihan P C Ward.
P C Roger

The City Surveyor was in attendance and recommended that the Committee should visit the localities, which they did, and unanimously resolved - To recommend the Council not to give consent to the construction of any tunnel or underground crossing, but to require that the L & E Railway Co should have a proper bridge constructed over the Railway with approaches built with the requisite gradients, such alone appearing to be the proper course.

The Committee recommend the Council to require a level crossing be constructed at the Cubally Road for foot passengers along side the Bridge this latter being inconvenient and dangerous in wet & frosty weather.

Edmond Gubbins

Minutes of 25 Feby 1859 and above date read the Correspondence of 25th Feby & 1st April 1859 - Consideration of the above postponed -

M R Ryan

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Meeting of the Property Committee
Tuesday 31st May 1859.

Present

The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Fitzgerald — Alderman Sunderland
P.C. MacMahon — P.C. MacSheehy
Alderman Tinsley — P.C. Hastings

The Law Agent attended

Letter from the Lords of the Treasury read granting permission to the Corporation to sell as much of the Property as will produce the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds to pay off a like amount of Mortgage.

A Report was brought prepared and adopted to be laid before Council together with an advertisement. W R Ryan Mayor
See both attached hereto.

Read in Council 16th June 1859 and ordered to be printed together with the Report & Advertisement and the consideration of the subject postponed for a Special Meeting on 1st Tuesday in July. Fourteen days notice of such meeting to be given

16th June 1859 W R Ryan

Subject considered and Resolution adopted
Special Meeting 5th July 1859 W R Ryan

Special Meeting (3rd June 1859)

of Committee appointed in Council to examine into, devise and report on the best means of supplying the Inhabitants of the City of the humbler classes with sufficient ~~supply of~~ Water and with that view to fix the site of Pumps &c. &c.

Present

Alderman Fitzgerald. P.C. Myles. P.C. Ward. P.C. Cullen, P.C. Garvey, P.C. Barry, Alderman Sunderland, Alderman Fitzgerald in the Chair
Alderman Tinsley. P.C. O'Donnell
and the Mayor who on his arrival was requested to take the Chair.

The following Report was unanimously adopted for

That the present fountains are insufficient and inconvenient. The Public want a constant supply of pure water, conveniently delivered. That pumps would obviate the objection to the want of a constant supply. But the quality of the water being hard would be unsuitable for many of the most important uses and the mode of supply would be inconvenient. That we recommend application to the Water Works Company stating that a constant supply of pure water is a necessity which the Corporation is determined to meet, that they propose if necessary to obtain this object by a local effort, but before adopting that course they wish to give the Company the opportunity of stating what improvement in their Works and source of supply (if any) they are prepared to make to satisfy the Public demand.

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Special Committee Sunday. 13th June 1859

Railway applications re the subject of Sewerage in Nelson St

Present

The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Cruikshank Alderman Tuohy
T. C Barrington T. C Hyde.

In reference to the last proceedings on this subject on the 9th Inst and to the City Surveyor. he reported that no satisfactory result was arrived at by the consultation directed by Committee to be held between him and the Engineer of the Railway Co.

The following letter (referred by Council to this Committee) was read.

Waterford & Limerick Railway
Solicitors Office 79 Talbot St
Dublin 30th May 1859

Dear Sir

"Having signed to my former letter to you on the "subject of the injury sustained by the Waterford and Limerick "Railway Company by reason of the Sexton Street Sewer "emptying itself into the Company's premises. I have "received instructions to inform you that unless the nuisance "be abated, or an arrangement come to between the Corpor "ation of Limerick and this Company I will be compelled "to take immediate proceedings against the Corporation "for the injury and damage sustained by the Company "requesting the favour of an early reply

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
(signed) Richd D Nagle

John Ellard Esq
Town Clerk
Limerick

Sunday. 14th June 1859.

The Committee beg to report, That it would be desirable to inform Mr. Kane, that the Council have always been anxious that an arrangement should be made in reference to that matter, and for that object, an interview was sought for by special appointment with the Directors of the W & L R W. Co, which, notwithstanding the fixing of such appointment, was not carried out by the attendance of the Directors, who merely sent their Engineer to confer on the subject; the Corporation are therefore not to blame. This Committee recommend — that arrangement be now made for meeting a deputation of the R Way and of the Council — for the purpose of carrying out such a plan as will be just to all parties concerned.

W R Ryan
Mayor

Read in Council 16th June 1859
and adopted.

W R Ryan

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Special Meeting Lunatic Asylum
Com.e to be convened for Tuesday

Meeting held Tuesday June 21. 1859
Present
The Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen Fitzgerald
" Mc Donnell
" Quinlivan
D.C " Cullen

A Return furnished, on the Mayors Requisition,
by Dr. Fitzgerald of the Patients
in the Lunatic Asylum read
See Return

Copy of proceedings of Governors of
District Lunatic Asylum and
Resolution thereof Read
See. same

Letter & Lett. of Clare Grand Jury
from the Mayor forwarding
Resolution of Comm.e Read
See Copy

It was ordered that Dr. Fitzgerald should
be requested to furnish a list containing
the names and former residences of the pauper
Lunatics chargeable to the City of Limerick,
specifying the nature of the Malady under which
each is suffering, and the date of the admission
of each into the Asylum
Adjourned

"Lunatic Asylum Committee"
Special Meeting held.
Wednesday 29th June 1859
Present
Alderman Quinlivan Alderman Fitzgerald
D. C. Hastings
Alderman Quinlivan (in the chair)

The Return of the names &c of the
Lunatics chargeable to the City of Limerick,
as required to be furnished by the Medical
Inspector of the Limerick District Lunatic
Asylum, was read:
And it having seemed desirable
that the Committee should see Dr. Fitzgerald
on the subject and go over the list with
him at the Asylum:
It was ordered, That Dr. Fitzgerald be
informed of this intention of the Committee,
and that the Members will please to call
be noticed to [illegible] for. Eleven o'Clock to-morrow

Lawd Quinlivan
Chairman

Accordingly, on Thursday 30th June
a Deputation consisting of
Alderman Quinlivan
Alderman Fitzgerald
& D. C Hastings called upon the
Resident Medical Inspector at the Asylum
and went over the List of the Pauper Lunatics
chargeable to the City, when it appeared that
several (Eight) of the Male Patients are in

a hopeless state as to ultimate recovery, but harmless in their insanity; and that such might with safety be removed to the Union Work House. Two of the female patients were also of the same description. So therefore, if it be practicable to have the removal of these effected, several vacancies (there now exist but one Male vacancy) in the Asylum would be created for the admission of Lunatics who may recover under restraint and medical treatment, but who never can be relieved without such proper care.

Out of the aggregate number of Sixty Five patients chargeable to the City, only Three contribute towards the funds of the Institution, that contribution amounts to the sum of £16.10.0. Annually for each, being the ascertained cost of each Inmate of the Asylum: So that Sixty Two at this rate, which includes Establishment and all other charges, are charged upon the City making an annual of £1024.11.0. Annually. There is at least one case in that number appearing such as ought not to come upon the Establishment as a non paying inmate; the position in life of the immediate friends being supposed to be such as would enable them to contribute the annual pecuniary benefit before referred to.

Having ascertained the above particulars from Dr. Fitzgerald the Committee proceeded with him to examine the Asylum, and found the greatest regularity, cleanliness, and order existing therein; most creditable to the Resident Medical Inspector Dr. Robert Fitzgerald and to the Matron Mrs. Raleigh

Lud. Sullivan
Chairman

Wednesday 13th July. 1859

Special Meeting of the Committee appointed to consider Report on the subject of the Sewerage to meet a Deputation from the Limerick & Waterford Railway Co

Present. The Mayor in the chair
T. C. M. Mahon, Alderman Fitzgerald, Alderman Sullivan } the Law Agent and City Surveyor attended.

The Deputation consisted of Mich. Tarrell Esq. D.L. J. Connolly Esq. and Mr. Smiette the Engineer of the Limerick and Waterford Railway Co.

The Deputation confined themselves to the question of the discharge and accumulation of the public Sewage into the grounds of the Railway Company: and required that the Corporation should divert that Sewage from its present position, and thereby relieve the Railway premises from being the depository of a large portion of the Sewage of the district. The Deputation stated that with regard to the requisite Sewerage for the Railway

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Railway Co premises, the necessary steps were now taking to construct it, and to discharge it at the sole expense of the Company; that before the Company required no sanction from the Corporation for their object; but that they required the Corporation should abate the nuisance above referred to. Reference was made to the former interviews on this subject, and the Chairman of the G. W. Railway expressed doubts whether the Directors would now repeat the offer made of contributing £200 towards the cost of a main Sewer especial for the Railway and for the general use of the district.

The Distributor drew attention to the outlay the Company are at present for their own purposes about £200 which with the £200 formerly offered, would be a contribution of £400 towards an outlay estimated at £1300

The Special Committee suggested that if it was probable if the Railway Company consented to contribute £450 for the Public Sewer, they would not hesitate to recommend to the Council to contribute £650 or in such proportion to the cost, should same be more or less than £1100. By such arrangement if adopted the Company would contribute one half viz: the £450 above referred to and the £200 for the sewer within the Railway Premises and the Corporation the other half of the Estimate of £1300.

M R Ryan
Mayor

Special Committee appointed by Council 25th Augt on the subject of Corkaree and Road Embankment

Present

The Mayor in the Chair

Alderman Fitzgerald — Arthur Russell Esq
Doctor Kane — Zachariah Myles Esq.

The City Surveyor was in attendance and produced and Read a Report of the contemplated Work. an Estimate thereof and Maps and Specifications which (see herewith) were carefully considered by the Committee.

and it was recommended that application be made to the Commissioners of Public Works for an advance of money, under the Provisions of the Land Improvement Act; and that in order to have the subject brought clearly before the Commissioners, the City Surveyor was directed to transmit the plans, specifications, and report with a preliminary enquiry as to the viability. the project to be confined to the 1. Plans.

M R Ryan
Mayor

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The subject of the Special Sitting
considered
Letter proposed to be prepared by
Alderman Fitzgerald

Monday Septr 12th 1859.

Meeting of Special Committee
(Corkanree and River Embankment)
Present
The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Fitzgerald J. C. Cullen
J. C. Barrington Alderman Sunlivan
The Law Agent attended also the City Surveyor
Letter from Board of Works read in reply
to application for a loan for above named
project. (See Letter)

The Mayor and Law Agent reported having
had an interview (subsequently to the receipt
of the above letter) with the Commissioners of
Public Works, the result of which was, that
the Commissioners were disposed to entertain
a proposal from the Corporation and the several
the proprietors, to place the adjacent Lands,
as security for the requisite Sum under
the provisions of the Lands Improvement
Act.

adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Tuesday Septr 13th 1859
adjourned meeting
Present: The Mayor in the chair
Alderman Fitzgerald J. C Barrington
Alderman Sunlivan
The Law Agent City Surveyor attended

Tuesday 13th Septr 1859

The Committee having carefully considered
the subject referred to them, agree to report as
follows to the Council.

That in their opinion the Embankment
of the Slob from the new Docks to the extreme
point at Corkanree, and the reclaiming of the
Land for the purposes (if possible) of a Public
Park, is a work most desirable of accomplish-
ment in every point of view.

That the Estimate for this work including
the deepening and securing of Ballyanna Creek
and the substitution of a Sluice for its present outlet,
is £7178, and the Estimated Annual Value
of the Lands so to be reclaimed and improved,
amount to £544: thus presenting a return of
7½ per cent on the proposed outlay.

That to accomplish this work, we find
there are two modes; the first to seek for
a Private Act, the expense of which would be
about £500, seeking permission to borrow
the sum of £8000 upon the security of the
Improvement Rate; the proceeds of the Lands
(estimated as above at £544) to merge into the
same Fund, which would be more than sufficient to pay the Interest at 5 per cent on the
Sum to be borrowed; and the annual Rent per
acre asked by the proprietors of the adjoining
Lands.

The other mode, by which the Corporation
may seek to do the work, would be, to make
an application conjointly with the other proprie-
tors of the adjoining lands to the Comrs of Public
Works, for a Loan of £8000, to be charged on the
properties of those proprietors, and the sacrifice of

Corkanree, ~~Repay the Landowners~~ the ~~payable to the Owners~~ by instalments; but the Committee are not aware whether the above proposition would consent to such application, and besides, this course would preclude the possibility of forming a Public Park, as the reclaimed Land would become the property of the adjacent proprietors, except that portion adjoining the Lands of Corkanree, which, of course, would be an addition to the Corporation Estates.

Your Committee strongly recommend the Council to entertain a subject which involves question of much importance, in a sanatory view, as well as tending to improve the approaches to the City, secure the productiveness of Corkanree, and preserve the great Metropolitan Road, which, from frequent inundation, has become a heavy tax upon the Rates.

F. O'Neill
Jr. Ald.

M. R. Ryan

Minutes of the 25th August. Sept. 12 & 13
read in Council on the
September and approved of.

M. R. Ryan

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Mess. Joynt
" Myles
" Chute

Special Committee on Island Bank. convened. 6th Oct. of whom met. Alderman Joynt
J. C. Myles.

Mr. Clarke afterwards ascending. After having visited and inspected the Bank the following Report was prepared, to be submitted to Council:

Report of Island Bank. Committee

Your Committee beg to Report

That the River fences of the Bank are much injured, apparently by Cattle, and that immediate steps ought to be taken to repair such indispensable protection to the Roadway

That the Roadway itself has become almost entirely overgrown with herbage, so much so as to enable parties to cut and save Hay upon it.

That such portion of the Roadway as still retains the traces of a stone surface required repair, but not of any material amount.

That the approach to the Bank on the Corbally side is quite unsecured so that horses, Cattle, Swine, and goats trespass upon the place and do considerable injury.

That at the approach at the Thomond Bridge side there is an unsecured entrance from the lane leading from the Blennerville (Mr. Kellins), and that through this passage trespass also is

cure

That on the whole, the Island Bank presents a very deplorable amount of neglect upon the parts of the persons entrusted with its custody.

That the total absence of any care taken is manifest as regards the place, but that your Committee are of opinion that notwithstanding this total neglect as regards the place itself, its production in Hay and Grass is very industriously gathered, and probably to no inconsiderable amount taken away, as an equivalent for services never rendered.

That a continuance of this disregard to a public Walk constructed at an enormous outlay of Public Money will shortly eventuate in the ruin of the Roadway, and the loss of a beautiful and healthful Park to the citizens.

That by a small but well considered outlay, the advantages now overlooked or condemned could be made available.

And Your Committee recommend —

That two Caretakers be exclusively employed for the proper custody of the Road, one of them to reside in the Toll House on Thomond Bridge, the other to reside at the Athlunkard Street Entrance, each to have charge of half the Bank, and each to be held strictly accountable for rigidly enforcing such rules, as may be considered hereafter by the Council, as requisite for the care of the place, and the suppression of irregularities —

That the Grass, Hay and Sedge of the Bank and Roadway be annually sold, and the proceeds carried to a Fund to be set apart for the purpose of being applied towards the maintenance of the Island Bank Public Walk".

That whatever additional sum may be required shall be provided for out of the Borough Fund.

That after Caretakers shall have been provided, the Bank should be planted with well grown Elms, Ash, Oaks, and Beeches, "on over of the Council having been" heretofore made for that purpose "not to exceed Forty Pounds"

That the several approaches should be well secured, & Gates placed where requisite to be under the charge of the Caretakers

That these or such like steps are immediately necessary, in order to prevent this most valuable portion of the Public Walks of Limerick from going to rapid ruin, and to preserve a place of such healthful resort to the citizens, which constructed with great care and at an Expenditure of £7500 now only requires proper attention and surveillance on the part of the Council to render it such as it was designed to be, a boon to the people of the City.

That Your Committee beg to add that a Mr. Connors is in care of the Island Bank, but that she appears to be quite unable to fulfil that duty, and that the Council are recommended to deal with

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her in the most considerate manner with regard to any claim for compensation she may make.

Wm L. Joynt. Alderman
Chairman of
Committee,

This Report was ordered to be printed and circulated among the Members, after which it was read in Council on Thursday the 17th ~~October~~ November, when it was adopted with the omission of the Caretaker

Town Hall
17th Nov. 1859.

Special Committee on Railway Sewerage
Monday 10th October 1859

Present:- The Mayor in the Chair
Ald. Fitz Gerald " The Law Agent
Ald. Smith " The Town Clerk
Ald. Ward " The City Surveyor

Minutes of last Committee read

The Town Clerk by direction of the Mayor read a letter received by him from the Secty of the Waterford & Limerick Rway declining to contribute a larger sum than £210- as before offered towards the Sewerage connected with the Limerick Tenements, and stating that if the Evil complained of was not Remedied proceedings would be taken against the Corporation. And further stating that such offer was made without prejudice

The Committee Recommend the Council to negotiate with Mr Kane the Co's Solr with a view to the proposition above made which was made without prejudice to the Corporation disclaiming liability and merely for the purpose of contributing towards a public improvement should the Co's Works be done. We Recommend that the Law Agent be directed to take the Opinion of Counsel for the guidance of the Corporation

M M Ryan
Chr

Minutes of Committee of 10th Oct 1859

Read in Council on 12th Oct 1859

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Wednesday 19th Oct. 1859

A Meeting of Special Committee
waiting of Ald. Quinlivan
Ald. Fitzgerald
Ald. Hanly
J.C. Myles
J.C. Barry
& the Mayor

was convened & met and conferred with Mr James owner of Vaults in Thomond St. by appointment made by him, and the following known and viz.

Alderman Quinlivan
J.C. Myles
and J.C. Barry

Letter read from Mr James stating his inability to keep his appointment today but depending it to Thursday

The Meeting of the Committee was adjourned to 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Thursday 20th Oct. 1859 (2 o'clock)

Meeting of Committee

Present. Alderman Quinlivan:
J. C. Myles: Alderman Fitzgerald:
J. C. Barry

& The Mayor in the Chair

Mr James attended

also the City Surveyor.

who produced a plan of the alteration in the Roadway of Frederick Street.

The Estimate for which was. £140- viz. for taking down the Vaults and building a parapet wall in front of

Thursday 20th Oct. 1859

Meeting Cont.d

Mr James's house, with proper approaches thereto.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt this plan, and to give (in full compensation for all rights) to Mr James the Sum of Ten Pounds, with permission to sink the Vaults hereafter upon the Site of those to be removed, but sufficiently deep as not to interfere with the level of the Roadway as altered.

M. O'Ryan Mayor

This Report was read in Council and accepted 26th October 1859

M O'R

Tuesday, 22nd Nov.r 1859

Special Meeting of Committee appointed in Council 17 Nov.r for considering respecting an proposed new Streets.

Names of Committee

J.C. McDonnell.	Ald.n Galvin.	J.C. Cullen.
" Hartigan.	J.C. Callaghan.	Ald.n Quinlivan.
" W.G. Gubbins.	Ald.n Joynt.	J.C. W.m Spaight.
" Barrington.	" Meekaby.	Ald.n Tinsley.
" Purcell.	" McDonnell.	J.C. Myles.
Ald.n Fitzgerald	J.C. Ward.	The Mayor Ex Officio

(Three to form a Quorum)

There were this day Present

J. C. Myles	Ald.n Fitzgerald	Ald.n Tinsley
" W.G. Gubbins	J. C. Cullen	" McDonnell
" Purcell	J.C. Ward.	" Quinlivan

Tuesday 22nd November 1859

Special Meeting continued

Alds Joynt. J C Speight Ald Mulcahy.

Alderman Fitzgerald Chairman

Mr Fogerty with the Rev. W Bourke attended.

The plan laid before the Council was brought up and explained by Mr Fogerty.

The Mayor took the chair.

After considerable discussion of the subject the following Resolution was proposed by J. C Gubbins seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald

"That we recommend the opening of the "New Line of Road from the Market to "Mungret Street, as proposed by Mr Fogerty "and that active measures ~~and that~~ "~~active measures~~ be adopted to carry "out the project, provided the Citizens "and persons interested subscribe the sum "of £500 towards the undertaking and "that the total Cost does not exceed £2000

To which the following Amendment was proposed by Alderman Tinsley and seconded by J C Myles

"That the Consideration be postponed "to a future day to enable the Committee "to have the opinion of the City Surveyor "on the cost of making the contemplated "Street, which being put was negatived by the casting Vote of the Mayor the following having voted for the Amendment. J C Myles J C Purcell J C Ward Ald Tinsley J C Speight Ald Mulcahy

and against the Amendment J C Gubbins Ald Fitzgerald J C Cullen Ald Mc Donnell Ald Quinlivan & Ald Joynt.

The Resolution was then put and carried by the casting Vote of the Mayor the following having voted for the Resolution

J C Gubbins	Ald Mc Donnell
Ald Fitzgerald	" Quinlivan
J C Cullen	" Joynt

and the following against it

J C Myles	Ald Tinsley
" Purcell	J C Speight
" Ward	Ald Mulcahy

The following Resolution was then proposed by Ald Joynt and seconded by Alderman Mulcahy, and passed unanimously

Resolved that the Surveyor of the Council and Mr Fogerty be requested to enquire into the Valuation of the premises to be taken ~~town~~ of the New Road to be opened and that an Estimate be also made of making and maintaining the Road and all incidental expenses.

The following Resolution was proposed by Ald Mc Donnell seconded by J C Myles and passed unanimously

That the Memorial for the opening of Thomas Street be referred to our Surveyor for his Report to this Committee.

Minutes of 22nd Nov 1859 read and approved in Council on 15th Dec 1859

Tuesday 13th December 1859

Special Committee

Water and Public Fountains

Present J. C. Lyle Alderman Tinsley
Alderman Fitzgerald Mayor Chair.
J. C Barry.

The Mayor Chairman

Mr. Maylan, Engineer of the Limerick Water Works Company, attended the Committee and stated that he was now in course of increasing the works and the supply of the Water Company for the general use of the Citizens, and on such a scale as would enable them to afford a daily supply to the Public Fountains and for [illegible] hours each day. That the supply [illegible] be from Water after having undergone perfect filtration. That the present Public Fountains will undergo a considerable improvement in capacity and discharge; and that, if it should be so required, an additional number of Fountains should be erected so as to afford a general supply over the City. The terms of payment and all other arrangements [illegible] expense of this extra [illegible] increased supply [illegible] between the Corporation and the Directors of the Company afterwards. The additional number of fountains to be erected entirely at the cost of the Water Company, leaving it optional with the Corporation, if they desire [illegible] ment and prove them or not.

Mr Maylan intimated that in the

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several arrangements for the increased supply the Company works now in progress, no alteration in the source of supply further than by improvement by filtration is provided for.

M K Hayes

Tuesday

Minutes of the 13th December 1859 read in Council & [illegible] on 15 Dec 1859 —

M K Hayes

Tuesday 10th January 1860

Special Meeting convened to consider the report of Sewerage Arbitration reference & Mem by Council Present.

Alderman Tinsley J. C Ward J. C Lyle
J. C McMahon J. C Barry

The Mayor in the Chair

The Said Report Mr. Murphy attended, and in considering the proposal made by the Solicitor of the Railway, namely to appoint the Engineers of the W. L. R. Co. and of the Corporation as arbitrators, it was thought advisable that the arbitrators should not be professional men whose evidence on the subject will be indispensable, but that the Arbitrator (non professional) the appointed on behalf of the Corporation, and the Arbitrator (non professional) on behalf of Railway Co with power to appoint an

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in the manner (from proposals) and that the Committee recommend the Council to request that Robert Ruttin Esq. shall act as Arbitrator for the Council

The question to be decided by the Arbitrators to be the relative proportions of each Body as contributing towards the construction of a Sewer through Queen St. Baker Place and Perry Street. & Lord Limerick's Sewer of pipe Pery Square according to the Plan, Section prepared by the City Surveyor and submitted to the Directors.

William Stanley
Mayor

Minutes of the 10th read in Council 12th January 1860 & adopted

William Stanley
Mayor

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Saturday 21st March 1860

Meeting of the Special Committee formed under Resolution of Council of 27th Inst. as follows

"That a Committee of Council of the following "be appointed to consider the proposition made "by the Harbour Board respecting the lessening "of the Debt due by the Port, and that the "Committee report on it to a Meeting of the "Council to be specially convened, and "that their Report be printed and circulated "amongst the Rate Payers previous to the "Council Meeting"

J. C. James Spaight
Alderman McDonnell
J. C. Gabbett
" McDonnell
" Ryan
" O'Kane
" MacMahon
" Rodger.

There were present of the above Committee

J. C. James Spaight	J. C. MacMahon
" Edmond Gabbett	" Rodger
" Doctor Kane	Alderman McDonnell
" Jno. McDonnell	J. C. M. R. Ryan

The Mayor in the Chair

Mr. R. Russell & Mr. Cox attended as a Deputation from the Harbour Board.

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Meeting cont.

and submitted the Proposition of the Harbour Board in detail as follows

That the Corporation should undertake to Guarantee the annual Payment of such sum as may be agreed upon by and to the Treasury, such annual sum not to exceed £4500

in the following conditions

That the Corporation have the power of electing Five Members with the Mayor biennially to represent them at the Harbour Board

That the Harbour Board be restrained from Expending in any one year any sum beyond the Annual Surplus which shall remain after the Payment of the Government Interest

That in the event of the Harbour Board not paying the annual Interest to the Government, the Corporation shall enter into possession of the Income of the Port

That the Tolls as now paid shall remain unchanged, unless with the Consent of the Corporation.

That the Account of the Harbour Board shall be Audited Annually by the Borough Auditors.

The Deputation produced a Statement of the Receipts & the Harbour Trust for the past Ten Years and of the Payments made on account of the Harbour

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Meeting cont.

Debt to the Board of the Works, and of the Expenditure within the same period as follows

	Receipts	Payment on % of Debt	Expenditure
1850	7568. 12. 8	6481. 5. 5	1087. 7. 3
51	7513. 17. 3	4500. " "	3013. 17. 3
52	8953. 6. 7	6610. " "	2453. 6. 7
53	9067. 6. 2	7600. " "	1567. 6. 2
54	8893. 6. 8	6500. " "	2393. 6. 8
55	7669. 9. 8	5000. " "	2669. 9. 8
† 56	8072. 3. 9	5000. " "	3072. 3. 9
57	7786. 0. 0	6000. " "	1786. " "
58	8694. 11. 7	7000. " "	1694. 11. 7
59	10055. 18. 2	8500. " "	1555. 18. 2
	£. 84274. 12. 6,	62981. 5. 5,	21293. 7. 1

From the Gross ~~money~~ Receipts for these Ten Years the sum of £1500 which was received for the Mill at Curragower being properly deducted, (the Annual Income then remaining free from casual sources of Revenue,) the amount of the Receipts was ascertained to be £82774. 12. 6

and from the Gross Expenditure the following Sums of Extraordinary Liabilities incurred and paid within the period having been deducted viz^t To Lord Lieut Cole Vote Bailiff 3000. "

" Mr Ross a grant — 75.

" New Custom Office 967.

" Removing Rocks 186. 1

" Gas Lamps &c &c 506. 9

£ 4735. 9.

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Meeting Contd

£ 4735. 9. 1 the amount of the Expenditure for the Ten years was ascertained to be £ 16557. 18. 0.

Which during the aforesaid period of Ten years the sum of £ 6148 1. 5. 5 from the regular Income of the Port. and the sum of 1600. 0. 0 had by the Sale of Carriages Mill had been placed by the Comrs of the Public Works to the Credit of the Harbour Debts. making the sum of £ 12981. 5. 5

So that the Annual average Income for the Years commencing 1850 and ending 1859 was. £ 8277. 9. 3 and the Annual average Expenditure (exclusive of Extraordinary liabilities which cannot again arise) was £ 1655. 15. 9 By which, supposing the future Annual payment for the general liability of the Harbour Trust to be reduced to £ 4500 a year, it is satisfactorily manifested that there would be a surplus of over £ 2000 a year, (the exact figures £ 2121. 13. 6.)

The following Report was then adopted, and orders given to have it printed forthwith, and circulated as directed by the Resolution.

Report

Report of the Special Committee
To the Council of the Corporation

Your Committee in the discharge of the duties imposed upon them by the Resolution of the Council of the 22nd have proceeded to the consideration of the subject of the proposition made to the Corporation by the Limerick Harbour Commissioners.

The circumstances of the Port of Limerick, the enormous debt which has accumulated upon its Revenues, the way in which that debt retards any effectual improvement in the Navigation, and the hopelessness of extricating the Harbour Trust from the trouble, by any ordinary means have of course been the motive to impel, and as well as the reasons to justify the application made to the Corporation to assume a collateral liability with a Public body, independent in all its functions, and identified about, in being, like the Corporation, the administration of a Trust for the general good of the City.

A plan for reducing the Debt now owing by the Harbour Commissioners, and of discharging the reduced amount by an Annual payment to the Treasury, of a sum not in any event to exceed £ 4500. and probably by a more favourable arrangement not to exceed £ 4000 a year for fifty Years, has been laid before the Government by Mr Russell, our zealous and energetic Member, and fellow Citizen. This plan has been favourably entertained, and will be carried out – but upon one Basis only. That the Corporation undertake to Guarantee the

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"and secure the due payment of the annual
"sum to the Treasury for the whole of the period
"over which it is thrown"

Taking as the basis of the Calculation, the Income and Expenditure of the Harbour Commissioners for the last Ten years, the net Income, after paying all expenses of the Establishment, has been ascertained to the satisfaction of Your Committee to be £6500 a year, which would leave a clear surplus of £2000 (after paying the maximum sum proposed to be guaranteed) for the improvement of the Port and Harbour.

At present the whole of the Income of the Port must be paid into the hands of the Board of Works, from whom the cost of the management and maintenance of the Harbour is received; and as the net amount, after these deductions falls unnecessarily short of the Interest and Instalments of the several Loans, the Board sanction but indispensable and occasional outlay, and no permanent nor extensive improvement for the advancement of the Commerce & trade can be effected.

The surplus of £2000 above referred to, were it available would be of vast benefit to the Trade and to the City, under judicious and careful management.

The principal source of the Revenue of the Harbour consists in the Tonnage and Harbour Dues, and the Harbour Rate on

on Goods exported and imported.

With the Tolls of the Wellesley Bridge, which are a considerable source of Revenue, the other portions consist of Lands and Tenements, the Estate and Property of the Harbour: but as the powers possessed by the Harbour Commissioners for leasing their Lands and Warehouses are circumscribed, that portion of their property does not produce the annual value that would be available, if they had the power of granting long Leases: and to this probably may be referred, the fact of most of their leased property being underlet. They possess the power of sale, but it is to be considered, whether it would not be advisable that they should exchange this power for that of leasing for a perpetuity; for in the latter arrangement Income will be of more importance to them than a Sale of any portion of the property.

Should it be considered advisable by the Council to assume the collateral liabilities which is sought for, and upon the assumption of which, it is stated, the Treasury will sanction the plan referred to, the Harbour Commissioners propose the following conditions for the satisfaction and Security of the Corporation:—

That the Corporation shall have the power of Electing Five Members with the Mayor biennially to represent them at the Harbour Board.

That the Harbour Board be restrained from expending in any one Year any sum beyond the annual Surplus which shall remain after the payment of the Government Interest.

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Meeting cont'd

That in the event of the Harbour Board not paying the annual Interest to the Government, the Corporation shall enter into possession of the Income of the Port

That the Tolls as now paid shall remain unchanged, unless with the consent of the Corporation.

That the Account of the Harbour Board shall be audited annually by the Borough Auditor

Your Committee having carefully weighed and fully discussed the subject, are of opinion that this matter, involving as it does so important an interest as the Trade and Commerce of our City (which can alone be secured or promoted by the Maintenance and improvement of the Port and Harbour) is worthy of the most favourable consideration; and reverting most carefully to all the circumstances of the case, past and present, Your Committee do not hesitate to recommend that that consideration may eventuate in the adoption of the Plan proposed.

William Stafford
Mayor

Brown Hall
24th March 1860

Read in Council on the
29th March 1860.

Motion made to adopt Report.
Amendment to postpone Consideration
for six Months. Question put on the

Thursday 29th March 1860

Amendment and Amendment carried
there having voted

For the Amendment — 20
Against — 13
Majority for
Amendment — 7.

Special meeting of Committee on Harbour Question convened under Resolution of Council of 12th April was convened and held on 18th April, Wednesday.

Present The Mayor in the Chair
J. C. Ryan J. C. Barrington Alex. Quinlivan
J. C. O'Kane J. C. Mac Mahon Alex. Tinsley
J. C. M. Donnell J. C. Macsharry

Major Gavin M.P. for Limerick Attended the Meeting.

Letter read from Mr. Monsell M.P. stating his intention of leaving for London on the 17th and that he was therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Draft of Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury prepared and adopted ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the Members for presentation in conformity with the Resolution to that effect

P. Stafford

Read in Council & adopted
April 26. 1860

P. Stafford

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Tuesday 31 July 1860

A Special Meeting of the Packet Station Committee was convened by the Mayor for this day

Present. The Mayor in the Chair:

Alderman Tinsley	Alderman Joyce
J. C Lynch.	Alderman Thackery.
J. C Kelly, Mr Mulcahy	D. C Cornhan.
J. C Rodger.	J. B Jones. J. C R. McMahon
J Ellard. J. J. C.	Mr. Murphy. J. C O'Donnell
J. C M R Ryan,	J. C O'Kane. Mr Elyan

A Communication from Galway on the subject of the subsidy to that Port for Transatlantic Mail service was read by the Mayor.

After considerable discussion of the matter,

The following Resolution was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Joyce

~~and~~ ~~adopted~~

"That we request our Members to "support the grant of the National Subsi- "-dy to the Royal Atlantic Mail Steam "Navigation Company for conveyance of the "Mails from a Port on the West coast of "Ireland to the United States and British "America"

To which the following Amendment was proposed by J. C M R Ryan and seconded by Alderman Thackery.

"That H M Government having practically admitted the utility and importance of [illegible] ing and receiving the American Mails by the

an Irish Western Seaport, this Meeting is of opinion that the Subsidy granted for that service ought not to be withdrawn being no more than a just and timely recognition of the superior Geographical position of Ireland for intercourse with the N. Americ. Continent. But as we regard it of the highest importance to the permanent Prosperity of a Western Station in Ireland and to the ultimate interest of the whole Country that the best and most suitable port on our Western Seaboard should be now selected for the most important purpose for arrival and departure a Petition to Parliament be adopted by this Council praying that a subsidy for conveyance of the Amer. Mails may be conferred on condition that the Contractors should be bound to select that Port which shall be satisfactorily ascertained to be the most accessible and suitable in all respects for the safe and punctual performance of their service.

Which having been put to the Meeting was negatived by 12 to 3

Those having voted ag.t the Amendment

	and for it
Mr Ellard	Mr Ryan
D.r Kane	Mr Tinsley
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Thackery.
Mr Cornhan	3
Mr Murphy	
Mr R. McMahon	
Mr J. Kelly	
Mr Rodger	
Mr. Joyce	
Mr O'Donnell	
Mr Corbett.	
Mr. Mayor	

12.

The original Resolution was then put and carried

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr. J Ryan and seconded by Mr. J Kelly

"That while we are willing to use every exertion to secure for Ireland the present Subsidy to the Royal Atlantic Compa-

"We are of opinion that the Contract with that"
"Company should contain a clause (if it does not already)"
"giving liberty to the Government to select at any future time"
"the best Atlantic Port for the conveyance of the American Mails"
"which being put was lost.

by. 11 to 5.

The following having voted against it

Mr Corbett Mr Ellard Mr Murphy Mr Lenihan
Mr Wheaton Mr Lynch Mr Roche Mr Joynt
Mr Mulcahy Mr O'Donnell and Mr Mayor

the following having voted for it

Mr Tynan Mr Tinsley Mr Ryan Mr Kelly
and Mr Sheehy

The following Petition to Parliament
was prepared and having been proposed
by Mr J O'Donnell and seconded by
Mr Joynt was adopted

To The Right Honble &c &c
in Parliament assembled

The Petition of the Town Council of the
City of Limerick
Humbly Sheweth

That Her Majestys Government having practically admitted the utility and importance of transmitting and receiving the American Mails through an South Western Transatlantic Port were viewed with alarm and regret any attempt to distribute the subsidy granted to the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, the rescinding of which would have a very discouraging effect upon the country, and call in question the good faith of the Government and We therefore Pray That Your Honorable House may be graciously

pleased to confirm the act and grant which has been already so well considered

The following Resolution was also
proposed and seconded and adopted
That our City Members be requested to sup
port the prayer of the above Petition in
their place in the House of Commons

W. Stanley
Mayor

Minutes of 31st July last, read in Council 6th August 1860.

W. Stanley Mayr.

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A Special Meeting of the entire Council was convened by the Town Clerk and held at the Council Chamber on Saturday 27th October at one o'clock.

Such Meeting having been convened in consequence of the very sudden and lamented death of the Mayor The Right Wor William Fitzgerald who died after a few hours illness on Friday morning the 26th October at 1/4 past 2 o'clock.

The following members attended the Meeting

Aldermen. Carte, Joynt, Mulcahy, Tinsley, Mc Donnell

Town Councillors. Purcell, Kelly, Myles Ryan, Skelly, Lynch, O'Callaghan Barrington, Devitt, Gubbins, Rodger, MacMahon, MacSheehy, Hastings Cullen, Lenihan, Ward, Boyse Russell, J. Speight, Hayes, Kane O'Donnell, J. Mc Donnell, Keays, Bassett, R. Mc Donnell, Barry

The Senior Alderman Thad. Mc Donnell was unanimously called on to take the Chair, and did so accordingly.

The Town Clerk read the Notice issued by him visit for the object of making arrangements for the Funeral of the late William Fitzgerald Alderman Mayor of Limerick

It was then proposed by T. C. Hastings and seconded by T. C. Cullen

"That this meeting do now form "itself into a Committee for the purpose of

purpose of making arrangements for raising a Testimonial to our late worthy and much lamented Mayor William Fitzgerald Esq.

Which Resolution having been put from the Chair was carried "Unanimously"

It was then proposed by T. C. MacMahon and seconded by T. C. Barrington

That it is the opinion of this Meeting that a Sum of Fifty Pounds be contributed from the Borough Fund towards a Memorial to the worth & eminent services of our late lamented Mayor the Right Wor. William Fitzgerald, whose sudden departure from amongst his fellow Citizens, in the midst of his invaluable services as Chief Magistrate, is a source of poignant sorrow to every Citizen of Limerick

This Resolution having been put from the Chair was carried Unanimously

It was then proposed by T. C. Gubbins and seconded by T. C. Mc Donnell

That a Subscription List of the Members of this Council and the Inhabitants of the Late Mayor be now opened, that the other Public Bodies in this City and County be invited to co-operate

Which Resolution was passed Unanimously

and a List was then and there opened —

It was proposed by Alderman Carte and seconded by T. C. Rodger

That the Secretaries and Treasurer to the Fitzgerald Memorial be the Secretaries and Treasurer of such of the Public Bodies as co-operate &

Special Meeting 27th October 1860 (Continued)

as co operate in the Establishment of the Testimonial.

Which Resolution was carried Unanimously

It was then proposed seconded and unanimously adopted and ordered.

That the following be the arrangement for the attendance of the Corporation at the Funeral of the Mayor on Monday next

The Corporation to meet at the Town Hall at half past 8 o'clock A.M. on Monday next

Each member to attend with black Crape Scarf and Gloves

The Mace and Attaches to be covered with Crape

The Robe to be covered also with Crape and carried by the Senior Alderman

It was then proposed by T.C. Cullen and seconded by T.C. James Speight

That a Committee of Members of this Council to draw up a Note of Condolence to the friends of the late Alderman William Skeehy whose untimely fate we all deplore

Which Resolution being put from the Chair was carried Unanimously and the following were nominated the Committee

Town Councillor Cullen T.C. James Speight

Alderman Joynt T.C. Barrington

Alderman O'Donnell

Read in Council on Friday 9th Nov. 1860 and adopted.

Thad. W. Donnell
Mayor

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Wednesday 7th Nov. 1860

A Notice for a Special Meeting (to prepare Votes of Condolence) was issued by the Town Clerk for this day.

when Alderman Coote

and T.C. Hastings attended

and directed that a Notice be issued to the following Members

The Mayor T.C. Ryan

Ald. Coote T.C. Hastings

T.C. Lynch T.C. MacSheehy

T.C. MacMahon

to prepare an address of Condolence to the family of the late much lamented Mayor.

and to meet on Friday at 3 o'clock

Accordingly Notices were issued on Thursday to the several Members of Council above named

and on same day, Notices were issued to The Mayor T.C. J. Spaight

T.C. Cullen Alderman Joynt

and T.C. Barrington

to meet at One o'clock on Friday

"to prepare an address of condolence to the family"

"of the late Alderman William Skeehy"

Friday 9th November 1860

The following Members attended this day

The Right Worl. Thad. W. Donnell Mayor in the Chair T.C. MacMahon T.C. Ryan

T.C. MacSheehy T.C. Hastings

The following, prepared and brought up by T.C. Ryan was read.

Friday 9th November 1860 (continued)

read and approved of, to be presented to Council for adoption

Thad. W. Donnelly
Mayor

Adopted in Council
22 Nov 1860

Thad. W. Donnelly Mayor

Special Meeting (Glencree) 19th Dec 60 (continued)

Committee in supporting the Glencree School which they regard as a most valuable Institution

Thad. W. Donnelly
Mayor

Meeting convened and held of Special Committee nominated by Council to consider Report upon the claim of the Glencree Reformatory for maintenance of convicted Offenders, being at present ascertained £50. 4. 7½ & 30 Nov.

(Wednesday Dec. 19th 1860)

Present The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Mahony
Alderman Wynne
J. C. John Barry
J. C. John Bassett
J. B. L. Kelly

The Committee resolved

That the Mayor be requested to write to Captain Crofton regarding the Glencree Reformatory and obtain his reply as to the sum recommended in future to be paid to that Institution as the amount per head for the maintenance of juvenile Offenders there, and also to obtain his opinion as to the propriety of the Town Council of Limerick contributing to the support of the Offenders from this City sent to the Reformatory, and also to ask for a copy of the Inspectors last Report and for such information calculated to aid the views of the Committee

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Special meeting of ~~Committee~~ Committee named at the meeting of the Council on Thursday 21st March 1861, by the resolution ~~which~~ the following is a copy:—

"Proposed by J.C. Kane,
"Seconded by Alderman Mulcahy & carried
"unanimously:—

"That a special Committee compond
"of the following members be appointed to
"report what reduction of the general
"expenditure of the Coporation could, with
"due regard to the discharge of its duties, be
"effected by the reduction of Officers.

"Alderman Mulcahy, J.C. Myles,
" " Quinlivan, " O'Callaghan,
" " Mahoney, " Kane and
"M. Kelly."

Thursday 28th March 1861.

With a view to reducing the Borough Expenditure, it is recommended unanimously

1. That as the Watchmen die, or are dismissed, their numbers be reduced by 6 in the New Town & 2 in the Old Town. The reduction to commence with the watchman dismissed by No. 2 Committee on 26th instant.

2. No increase of pay to be granted to the Watchmen for Extra hours.

3. The Watch-house-keeper to have 12/6 a-week instead of 14/-.

4.

Meeting of 28th March (continued)

4. The sweepers to be reduced between 1st May and 30th September 1861 to 12 for the New, and 8 for the Old Town.

5. As the Day-police die off, their numbers to be reduced to two.

6. The Gas Committee to be consulted as to what saving would result from leaving every second Lamp throughout the City unlit for the four Summer months.

Minutes of 21st & 28th March, and 2nd & 5th April 1861 Read in Council 8th April 1861

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Tuesday 2nd April 1861.

Meeting of Committee named at the meeting of the joint committees which took place on Monday, 11th ultimo, to appoint an Accountant to examine the Books of the late Treasurer of the Corporation, Francis John O'Neill. Vide resolutions passed at that meeting and subsequently amended at the meeting of Council on 21st March ~~last~~ ult°.

Present - Chairman - Alderman Quinlivan,
Alderman Tinsley &
J.C. Rodger

The Committee adjourned until 2 O'clock on Friday next, the 5th inst, in ~~the~~ order that a fuller meeting might be secured; and it was directed that the Secretary should particularly request the attendance of all the members on that day.

Thad Quinlivan
Chairman

Friday 5th April 1861.

Present - Chairman - The Mayor.
Alderman Quinlivan,
-"- Tinsley,
-"- Mahoney, &
J.C. Rodger.

It was proposed by Alderman Quinlivan & seconded by Alderman Tinsley, and carried with two dissentient voices (Alderman Mahoney & J.C. Rodger) :- That we proceed to appoint a Limerick Accountant in compliance with the resolution appointing us, as amended at the meeting of Council on 21st ult°.

The following amendment was proposed (at the same time) by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by J.C. Rodger :- That we appoint no accountant until the first Resolution of the joint Committees of 11th ult°, is first complied with, and the pass book of the National Bank with an account from 1853 be first submitted for our information & guidance. This was lost, the proposer & seconder only voting for it.

The meeting then adjourned to half past eleven o'clock on Monday next, the Mayor undertaking in the meanwhile to see the Manager of the National Bank on the subject of the abovementioned account.

Minutes of 2nd & 28th March & 5th April 1861.
Read in Council 8th April 1861 and signed

Wm. Stanley Mayor
Chairman -

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Monday 15th April 1861

Appointment of Accountant to examine Treasurers Accts as proposed by Mr Spaight on 11th March 1861

Meeting of a committee to take into consideration the Appointment of an Accountant to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer -

Present The Mayor - Chairman
Alderman Finn
Aldr. Quinlivan
Alderman J. R. Mahony
Mr Spaight

Letters having been read from Mr Roche of National Bank - and from Mr Bree - offering themselves as Candidates to examine the said Accounts - Mr Isaac N. Nuthall was recommended by Alderman Finn as a person well able to perform the above work -

It was proposed by Alderman Finn and seconded by Aldr. Quinlivan and carried unanimously that Mr Nuthall be appointed -

Mr Roche £5.5

It was agreed that £5.5 be paid Mr Roche for his trouble in making out the Return furnished by him -

It was agreed that Mr Nuthall be paid for his trouble the sum of £30-0-0

Meeting Continued —

Nature of the Inquiry to be made by the Accountant

The Basis and Nature of the Accounts as Vouched by the Auditors all Transactions of the Corporation involving the payment of Money and Matters of Account between the different Committees and the Treasurer, and between him and the Corporation - the Examination of the Accounts to be from the Commencement of the Improvement Act - to 31 Dec 1860 - and a Supplemental Account from then until the Appointment of the present Treasurer

J. R. Mahony
Mayor

Monday 24th June 1861,
at a Meeting of the "Accountant" Committee
Present the Mayor in the Chair.
Alderman Quinlivan
Alderman Finn
Alderman Mahony

Mr Roche's accounts in connection with the late Treasurer brought up and partly gone thro', but the further examination was postponed until this day week when Mr Delaney and Mr Roche will be expected to be present, and in the meantime that the account for the interval which

Monday 22nd April 1861—

Meeting of Committee to take into consideration the subject of Mr Nuthalls Letter—

The Mayor—Chairman.

Present—Alderman Donovan (Leaving the Chair)
Alderman Tuohy
Alderman T. C. Spaight
Alderman W. H. Mahony

Mr Nuthalls Letter of Resignation

Mr Nuthalls Letter having been Read—and his resignation being accepted—It was proposed by Alderman T. C. Spaight and Secondedly by Alderman W. H. Mahony and carried unanimously that Mr A. W. Roche—Sr Bank be appointed in his stead to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer at a Remuneration of £30—

Proposed by Alderman Tuohy

W. Mahony Esq Secondedly by Alderman Tuohy—Resolved that the Treasurer is directed to procure and keep a Cash Book in which all payments & Receipts be duly entered from the date of this appointment—and that he be requested to procure such Books—as he conceives essentially requisite for keeping the accounts of the Corporation.—

Meeting of 22 apl cont'd

Alderman Committee of 7 March 1861—

Resolved that if Mr Roche undertakes the investigation of the Accounts, that the Auditors be advised of same—that they may assist him in it and agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

W. H. Mahony Esq

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Wednesday 24th April 1861

Meeting of Committee

Present Mayor - Chairman
Ald^n Finsly
" Sullivan
" Mahony
T. C. W Spaight

The following Letter read from Mr Roche Accomptant N. Bank refusing to investigate the Corporation Accounts for a less Sum than Fifty pounds -

Letter -

The N. Bank
Limerick 23 April 1861

Dear Sir

Referring to my interview of yesterday with the Committee at Town Hall, I beg to say, that having Viewed the Materials available for the purpose of investigating the Accounts of the Corporation, I find it would involve More time and labour than I had anticipated and would necessitate My obtaining from the Directors of the Bank leave of absence for such a period as would debar Me from any recreation during the approaching Summer

Under these circumstances coupled with the fact of the last person who attempted to adjust the Books having failed, I would not -

Meeting continued

I would not understake the Matter for a less Remuneration than the Sum of Fifty pounds - to which terms if the Committee are satisfied to agree - I shall be prepared to set about the Matter at once

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
A W Roche

T. T. M^c Sheehy Esq
Mayor

Proposed by Alder Mahony and carried unanimously That Mr Roche having declined to investigate the Accounts for a Sum of not less than Fifty pounds this Committee will not conclude with him for that amount without the Sanction and approval of the Council - particular as at their Meeting will be on Monday Next at the same time the Committee think it would be Most Satisfactory to have this Matter despatched with as little delay as possible

Wm Hall Clerk
Mem^r of Corporation

Minutes of the 15th 22nd and 24th April Read in Council the 29th of same Month and Approved of & Ordered to be Minuted

Wm Hall Clerk

Thursday 9th May 1861.

Special Committee. convened by

Present

The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Mahony
& Quinlivan
also — Martin Carroll &
J. J. Dwyer. P.L.G.'s

The Report read by Mr Dwyer adopted, and also copy of a Petition to Parliament embodying the objects referred to, in report.

Alderman Mahony then proposed & M Carroll seconded the following resolution;

"That the thanks of this Committee are "eminently due, and hereby given, to "Mr J. J. Dwyer. L.P. for the able, and "lucid report, this day read by him, on "the all important question of International "Taxation, in between Ireland and England, "the preparation of which, must have taken "up, a large portion of his time, and attention, "and for which he is entitled to the gratitude, "and respect of the Public at Large"

Thos Roche
Mayor

Read in Council 13th of May 1861.

Wm Gubbins
Mayor Elect

Tuesday 21st May 1861

Special Committee convened

Present The Mayor Chairman
Alderman Dunlea
Alderman Finucy -

The Accountants Report was read - and Mr Roche requested to furnish at as early a period as he can - his Report on the Gas Committee Accounts -

The Committee adjourned until said Report be furnished

Thos Roche Mayor

Read in Council 20th June 1861 and approved of -

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Monday 24 June 1861

At a Meeting of the accountant Committee held this day

Present the Mayor in the Chair,
Alderman Sullivan
Alderman Mahony
Alder Tuohy

Mr Roches account in connection with the late Treasurer brought up and partly considered, but the further consideration was postponed untile this day week at 2 oclock, when Mr Roche, as well as the Treasurer and Auditor are requested to attend, and in the meantime Mr Roche is requested to complete the account for the interval from the 31 Decr 1860 to the period of the appointment of the present Treasurer as referred to in Mr Roches letter of the 16th of May last

Wm Mc Cormick Tuohy
Mayor

Special Meeting convened by Notice - Held on Wednesday 26th June 1861

Present - The Mayor - Chairman
Aldr. Sullivan
T. C. Cullen -

Weights & Measures

Recommended that the Services of Timothy Purcell as an Adjuster of Weights & Measures be offered to the Sub Inspectors - at a Salary of 10/ per week, to be paid by the Council - the Adjustment fee. to be paid into the Borough Fund

Meeting adjourned

Wm Mc Cormick Tuohy Mayor

Minutes of 24th May. 24th and 26th of June last read in Council. July 1861 and approved of

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Meeting commenced for
Wednesday 3rd Jul 1861 to receive
Mr Roches Report-

Present- Mayor Chairman
Aldr. Sullivan
Aldr. Tinsly
Aldrm. Mahony-

Adjourned to this day
week

Mayor

Minutes of 21st of May. 24th and 26th days of
June last. and 3rd of July which read in
Council this day of July 1861. and
Approved of

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Meeting commenced for
Wednesday 10th Jul 1861
To receive Mr Roches Report
Present The Mayor Chairman
Aldr. Sullivan
Aldrm. Tinsly

Mr Roche's Suggestion
to have the Accounts Audited up
to 1st July, agreed to.- Same to
be intimated to the Auditors
and Mr Roche be requested to assist

Mayor

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20 August 1861.

Special Meeting of the Whole Council
convened for the purpose of examining the
Estimate for Improvement Rate. from 1st July
to 1 Jan 1862

Members present.

Alderman Mahony
do Mulcahy
P.C. M Kelly
P.C Parnell
P.C Wade
P.C Myles
P.C Daly
P.C M'Mahon
P.C Lenihan
P.C L Kelly
P.C M' Donnell
P.C Nagle
P.C Hastings
P.C Barry
P.C Bannatyne
P.C Devitt

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Proposed by Mr L Kelly
Seconded unanimously that
the Surveyors of the City
be Let for the ensuing Year.
and that the Treasurer do advertise
for Tenders for the Sweeping
of the City and bring same before
No 2 Committee

Proposed by F.C. McMahon
Secondedly F.C. Barlow that
a Rate of 2/- 1-10 in the
Pound be now struck -
on the Estimate as now amended

Thos Lyster
Mayor

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22nd August 1861

Special Meeting of the
Whole Council convened for the
purpose of examining the General
Purposes Rate from 1st Aug 1861 to
1st Jany 1862 (Summer Assizes 1861 Presentments)

Present -

The Mayor Chairman
F.C. Ward
F.C. M Kelly
F.C. Myles
F.C. W Prunell
F.C. N McMahon

Proposed by Mr Ward and
Seconded by Mr M Kelly - that a
Rate of 7½ in the Pound be now
struck - in order to raise
the Sum of £1791. 13-5 -
agreed to -

Thos Lyster Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council 29th of Augt 1861
and Approved of -

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Meeting Commenced for

Thursday 19th Sep 1861 –

To examine the List of Persons returned by the Collectors as in arrear –

Present M Kelly Chairman
Ald Ward
Ald Barry

The Committee Examined the Returns for Summer 1858 & Spring 1859 and feel Satisfied with the Returns furnished by the Collectors –

M Kelly Chairman

Meeting adjourned to 12 o'Clock on Friday 20th Sep – to examine the remainder of the Returns

Mich Kelly

At Meeting on 20th Septr – on examining the Returns of Arrears from Spring 1859 up to and including Spring 1861 – the Returns were found satisfactory – with the exception of about ten – to which the Chairman has attached his Initials – and the amounts of which, the Collectors still hope they will be able to collect –

Mich Kelly Chairman

2nd Oct 1861 –

At a Meeting of the Special Committee this day Convened to receive Mr Roche's Report on late Treasurer's Accounts –

Present –

" The Mayor in the Chair –
" Ald Mr Mahony –

The Committee recommend Most strongly to the Council, the actual Necessity of having the Corporation Accounts in future kept seperate and distinct from each other, and of having an account open under each Head in the National Bank, if the plan be carefully carried out – No Confusion in the Accounts can arise, as the Balance on foot of each account will agree with those of the Corporation – Accounts and it will at once appear how each Account stands, and which Can be at once checked off –

The System hitherto pursued of having all the accounts Mixed together in one general account with the Bank led to great Complicity so Much so, that the aid of an experienced Accountant – (Mr Roche of the National Bank) at a Cost of £50 was required to unravel the details, and put them under distinct heads – which he did with ability & [illegible]

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Meeting Contd

after much time and Care
To prevent a
similar difficulty again
occurring - which Must
be the Case if the seperate
System of the accounts
is Not Carried out - the
Course we Suggest should
be adopted -

Wm B Watts Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council on 14th October 1861
and approved of -

Wm B Watts
Mayor

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9th Octr 1861

At a Meeting of the
Waterford and Limerick Rail-
Way Sewer Committee - this
day Convened to take
into Consideration - the Subject
of a Letter received from the
Solicitor to the Rail Way Co.
threatening Legal Proceedings
against the Corporation - unless
they immediately Construct proper
Sewerage from the Terminus of
the Railway at Nelson Street
to Carry off the Water collected there -

Present:- The Mayor
Alderman Dunlea
Alderman Finsly
Alderman Carte
T. C. McMahon

The Committee decline
entertaining the Subject
until it first goes before
the Council

Wm B Watts Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council 4th Nov 1861.

Wm B Watts
Mayor Chairman

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1862 –

3rd January 1862

At a Meeting of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Sewerage Committee this day convened to take into Consideration the Subject of a Notice received from the Solicitors to the Rail Way Company, Stating that unless on or before the 8th day of Jany ~~Inst~~ 1862 he should receive a Notice in Writing from the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess - undertaking to proceed forthwith to take the Necessary Steps for the Construction of such a Sewer as shall be Necessary for the effectual draining and carrying off of the Sewage flowing from the direction of Sexton Street, under the Waterford & Limk Rail Way - and which for want of a proper outlet, overflows the Lands of the Repr. of Patrick Anderson, he should proceed to compel them.

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Aldn. Finly
" Lumley
T. C. Ward
" Barrington
" Styles

Sewerage

Meeting of 3rd January 1862.

Notice from Waterford & Limk Rail Way Co - 20th - 31 Dec 1861 - Read

Ordered that Mr Murphy do reply to the Notice

Stating "That the Corporation would undertake the Work of the Sewer without admitting the Liability of the Corporation, in Consideration of its public usefulness, of the great Expenditure by the Rail Way Co in that Locality. And that the Rail Way Co do make its own portion of the Sewer and Contribute £200 towards the Sewer to be Made by the Corporation as formerly proposed by them.

Read in Council 6th January 1862. Concd to by Committee

Rob Wm Sheehy
Lieut W Ward
Aldermen
W L Joynt

W. L. Joynt

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8th Jany 1852

Markets Bill

At a Meeting this day Assembled for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Provisions of a Bill, about to be introduced by the Limerick Markets Trustees - present H. Mayor Chairman J.C. - D. Fuller

The Solicitor having brought up the Bill, and read the amendments he suggested.-

Resolved - That these amendments be communicated to the Secretary of the Trustees, and if agreed to - That no further steps be taken in reference to the Bill, beyond the presentation of a Petition pro forma, in order that the Amendments may be carried into effect, when the Bill is brought before Parliament /

J. L. Ingoldsby
Mr

10th Jany 1852

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of Considering what was best to be done in Reference to the Demand of the Solicitor acting for the Waterford & Limerick Rail Way Co. with respect to the required Sewerage

Present - Alderman Dunlea Chairman
" Scully
J.C. Barrington H. McMahon
" Ward
" Myles - J.C. Keays

The Mayor subsequently took the Chair

Mr Murphy attended, and handed in the Solicitors Reply to the Communication Made by him to Mr Keane - as recommended by the Committee assembled on 3rd Jany Inst - respecting to Contribute anything towards the expence of Constructing the Sewer from the Rail Way Terminus, and he was directed to serve Notice again to Mr Ingoldsby to do the Work at their own Expence of the Company as per their own former proposal -

A. Ingoldsby Mr - Clk

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22nd Jany 1852

Markets Bill

At a Meeting of the Committee this day held for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Provisions of a Bill about being introduced into Parliament for an Alteration and Amendment of the Limerick Markets Bill 1852

The Mayor in the Chair

The Committee recommend that Mr Murphy do ascertain the Gross & Net Porterage and other Expenses incurred by the Markets Trustees, and Report same to the next Meeting of this Committee —

Wm L Joynt

24th Jany 1852

Markets

At a Meeting this day held for the purpose of receiving Mr Murphy's Report on the Porterage &c of the Limerick Markets —

The Mayor — Chairman
Aldm. S. McDonnell
Sh. Cullen
Sh. Lindsay

Clauses of the Bill

The Porterage ~~Cash~~ having been under Consideration — it appeared that the Gross Porterage for Year ending 1 March 1851 Amounting to £1094-5-9 and the Net Porterage to £216-17-4 of which the Corporation rec'd one Third amounting to £72-5-9 the Residue of the Proceeds from Porterage being applied in paying Porters Wages & Various other expenses of the Markets —

The Committee recommend that the Corporation require one Third of the Gross Porterage in Conformity with the Spirit of the Act of 1852 less by the Interest of the Sum of £1000 now proposed to be borrowed —

By

24 Jany 1862

By this Means the Income of the Corporation will, to some extent be encreased and the borrowing of the Money greatly facilitated —

Wm L. Joynt. Sn.

Wednesday January 29th 1862

At a Special Meety assembled this day Relative to the Railway Sewer

Present - Alderman Quinlivan chairman
Alderman Sisley
J.C. Ward
J.C. Myles
J.C. Lynch

Mr Murphy attended and submitted the Conditional order for a Mandamus for the Construction of the Sewer from the Waterford and Limerick Railway Premises and the affadavits on which same was founded and in as much as the Corporation have by Notice and before proceedings offered to Construct the Sewer upon the terms originally proposed by the Waterford Company and also offered to leave the entire question to Arbitration the Committee recommend that Cause be shewn against said Conditional order being made absolute

Lav Quinlivan
Chairman

Minutes of the 3rd 8th 10th 22nd 24th and 29th Jany 1862 read in Council 3rd Feby 1862 & adopted.

Lav. Quinlivan
Lord Mayor

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7th July 1862

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At a Meeting this day Specially convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the Estimate to be laid before the Council at its next Meeting — to meet the Expenditure of the half Year from 1st Jany —

Edmd Gabbett Esq Chairman
Aldn — Tinsly
" Quinlivan
F.C. M'Keely
" Ward
" Hastings
" Barry
" Hale
" Myles
" Delany
" O'Lacoughlan
" M'Mahon

The Committee recommend that the City be devided into Districts and that Tenders be advertised for the Cleansing of same —

The Committee also recommend that there be some inquiry instituted as to the Manner in which the High Constables discharges his duty —

The Committee disallow any Clothing to Grady — Day Police — Man — he being unable to do any Duty —

The Committee direct that the Committee appointed for Auditing the Treasurers accounts together with the Auditors and Mr Roche the Accountant be requested to Meet at the Treasurers office on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday Next to adjust the Accounts —

The Committee recommend that the New Works not contained in the present Estimates be undertaken for the next half Year

Edmd Gabbett
Chairman

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10th Feby 1852

Aldermen Foster — in the Chair

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of Adopting a Memorial to Parliament relative to Taxation — Memorial Read and approved of — and the Committee recommend that the Memorial be forwarded with the City Seal attached — To the House of Commons — for Presentation by our City Members who are requested to support the Prayer — and that a Copy of same be sent Sir Robert Peel by the Mayor

Wm. Hartt Chairman

11 Feby 1852

At a Special Meeting this day held for purpose of having the Treasurer's Accounts examined compared with the Bank Accounts and closed —

Present Alderman Pendreven
" Ensly
" Rodgers
as also Mr Auglin — Auditor —

Read Letter from Mr Roche stating he would not be able to attend — having been ordered by the Directors of N. Bank to proceed forthwith to Clonakilty —

The Committee directed the Treasurer to write to Mr Roche at Once, and request him to procure leave of absence — in order that he may return and assist the Committee and Auditors to adjust the Accounts —

Lau. Pendreven
Chairman

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7th March 1862 –

At a Meeting this day specially convened for the purpose of preparing a Memorial to be presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Reland expressive of the Opinion of the Council in favour of the Grant by Government of a Charter for the Catholic University of Reland –

M. Lenehan – in the Chair –

The Committee unanimously recommend for adoption the Draft of a memorial which was brought up by the Chairman, and which was prepared by Mr. R. Ryan & P.H. and perused by Attorney Gen.

Maurice Lenihan
Chairman of Committee.

Minutes of the 7. 10th 11th Feby last and 7th March inst. read in Council 13th of March 1862.

Lau Quinlivan
Chairman

15th March 1862

At a Meeting this day holden for the purpose of adopting the best Means to facilitate the Stamping and adjusting of Weights and Measures – –

Present

Alderman Finsby – Chairman
Alderman Mahony
J.P. Cullen
" Hall

Mr McKinstry late Inspector having attended and declined accepting the Appointment of Adjuster the Committee direct the Secretary to advertise for Tenders – to be received from competent persons for adjusting Weights from 56 lb to 1/4 oz at per Weight – and Measures from 1 pint Imperial Gallons to one Glass at per Measure – the Corporation will give the use of an Office at the Town Hall, where Weights and Measures are to be adjusted; the Contractors are required to attend in person at the Town Hall at 2 o'Clock on Monday the 17th Inst – Parties Tendering – to supply their own Standard Weights and Measures

John R Smith

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17th March 1852

At a Meeting this day held pursuant to Advertisement for the purpose of receiving Tenders and declaring a Contractor for Adjusting Weights & Measures

Present

Ald.n Quinlivan Chairman
J. C. Cullen
" Hall

Tenders having been sent in by J. M Halpin, Js Bethel & Thos Fransdell - and on same being opened

Mr Fansdells was found to have been the lowest - on which he was declared the Contractor - His charges being

Viz - 56 lb - — 4d
28 lb & 14 lb — 3d
7 lb - 4 lb & 2 — 2d
1 lb ½ lb & ¼ lb - 1d
2 oz - 1 oz ½ oz & ¼ oz - ½

Measures -

½ Noggin — ½d
1 Gill — 1d
½ Gallon — 1½d
1 Gallon — 2d
2 Gallons — 3d
4 Gallons — 4d

Mr Fransdell also undertakes to provide for his own Standard Weights & Measures - and Lead &c.

17th March Cont.d

The Committee direct that the Secretary do give Notice - by the publication in the Local Papers as also by hand Bills - to be circulated among the Shopkeepers, of the Appointment of Mr Fransdell and stating the Terms of Adjusting

Ja Quinlivan
Chairman

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21st March 1862

At a Special Meeting of the Deputation appointed to present the Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant seeking for a Charter for the Catholic University

Ald Mr Sullivan - Mayor - L.T. in the Chair
T. C. Mr Ryan
" Hastings
" J. McDonnell
" Myles
" Hall
" L Kelly
" Cullen
Leinehan
& McMahon - (& Town Clerk)

It was resolved unanimously that the Reporters of the Press be admitted to the Meeting

The Town Clerk read a Letter received by him from the Private Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant appointing Tuesday next 25th at 12 o'Clock to receive the Deputation Named by the Corporation to present the Address agreed on seeking for a Charter for the Catholic University

Proposed by T. C. Leinehan
Seconded by T. C. Myles

Resolved, that the Deputation appointed to present the Address proceed to Dublin in accordance with the Resolution of the Council to present it to His Excellency at the time appointed, and

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the Members do appear in their Robes

Proposed by T. C. McMahon
Seconded by T. C. Hall

Resolved that the Town Clerk Treasurer - Law Agent. be requested to accompany the Deputation - and that the four Sergeants at Mace with their Maces be required to attend on it at Dublin when presenting the Address

Minutes of 15th 17th & 21st of March read in Council - 24th March 1862

W. L. Sullivan Mayor

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8th April 1862

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of agreeing as to the Manner in which the Expenses incurred by the Deputation to Dublin - in connection with the Catholic University were to be defrayed -

R. McMahon Esq in the Chair
E. O Callaghan
S. Hastings
A. Hale

J Murphy Law Agent -

It was unanimously agreed that the Members do pay their own Railway Hotel Expenses

That the entire Expenses of the Officers, Carriages &c be paid by the Council

Minutes of the above date. Read in Council on Thursday the 10th of April instant and adopted.

22nd April 1862

Markets & Fairs
Special Committee -

M-R Ryan Esq. Chairman

Resolved unanimously that the Memorial Now read, be adopted and forwarded to the Chief Secretary in favour of the Markets and Fair Bill as framed with respect to the Abolition of all Beamage & tolls for and Compulsory Weighing

M R Ryan

Minute of the above date read in Council 24th April 1862 and adopted.

W. Lane Joynt

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1862

28th June

At a Special Meeting this day held, for the purpose of preparing a Petition to be presented to Parliament in favour of Mr Malcolmson's Bill, for the protection and promotion of the Salmon Fisheries in Ireland and especially to those of the Shannon

Present - R. Rudgen - Chairman
W. Hastings
W. Hall

Petition

The ~~Memorial~~ submitted to the Committee - was unanimously adopted and the Town Clerk directed to affix the Corporate Seal thereto and forward same to Mr Russell and a Copy thereof to Major Gavin requesting them to support the prayer thereof -

Robert Rudgen

The Committee direct the Town Clerk to get 100 Copies of the Petition printed - to be forwarded to such Members of Parliament as the Committee think may support the prayer thereof

Robert Rudgen

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10th July 1862

At a Meeting this day held for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Estimate to be laid before the Council at its next Meeting to meet the Expenditure of the half Year from 1st July 1862.

Present

M. Kelly - Chairman
J. Ward
A. Race
J. Myles
L. Kelly
P. Lynch
M. N. Ryan -

The Estimate having been Considered - the Committee recommend that the Sum of £1718.5.7½ be raised to meet the requirements of next half Year - and that to meet same, a Rate of 1/- in the pound be made - the Treasurer to get Copies of ~~the~~ 30 Minute of the Estimate as has been adopted - printed - and a Copy sent to each Member

£30 0s 0d

Mich. Kelly Chairman

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24th June 1862.

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At a Meeting this day called to hear a Report from our Surveyor on the Auction of Hay on Saturday - He informed the Committee that a general combination appears to exist among those attending the Sale — and that he could not proceed in disposing of more than about Two acres for any thing like the Value - The Committee have ordered advertisements to be put into the Papers, and also Posters issued - offering the remainder of the Meadows to the Public for disposal by private Tenders, Tender to be received up to Thursday Next at which Committee by No 2 Committee —

Present Ald Myles
Michael Kelly
M R Ryan Chairman

We accept the Tender of Thos Harrigan - for Lots Nos 1 & 2 of the Point Field at £7.10.0 per Acre

M R Ryan
Chairman

Agreed to M Lloyd Mayor

Read in Council on 26th June instant and approved of.

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26th June 1862

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of preparing a Suitable Address to be presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on his arrival at Limerick, during the ensuing Castle Show

Present - The Mayor -
- R. McMahon J.P
- T. McDonnell J.P
- E Myles
- M Lenihan

The following was adopted

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To His Excellency the Earl of Carlisle Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland

May it Please your Excellency

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick beg to approach your Excellency on your arrival again amongst us, and to tender our heartiest Welcome to One who so worthily represents her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in this part of the Empire. We assure your Excellency of our attachment to the Constitution of these Realms and our Loyalty to the Throne.

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and how deeply, in Common with all her Majestys Subjects we deplore the loss Sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort - and how we trust the heir to these Realms May inherit and practice the Virtues and Wisdom of his Royal Parents.

We have always regarded Your Excellency as the Consistent advocate and Supporter of Liberal Principles and enlightened progress for the people of this Country, and we respect You for the possession of those Literary attainments and the public services You have performed as Much as for the inheritance of the titles and the Name of Howard.

The immediate occasion of Your Excellency's Visit into us a source of Much Satisfaction.

The Show of the Royal Agricultural Society have conferr Many advantages on this City as well as the County of Limerick, and we hope the results of Your Excellencys observation as well as the Awards of the Judges will prove Satisfactory to the great Number of those interested in the Agricultural resources of Ireland.

The Citizens of Limerick have ever extended to Your Excellency the truest Welcome in their power to give, and they now beg to assure You of their undiminished regard for Your Excellency and the best wishes for Your extended usefulness and a prolonged and happy life

Minutes of the 26th June 1862 read in Council 14th day of august 1862. and approved of.

W. L. Joyce, Mayor
Augt 14/62

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27th Nov 1850

Present

The Mayor
J.C. McSheehy
J.C. Myles
J.C. Ward

& Messrs Anglim & Cooney

In pursuance of a Requisition issued to the Special Committee and the Auditors, for the purpose of having the Auditors Report on the late Treasurers Accounts submitted to, & considered by the Committee -

Mr Anglim having intimated to the Committee that until he could have Cheques the Bank Accounts - with the late Treasurers Ledgers which cannot be completed for a few days longer - the Committee adjourned until the Treasurer hears from Mr Anglim that he is ready.

M Joyce Mayor

30th January 1853

At a Meeting this day Specially convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Estimate of the probable Expenditure on account of the Improvements of the Boroughs - for the half Year ending 1st July 1853

Present -

M'Sheehy Chairman
J. Myles
A Ball
D Cullen
J Ward -
Ald'm Lyons
Ald'm Sullivan
J Russell
Ald'm Tinsley
M R. Ryan
J Barry
J Sheehy
J Barrington

The Committee recommend that the Sweepers Wages be reduced to Eight Shillings per week

The Committee having taken into account that M'Cauley being now removed from the Superintendance of the Cleansing of the Lots - they do not include in the present Estimate - the usual Salary

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paid him as Inspector of Nuisances - the Committee consider that any Salary paid him - should be in future paid out of the Boro Fund -

The Committee direct the Secretary to apply to the Rail Way Co - for the Loan payable by them towards the Making of the Sewer -

The Committee recommend that the Sum of £5127 be raised, to meet the requirements of an Improvement Rate for one half year - thereby reducing the Original Estimate from £5843 to £5127 -

Mich. Kelly Chairman

Meeting 30th Jany 1863
Adopted in Council this 2nd Feby 1863

Matt. W. Smith
Mayor
Per Jem

5th Feby 1863

At a Special Meeting this day held for the purpose of taking into consideration the Inclosure of the Slob at Corbaun

Present - Mayor
F. C. Ryan
F. C. Barrington

The Right Hon. Thomas Boyse also attending -

The following Memorial was brought forward by Mr. Ryan and unanimously adopted by the Committee the Mayor undertaking that it should be forwarded to our Senior City Member Francis William Russell Esq. for presentation and that Mayor Jones the Right Hon. Wm. Monsell and Col. Vereker be written to co-operate with him in its presentation -

Memorial

To. The Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade

The Memorial of the Corporation of the City of Limerick

Respectfully Sheweth

That in the year 1861 an agreement was entered into between this Council and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty by which their Lordships granted to your Memorialists their right title and interest in that portion of Slob land lying along the South Shore of the Shannon at Limerick between the Limerick Floating Dock and the Creek of Ballinacurra over which the Tide now flows and ebbs for the purpose of embanking same for the formation of a Public Park for recreation of the Citizens of Limerick and as a Measure of Sanitary importance and of improvement to the City

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That Memorialists paid to the Admiralty the Sum of £128 in purchase of the right of the Crown under said agreement and further purchases the alleged right of frontage claimed by some of the proprietors and occupiers of the adjoining Lands.

That it has since been found impracticable to carry out this most desirable work for the public purpose then contemplated, as the appropriation of the Land as a Park would diminish its value as security for a Loan of Public Money with which it was intended to carry out the work but Memorialists have good reason to believe that if this Condition were waived on the part of the Government they would be able to obtain funds for the purpose, or a Joint Stock Company would be formed to carry out the proposed work, with an undertaking to Construct such an Embankment as would afford a healthful and Commodious promenade to the public, while reclaiming into valuable Meadow Land about (60) Sixty Acres of the present noxious and unprofitable Slob.

That this work would further tend to the improvement of the port of Limerick by increasing the Scour of the Stream thro' the Channel of the River, and preventing the Accumulation of deposit now going on year after year, And would Accomplish all the Sanitory Advantages which Your Memorialists had in View

Memorialists therefore pray that your Lordships will be pleased to waive the Condition now existing as to the appropriation of this Land for a Public Park in their favor, or allow them to transfer to a properly Constituted Joint Stock Company their right of Embanking the said Lands, on receiving a full and Satisfactory guarantee that a Suitable Promenade shall be provided on the proposed embankment for the free and perpetual use of the Public

And Memorialists will pray

Robt. MacMahon
Mayor

Adopted in Council this 12th day of Feby 63.

20th Feby 1863

At a Special Meeting this day holden pursuant to Notice, for the purpose of preparing a Suitable Address to the Prince of Wales on his Marriage and also to prepare a Memorial to the Government praying that the necessary steps may be adopted for placing the Support of Lunatic Asylums on the same footing as the Union Workhouses

Present - The Mayor
Ald.n - Lynch
" Cagle
" Frush
J.C. Kane
" M.B. Ryan
Ald.n Sullivan

The following Address was agreed to -

To Her Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness Alexandra Princess of Wales -

The Loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick

We the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Most

ancient Corporation in the United Kingdom, approach your Royal Highnesses with affectionate loyalty and esteem on this Auspicious Occasion so fortunate for You, and so gratifying to the Subjects of the Empire

We regard with satisfaction a Union which promises so much happiness, a Union not of Dynastic or Political necessity but of personal choice & peculiar fitness in all the positions and Years.

We know that Your Royal Highnesses can have no better example than that afforded by the best of fathers and the greatest and best of Queens

We express a hope, that You may both enjoy every domestic happiness, that Your days may be spent in the Patronage of Industry and the fine Arts, and the promotion of the welfare of the Subjects of this great Country

We know You join with us in the hope that the good Queen Victoria may long live to be an example and an Instruction to You, and a loving Object of the regard and loyalty of all her People –

On the foregoing Address being agreed to – It was also proposed by Alderman Joynt and Seconded by Alderman Lane that the Mayor, Town Clerk, Treasurer Alderman Joynt and J. G. Ryan do form a Deputation to present the Address

That the Town Hall and other public Buildings, including the Monster houses be illuminated by Gas, on the evening of the 10th March – and that the day be observed as far as practicable as a general Holiday

That the Mayor be requested to suggest to the Officer commanding the Garrison, that a Review of the Troops be held on the Kings Island

That a Magnificent display of Fireworks be made on the evening of the 10th March from the Wellesley Bridge and that the Treasurer of the Fund receive Subscriptions at the Town Hall to carry out the proposed display, from those willing to Cooperate in such loyal demonstration

That the Design for Gas Illuminations Marked on the Sheet No – (Produced by Mr O'Farnee) Price £3. 10. be ordered by the Engineer of the Gas Works for the front of the Town Hall

with the Other Deputations as agreed to.

That the Memorial regarding the Lunatic Asylums, now read (by Ald. Purcell) and agreed to, be presented for adoption by the Town Council.

P. MacMahon
Mayor

Read in Council this 28th day of February 1863.

Robert MacMahon, Mayor

For date 27th Feb. 1863

At a Meeting of the deputation appt to wait on the Governors of Barrington's & the Fever Hospitals to request of them to appoint the Sisters of Mercy as Nurses Matrons in these Institutions. The following were in attendance

1 The Mayor. 2 Ald. Chair
2 Ald. Callaghan 6 Ald. MacSheehy
3 " Boyce & Quinn 7 Ald. Ryan
4 " L. Kelly 8 Ald. Cullen
5 Ald. Guiry 9 Ald. Joynt
Ald. Barrington Ald. Cantwell

The Resolution passed by the Council was read

The Deputation named 20th inst Monday as the time & day most convenient to wait on the Governors of Barrington's Hospital and a Communication to that effect was made to Dr. MacMahon with a request

Ald. Cullen proposed and
Ald. Guiry seconded
That the deputation at their respective interviews with the Governors of the Hospitals require that the Corporation be represented at their respective Boards by two Members for each of the Boro' and that they be received at each Board and allowed to act as Governors.

which was carried

Wednesday next was named as the day to wait on the Gov. of the Fever Hospital, at which hour as the Gov. of that Hospital may name the Gov. & Committee to intimate to the Committee the hour appointed

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

Meeting of the deputation to wait on the Gov. of Barrington's Hospital held on Monday 2nd March 1863

Present The Mayor. In the Chair
Ald. MacSheehy — Ald. Ryan
Ald. Guiry — Ald. Boyce
Ald. Barrington — Ald. Cullen
Ald. L. Kelly.

The Town Clerk read resolution he had received from the Gov. of Barrington's Hospital appointing 12 o'clock on Saturday next to receive the Corporation deputation.

The deputation agreed to wait on the Gov. of the Barrington's Hospital at the hour & on the day named.

A letter from Mr. Mahony Sec. of Fever

Hospital station & he had convened a Meeting of the Gov[rs] of that Hospital & with the Corporation deputation, for 2 o/c - on Wednesday, ~~instant~~ next

The Meeting of the deputation from the ~~was~~ was then adj[d] ~~until Wednesday~~ next at 1/2 p[st] one o/c -

Ordered - That the Presentment Committee be convened for 3 o/c - on Wednesday next -

Robert MacMahon
= Mayor

Minutes of 27th February last and 2nd March instant Read in Council this 19th day of March 1863.

1863

30th March

Present - Mayor -
Aldn Lee
" Donnellan
T.C. Myles
Aldn Mahony
" Fitzg
T.C. Delany
" Ward
" Hastings
Aldn T. McDonnell
T.C. Boyse
" Fitzgerald

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of taking into Consideration Mr Clancy's Claim - for Salary due to him on 1st March last as also to define his future Duties and Remuneration -

It was Resolved That Mr Clancy be continued in the Office of Inspector of Nuisances as defined in the Book

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of Instructions initialed by the Mayor on this day, also as High Constable and Inspector Registrar of Hackney Cars - at a Salary of Forty Pounds per annum from 1st March Inst.

Resolved that the Salary due to Mr Clancy up to 1st March - ~~be paid him~~ at Rate of £70 per ann. be paid him out of Improvement Fund.

~~Resolved~~ that the following Duties be performed by Mr Clancy

The removal and abatement of all Nuisances and obstructions from the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Places and Passages of the City, as well also from the Interior and back Yards of Dwelling Houses and other Premises, and seeing to the Sanitary State and Condition of the City in general

The Rules, Bye Laws and Orders respecting Hackney Carriages Plying for Hire, to be carried out by the High Constable, and all Monies received on this Account to be paid to the Treasurer

Minutes of 30th March Cont. Read in Council 9th April 1863

Robert Mahon Esqr

The Rules, Bye Laws & Orders respecting "Slaughter Houses, and Knackers Yards." to be carried out by the Inspector of Nuisances, and High Constable -

The General Rules and Bye Laws of the Borough to be carried out by the High Constable and Inspector of Nuisances

For the Information of the Council" the Inspector of Nuisances will keep a Book in which shall be duly and carefully recorded an account of all Nuisances, how and when abated and removed, and Complaints made by Householders and Rate Payers of the City, of any breach of the Special Act or of any Act Incorporated therewith or of the Bye Laws, Rules or Regulations Made by the Corporation - this Book to be Submitted at the Weekly Meeting of Committee No 2

Resolved that the Duties of the several Officers connected with the Supervision of the City be Referred to No 2 Committee for Reconsideration.

Robert M. Mahon
Mayor

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16th April 1853

Present

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7th May 1853

At a Meeting of the Special Committee this day held for the purpose of examining the Treasurers accounts

Present

The Mayor
Aldm. Sullivan
" Frost
" Myles
also T. C. Kelly Esqre Auditor

The Committee having commenced investigating the accounts at 10 o'clock a.m. remained until 4— ~~o'clock~~ and adjourned until Monday

The Secretary was directed to Communicate with the Auditors and Specially requested ~~to~~ them to attend on that day—

Lar Sullivan

Adjourned Meeting
Monday 11th May

Present—
Aldm. Sullivan
" Frost
" Mahony
" Myles

Adjourned to 3 o'clock p.m.
Wednesday Robert MacMahon Mayor

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13th May 1863. (3 O'Clock,)

Present The Mayor
Ald.n Frost
" Quinlivan
" Mahony
F.C. Myles (& McKelly)

The Committee having Met this day at 3. O'Clock (The Borough Auditor having declined to attend,) they ~~framing~~ the Accounts and find the Cash on Treasurers hands and Balance to credit in the Bank on the 31st Dec 1862 - leaves a Surplus Balance of ~~Thirty five~~ pounds eight Shillings in favor of the Corporation, against which, there are some payments for Gas Scrip due of late Treasurer -

The Committee find the Accounts to ~~March~~ stood - as follows on 31 Dec 1862 viz - General Purposes Rate - Cr £613.5.1½
Borough Fund — do - 665.11.7
£1278.16.8
Improvement Rate Do — 335-18-8
£942.18-0

Cr. Balances in A.I. Bank — on
31st Dec 1862 - per Bank Book
- Borough Fund £360.1.5
Impt. Fund £280.13.6 { £265-3.6
less Banking Chgs 15-10-0 }
General Purposes — 231.16.10
Balance duely
Mr Delaney — 121.4.5 £978.6.2
Surplus Balance £35.8.0

Resolved that the Secretary do copy into our Special Report Book the Letters and Reports of Mr Roche the Accountant employed to investigate the late Treasurers accounts - which Reports & Vouchers have had before us, during our investigation -

The National Bank -
(Copy,) Limerick 16 May 1863 -

Gentlemen

I beg to state that I have fully & carefully investigated the Books and Accounts of the late Treasurer of the Corporation and I now submit to You the herewith Report to 31 Dec 1862 - as the Period of my examination to that date

The assistance afforded me by Mr Frost, Collector - Captn Griffin of the Coast Guard and Mr Carroll Secretary to the Markets Trustees (who kindly permitted me to have access to, and take Extracts from their Books) has enabled me to lay the present Report before You sooner than I had anticipated, & the permission accorded me to take Books of the Corporation Books as I required out of the Town Hall at Night has much expedited the Matter, as I was thereby enabled to receive from some of the Bank Staff such Assistance as very much lightened my Manual Labour - Mr Hughes Your Auditor who has at all times been ready

with any information & help in his power will now join with me in preparing the Supplementary Balance as between the 31st Dec and the appointment of the present Treasurer, which when Complete My engagement, I trust satisfactorily to Your Corporation

I remain - Gentlemen
Your faithful Servant
A W Roche

The Chairman & Members Special Committee

(£403)

The National Bank
Limerick 10th April 1850

Gentlemen

I beg to report that Your Auditor Mr Anglin and I have closed the late Treasurers Books to 9th April last (the date of Mr Delaneys entering into Office, and we have opened the new Books with the following Balances -

£182 - 2 - 0 to debit of Borough Fund
£841 - 13 - 3 to debit of Improvement Fund
To credit of General Purposes Fund £1147, 12. 3½

The Balance due to the Bank at that date (£790 - 19 - 11 including all outstanding cheques) has been agreed with the Bank Books.

The amount to debit of late Treasurer being £87 - 18 - 6 there remained a sum of £402 - 4 - 7 to be handed to Mr Delaney, which is composed of the following items

£39 - 8 - 0
£3 - 16 - 8 } £93 - 4 - 8 - Balances Payments since lodged by Mr Delaney

£308 - 6 - 7 - Total of 5 Cheques in favour of Treasurer and which should be relodged as in the preceding cases to adjust the Books

£1 - 11 - 4 - Cash in Desk

£403 - 2 - 7 -

The discrepancies of dates in the books at the before mentioned period (the transactions between the 3rd & 17th April having been amalgamated, and entered in as many Cases after as before the 9th of that Month,) thereby dovetailing into each other) prevent the possibility of giving anything More than the foregoing approximate Balance at that precise date I may however remark that the amounts by the Balance Sheet have been adjusted by me up to the 1st of the Current Month & agree with the Bank Books, and I would suggest, that, in order to confirm the accuracy of the Conclusions arrived at by Mr Anglin & myself the accounts for the past Six Months should be regularly audited, and an Abstract (after relodging the before mentioned Cheques) be prepared for the last half Year -

Should the Views of Your Committee coincide with Mine, and that my assistance can expedite the Matter I shall be happy to afford such, after Office hours -

I remain - Gentlemen
Your obed't Serv't
A W Roche

The Members Special Committee

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Improvement Fund
Abstract to 31st Dec. 1860

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Particulars	Sums			Total		
Receipts						
Amount of Rates Collected & lodged by Robert Hunt Esq. from Commencement to this date	4733	2	7			
Mortgages	1000	.	.			
Presentment Fund	653	2	10			
Cleansing City	656					
Street Scrapings	4					
Interest Allowed by Bank	46	11	11			
Rent of News Room	100					
Gibsons Arbitration	125	11	7			
St Michaels Parish	390					
Lamps, Sold	1					
Cab Licenses	19	17	6			
Income Tax Gas Coy	33	6	8			
	5936	13	1			
Payments						
Total Expenditure as Examined & Vouched	4570	18	11			
Balance to Debit of this Acct				£	1206	5 10

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General Purposes
Abstract to 31st Dec. 1860

Particulars	Sums			Total		
Receipts						
Total Amount of Rates Collected and lodged by Robert Hunt Esq. from Commencement to this date	2960	7	8½			
Interest allowed by Bank on Credit Balances	6	16				
Weights & Measures	135	4	6			
Parliamentary Rolls	11	19	4			
Board of Superintendence of City Gaol & Paymaster of Civil Services for Support of Prisoners and Industrial Work	170	4	6			
	3023	12	0½			
Payments						
Expenditure to this date as Examined & Vouched	2924	17	11			
Balance to Credit of this Acct				£	98	14 1½

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Borough Fund
Abstract to 31st Decr. 1860

Particulars	Sums			Total		
Receipts						
Balance as vouched and Audited per printed Abstract from 1842 to 1855	113	7	6½			
Total Amount received from Markets Trustees	9,024	15	1			
Mortgages	7,220	6	6			
Rents	6,558	15	1			
Meariowing Grazing &c &c	1215	11	1			
Land sold Railway Co.	155	5				
Cleansing City	604					
Fees for admission of Freemen	72	7				
Incidentals	11	17	5			
	24,979	7	8½			
Payments						
Expenditure to this date as Exam'd Vouched	24,676	8	5			
Balance to Credit this Acct.				£ 302	19	3½

Summary
General Account to 31st Decr. 1860

Particulars	Sum			Total		
Balance to debit of Improvement Fund				1206	5	10
Balance to Credit of General Purposes Fund	983	14	1½			
Balance to Credit of Borough Fund	302	19	3½			
				1286	13	5
General Balance to Credit of Corporation at above date			£	80	7	7

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Report

Referring to the foregoing Abstract I beg to call your attention to the following items therein Contained

Improv.t Fund

The Receipts £47.335.12.7 have been balanced with the Bank Books and Compared with the Books of Mr Robert Hunt Collector and agree therewith

General Purposes

The Receipts £29.608.7.8½ have been agreed in like manner and found Correct

Cab Licenses

There appear but two items Amounting to £19.17.6 to Credit of this Account but I have no means of Ascertaining the Amount Actually received by the Collector and which ought appear to Credit on this head

Support of Prisoners

The Amounts as extracted by me from the Books of the City Gaol agree in every respect with the Credits in the Corporation Books and prove their Correctness on this head

Markets Trustees

Payments to Rate Fund

These Credits by the Markets Trustees Books which I have examined do not exactly agree with the Amounts in the Treasurers Books— There having been Several Bill transactions the nett proceeds only were credited to Trustees Acct by the late Treasurer while the Secretary of the Markets Charged the Corporation with the full Amounts of the Bills— This item of Discount £27.8/= requires Adjustment —

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Report (Continued)

Interest on Mortgages

Miss Deane does not appear to have been paid Interest for the half years past Amount £37.10/= however as her agent Mr Robert King him has accepted this as a private debt I do not include it in Treasurers Liabilities. —

Rents

I have checked every item under this head with the Rental and find but one Sum not duly Credited Viz. One half years Rent received from Representatives of Geo. Wheeler 25th March 1859 £5— and which still remains unaccounted for —

Meadowing Grazing &c &c

The late Treasurer appears to have Credited in last Years Borough Fund on Account of Cortlandree £100-17-10 of which Sum I am informed there was a Balance due to him in Dec 1860. of £114.3.5 for which he ought to get Credit. but the particulars have not been furnished me —

Payments to Assessors

I can find no receipts for the following two Sums portion of a debit on 29th Dec last to Borough Fund for payment of assessors

Patrick Cordett £1.1/=
Daniel Kenna £1.1/=

These items have consequently to be accounted for by late Treasurer

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Report (Continued)

Bank Balance

I have agreed the Bank Books with those of the Corporation with the exception of £10 as stated below and 1/11 caused by fractions of which the Bank takes no notice and trifling errors in pence in Corporation Books this Sum should be lodged to make the Accounts square between each other The Balance due to the Bank by the Corporation Balance Sheet at 31st Dec last being £1397.10.2 – In the Bank Books appears a payment made to late Treasurer on 19th July 1860 of a Cheque £10 favor of a party named Connor There is no trace of this Cheque in any of the Corporation Books except the Balance Sheet where it appears to have been duly entered when issued but to have been subsequently removed – a Continuous series of erasures of £10 Appearing in that Book from that date to 31st Dec. – The minute Book of the Committee of the day this Cheque was signed presents a number of erasures of the same Amount and what is more strange the Cheque is not now amongst the paid Cheques returned by the Bank to Mr John O'Neill Treasurer and there is no trace of it in the Cheque Book from which however there appears to have been Leaf blue Ro removed – I have my

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Report (Continued)

Bank Balance (Continued)

Cain endeavoured to obtain an explanation of this matter and therefore and therefore Charge it to the debit of the late Treasurer

A Sum of £14.2.11 Credit Balance of Interest allowed by Bank and a lodgment by Mr Deasy of £14.16.5 on Nov last not noticed in the Corporation Books have to be Credited under the proper heads in the present year of Accounts to adjust the Balances –

Gas Scrip

Although strictly speaking this is not an account as between the Corporation and Treasurer and more in the nature of a private Agency I have gone into the Account at the request of your Auditors and find a Sum of £129.7.5½ Interest in the hands of the Treasurer to be accounted for to the Shareholders as detailed on next Sheet I cannot say whether these parties are entitled to any Amounts as due prior to the Treasurer having undertaken the office of Liquidator –

Witnesses Expenses

Sums of money are supposed to have been refunded by Government since the Year 1859 for account of Witnesses expenses – pending inquiries being made I cannot say whether the Balance will be to the Debit or Credit of the late Treasurer on this head and in the mean time submit to you the Statement of his liabilities up to 31st December 1860 – Since writing the foregoing it has been ascertained from Dublin Castle that

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Report (Continued)

Witnesses Expenses Continued

£51.1.6 on 1st day 1860 was the only payment made by Paymaster Civil Services under this head. and altho' this Sum does not appear in Corporation Books there is still a Balance on this Account of £43.3.2 due to Treasurer –

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Name of late Treas.
(J. W. Nash Nelson) £49 7 5½
as furnished by Mr Roche

Since Paid to

In 1861	10 17 7½		
1862	11 17 5		
1863	10. 0		
1864	5. 1 10		
1867	13. 5	29. 0. 3½	
	29 0 3½	£20 7 2	
1868	7 14 11	7. 14. 11	
		£12. 12. 3	
1870	6. 9. 2	6. 9. 2	
		£. 6. 3. 1	
1872	3 16. 5	3 16. 5	
		£. 2. 6. 8	

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Holders

Name		Amount		
Forward		24	6	6
John	65		5	
James	66		5	
ell. A.	68		4	
Anne	69		2	
Ellen	70	1	5	
ur D.W.	71	1	5	
on P.A.	72	7	10	
y Wm.	73	3	18	
n Butt	76		5	
y E.J.	74	7	10	
rence Wm.	78		10	
n Edward	79		10	
y Jno. R.	80		10	
dell Tom	81		10	
dell J.R.	82		12	
mK R.J.	84	1	5	
mK Eliza	86		10	
		51	2	6
Income Tax paid		1	15	0½
Due by late Treasurer		£49	7	5½

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Forward	24	6	6

* £1 5 0 1st 1hs 5/c (6m 3 Jan) (33)
Due by Right Hon 15th

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Particulars of Ratepayers Holders

	Name	Amount			Name		Amount		
					Forward		24	6	6
23	Abraham Eliza		5		Quin John	65		5	
26	Bernal John		5		Quin James	66		5	
28	Boyston John		10		Rochell A.	68		4	
29	Bowerman Ge.		10		Ryan Anne	69		2	
30	Carroll John *	3	15		Scott Ellen	70	1	5	
31	Colquhon Ja.	5			Seymour J.W.	71	1	5	
32	Conway Mary		10		Shannon P.A.	72	7	10	
33	Corbett Eliza		5		Sheehy Wm	73	3	18	
34	Cullen Wm		7		Synan Patt	76		5	
35	Cronin John	1	5		Sheehy E.S.	74	7	10	
38	Dickgg John		10		St. Laurence Wm	78		10	
39	Evans Arthur		10		Synan Edward	79		10	
41	Grubb Thomas	1	5		Tinsley Wm. R.	80		10	
42	Halpin Jm		10		Tronsdell Tom	81		10	
43	Halpin Maria		12	6	Tronsdell J.R.	82		12	
44	Hartney William	3	15		Unthank R.J.	84	1	5	
45	Hayes Patt		15		Unthank Eliza	86		10	
46	Herbert Wm		5						
47	Hogg James		11						
48	Johnston David		6						
52	Malone John		1						
56	Murphy Hon.		5						
58	Monell Martha	1	5				51	2	6
59	Mulrenan Mary		5		Deduct				
61	McNamara Patt		10		Income Tax paid		1	15	0½
	Forward	24	6	6	Due by late Treasurer		£49	7	5½
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* £1 5 0 10 Abs 5% (Abs Income Tax) Sec Weight Long 5% Int

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Liabilities of late Treasurer to 31st Dec. 1860

Particulars	Sum		
Balance appearing in Treasurers hands on 31st Dec. 1860			
General Balance to Credit Corporation as per Summary	80	7	7
Balance due to Bank per Corporation Balance Sheet of 31st Dec. 1860	1397	10	2
Whelans ½ years Rent not Credited to Borough Fund	5		
Borough Assessors unpaid	2	2	
Cheque - paid late Treasurer Erased from Books of Corporation	10		
Interest due Gas Scrip holders as per preceding list	49	7	5½
£	1544	7	2½
1860			
31st Dec. Balance due by late Treasurer	1457	-	7½
£	1457	-	7½
1861			
16 May Balance due £	97	17	0½

Particulars	Sum		
Arrears Stated to be due from Cork Convict Meadowing &c	44	3	5
Due to Treasurer Balance Witnesses Expences advanced by him	43	3	2
Balance	1457	-	7½
£	1544	7	2½
Since remitted Stephens. Honion lodged by Mr O'Neill	659	3	7
	700		
Balance	97	17	0½
£	1457	-	7½
Against which is claimed as a Set off Penalty remitted Stephens 23rd March '61	47	19	7

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The Special Committee

Corporation of Limerick

Gentlemen

Agreeably with your Resolution I have inspected the Accounts of the Corporation Gas Committee which have been very neatly and carefully Kept by the Secretary Mr. Blanchy.

The Books exhibit when last closed (Dec. 1860) the Annexed Balances. Showing an apparent Sum of £311. 6. 9 to the Credit of Profit and Loss Account

I find however many items debited to Capital Account which I Consider ought to be charged to Revenue and which would most probably make the Balance of Profit and Loss the other way - this may be a matter of Opinion and it would be for a Committee to Solve the Question - and to value the Stock of Coals Fittings &c &c &c on hand forming a portion of their Assets (as per the Annexed Balance) as well as to decide whether a proportionate Advantage is derived from their outlay of £1,400 - per Annum by the Corporation

Limerick 5th June 1861

N. W. Roche

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Corporation Gas Co.

General Balance Sheet from formation to 31st Dec. 1860

Particulars	Sum			Total		
Assets						
Plant expenditure to this date	12.973	12	4			
Meters do do	1.302	1	8			
				14.275	14	-
Debentures purchased				40		
Collection Rents due				1.635	3	-
Coals in Stock	746	14	7			
Fittings	185	7	10			
Coke &c &c	17	6	8			
Renewals	88	6				
Limestone	17					
Repairs	3	13	2			
				1.058	8	3
Cash in Bank	251	18	10			
do in hands of Secretary	6	13	9			
				258	12	7
Total of Assets				£ 4,267	17	10

Adjourned to Tuesday 19 May at 3 o'Clock

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Corporation Gas Co.

General Balance Sheet from formation to 31st Dec. 1860

Particulars	Sum			Total		
Liabilities						
Capital to this date				114.530		
Corporation per Bill				1000		
Accounts due. Coals Fittings &c				370	8	6
Salaries due				15	16	8
Income Tax due				11	10	10
Plant depreciation Account	533	4	1			
Meter do do	475	11				
				1.028	15	1
Balance to Profit & Loss				311	6	9
Total Liabilities			£	17267	17	10

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Thursday 19th May 1863 (3.0 Clock)

Present — (by Adjournment)

The Mayor (Chairman)

Alderman — Tuohy

" Quinlivan

" Mahony

" Myles

" Barry

as also — Mr Cullen Mr. M Kelly & Mr J Murphy

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Corporation Audited Account, and printed ending 31st Dec 1862

General Purposes Rate, Cr —	£613.5-1½	
Borough Fund do	665, 11.7	
	£1278.16.8½	
Improvement Rate — Dr —	335-18.8	
	£942-18.0½	

Cr, Balances in A.I. Bank

Boro Fund £ £360.1.5

Brst. Fund £250-13.6½ less Cheques - 15-10-0 = 265.3.6

General Purposes Fund 231.16.10

Balance due by Mr deCourcy per his Return 121.4.5 = 978-6.2

£35-8-6½

It will be observed by reference to Epitome of Accounts in this Report Marked A. that the Balance to Credit of Improvement Rate account. per printed Abstract

up to 31 Dec 1862 was £335-18-8
the Balance to Credit of same Account
in N.P Bank was £265-3-6. the
Balance in N.P. Bank to Credit of General
Purposes Rate was £231-16-10. in
printed Abstract, Balance was £613-5-1½
the Balance in N.P Bank to Credit of
Boro Fund was £360-1-5 in printed
Abstract Balance was £665-11-7

Thus in all Accounts
discrepancies have arisen, there
is no uniformity in any of them;
this State of things should not be
suffered to Continue, Otherwise
inconsistencies will Continue which
should be prevented.

It is true three distinct
accounts have been kept with
N.P Bank as directed by Committee
April 1861- but this is compara-
-tively useless as the Balances
have not been rectified nor made
uniform at opening of the Accounts,
this the Committee strongly urge
should be done at next Audit.
if this is attended to, and the
Balances Made uniform
for Year ending 31 Dec 1863, and
a proper Supervision of the
Accounts in future observed,
the discrepancies which
existed will be obviated for the
future.

In Order to effect this
we ask leave to Sit again from
time to time, and especially when the
accounts shall have been next
audited. We expect then to be
able to bring the accounts at the
Bank and in the Treasurers
Books into conformity.

Although the Balances
on the three Accounts with
N.P Bank and from printed Abstract
to 31 Dec 1862 - whol differ, nevertheless,
the result of the whole nearly
harmonises, as per detailed reference
to account Marked "A" will
appear, and it is satisfactory
that the General results nearly
agrees with printed Abstract in
fact it exceeds it by £35-8-1½.

It would be requisite to
ascertain whose duty it is to
Audit and Check the Treasurers
accounts - if it is not the
province of the Borough Auditors
to do so, the Corporation should
appoint some Committee to
investigate same every
three Months.

In the Treasurers ~~Balance~~
Account a Balance appears
due to him of £178. 15. 7 but
in reality the ames £121. 4. 5
and which has been satisfactorily
explained.

The Committee
had

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had not the benefit of the Borough Auditors on the investigation of the Accounts. The Corporation Auditor Mr Kelly attended.

This Report was approved of by the Special Committee.-

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

23rd May 1863

Present - The Mayor
Ald Mr Sullivan
" Mahony.

At a Special Meeting this day holden - for the purpose of taking into consideration - Mr Dwyer's Report on the Financial Affairs of Ireland -

Mr Dwyer having attended and submitted his Report to the Committee - same was approved of - and ordered to be printed

Robert MacMahon
- Mayor

Minute of 23rd May last read in Council 11th June 1863 and adopted.

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18th June 1863

Present – Mayor –
" M R Ryan
" M Lenihan

At a Special Meeting of the Committee this day holden for the purpose of adopting a Memorial to the House of Commons in favour of Mr Gregory's Enquiry into the Revenues of the Irish Church Establishment –

The following form of Petition was unanimously agreed to –

To the Right Honorable & Honorable the Knights, Citizens & Burgesses in the Commons House of Parliament assembled,

The humble petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Corporation of Limerick,

Sheweth

That your petitioners, in common with the people of Ireland, feel the grevious weight of the Church Establishment in this country, which presses with intolerable severity on every interest in this Kingdom.

That the Revenues of the Establishment, drawn from all sources, are far and away in excess of the numbers who belong to it; and constitute an ever recurring cause of irritation and dissatisfaction in the breasts of the vast majority of the people of Ireland – who are chiefly Roman Catholics, the relative numbers according to the census of 1861, being :–

Roman Catholics	4,505,701
Established Church	690,509
Presbyterians	523,300
Other persuasions	78,010

thus constituting the members of an enormously endowed Establishment, little superior in number to the Presbyterians and Quakers combined.

That for the last twenty six years, a sum of ~~£4,297,260~~ £3,310,999 9th has been received, and a sum of £3,297,261 expended by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Ireland, whilst the Catholic Church – the Church of the overwhelming majority of the population, has no income whatever, derivable from any source, except the voluntary contributions of the overtaxed and overburdened members of the Roman Catholic persuasion, who, though the most numerous, are, to add to their grievances, the poorest and the most hard worked of any other religious persuasion in this Country.

That the Income of the Anglican Bishopprick of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe, is between £4000 and £6000 a year; whilst the Establishment in the United Diocese, does not number one fortieth part of the entire population of the cities of Limerick and Counties of Limerick, and Kerry –

That the tithe rent Charge, which is a first Charge on the Land of Ireland, goes to the support of this unjust & oppressive system; and that as long as the grievance continues, it is impossible to expect that the People of Ireland can enjoy the blessings of peace & contentment.

That your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honorable House to take the premises into consideration, in order to an adjustment of the revenues of the Irish Church Establishment, according to the dictates of justice and reason; and your Petitioners will ever pray.

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

11 July 1863

Salmon Weir Committee

The Mayor, Ald.n Mc.Donnell and T.C. MacSheehy present —

A Petition read by Mr. Murphy against the clause of the Fisheries bill ordering the width of the free gap in the Weir to 50 feet was adopted, and directed to be engrossed and City seal attached and forwarded for presentation to the House of Lords —

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

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17th July 1863

At a Special Meeting this day held for the purpose of Making an Improvement Rate for the half Year commencing 1st July 1863.

Present

Mr Kelly Chairman
Mr Ward
E. Myles
J. Barry
A. Hale
Alderman Dunlan
" Irish
" Mulcahy
" Mahony
" Cate
H. Harvey
" Lyman
" Hastings. —

The Committee Recommend a Rate be Made at the Rate of 1½ in the £ to ~~Meet~~ Raise the Sum of £4532 — which we consider may be sufficient for the requirements of next 6 months. thereby reducing the Original Estimate from ~~£6033 9 9~~ £5801 — to said amt —

The Committee recommend that the Works be done for next Year — and that ~~on the account the Main~~ Nor. Committee be directed not to expend More Money than is provided for by the present Estimate

The Committee direct that Mr Verekers Retiring allowance be paid out of Boro Fund —

Mich Kelly Chairman

Read in Council this 30th day of July 1863. and confirmed

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13 Nov 1863

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of preparing and forwarding Memorials to the Directors of the several Railways running Trains to and from the City of Limerick - requesting them to Continue the Sunday Trains as heretofore

Present The Mayor, in the Chair
Ald Lewis, Ald Mahony, J. J. McSheehy —
Barrington, Ald Dispensing —
Had following Memorial on the Proposition of Ald Lewis Seconded by Ald Mahony was read, Carried —

To the Directors of the Waterford and Limerick Railway and the other Railway Companies

Gentlemen

A resolution of this Body was unanimously passed at a Meeting held on Thursday the 12th of November instant representing the very great loss and inconvenience suffered by the Citizens of Limerick. And the Public in general of the District, consequent on the discontinuance of the different Trains between this City and the different Towns in the Neighbourhood, and Cities

In consequence of that Resolution we are requested to direct your attention to the fact, with a view to your applying the immediate remedy by withdrawing the Cause of Complaint and placing the Trains in Question on the footing on which they have stood since Limerick Commenced to enjoy Railway Communication

We trust that we need not point out to you the Anomalous position occupied by this City, owing to the Course you have pursued in this instance, and that no other place in Ireland or in England is similarly inconvenienced by the Directors of any existing Railway

We need not delay you by entering into the many reasons that suggest themselves why the same facilities of travelling on all days in the week should not be participated in here, as elsewhere, but we do express a Cordial hope that by acceding to our request of again placing a Sunday-day-Train on the lines, you will Contribute to public Convenience and requirement and will cease to make the Condition of Limerick in this respect altogether exceptional

Robert McMahon
Mayor
Chairman

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9th Decr 1863

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of taking down the old Sheds at Merchants Quay -

Present The Mayor
Aldn Carte
L.C. Mac Sheely
" Ryan
Adjourned to Saturday
the 12th Decr -

Present - Mayor -
Aldn Carte
L.C. Mc Sheely
" Ryan
" Cullen

The Committee request that Mr Sheely do wait on Mr Js McMahon and ascertain on what terms a Surrender of the Premises at Merchants Quay may be had -

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

28th Decr 1863

At a Special Meeting of Port. Committee this day holden for the purpose of deciding the best Means of Working the Corporation Gas Works -

Present - The Mayor
" Mayor Elect
Aldn McDonnell
L.C. J McDonnell
" Kelly
" W Leeland
also Mr Cullen -

The Committee suggest that the Mayor do Communicate with Mr Anderson - and ascertain from him on what day it would be his convenience to meet the Committee on the subject -

Robert MacMahon
Mayor

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29 January 1864

At a Special Meeting holden this day, for the purpose of preparing an Address of Congratulation to the Queen - the Prince & Princess of Wales on the birth of a Prince

Present -

The Mayor in the Chair
T. C. Mac Sheehy
Alderman McDonnell

The following Addresses were agreed to -

To the Queens Most excellent Majesty -

We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Limerick in Council assembled beg leave most humbly to lay before your Majesty our ardent and sincere congratulations on the auspicious event

To the Prince & Princess of Wales

May it please your Royal Highnesses, We - the Majesty loyal and attached subjects, the Reformed Corporation of Limerick in Council assembled - take the earliest opportunity of presenting your Royal Highness with our unfeigned congratulations on the late happy event - which has given a Royal Prince to this Empire - and binds your Royal Highnesses still closer to an affectionate people -

To be the parents of one

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destined at a future day to
both Rule the British Empire - cannot
... ...
but be the Cause of pride and gratification
to Your Royal Highnesses

That the Parents of our future
Sovereign should be the possessors
of the many amiable and enviable
qualities which adorn Your Royal Highnesses
must of necessity be to us a source of
grateful reflection - as it is a sufficient
guarantee to every loyal Subject of
that the future hope of this Vast
Empire since he is nurtured in every
principle which is necessary to
Constitute a great and Virtuous Monarch

Prayes that Divine Providence
May preserve Your Royal Highnesses
and to witness the fulfilment of a
Parents hopes and to receive many
similar expressions of a peoples
attachment -

We remain Her Majesty's
Most faithful and loyal Subjects

which it hath pleased
the Giver of all good to
vouchsafe to his Royal
Highness the Prince of Wales
at the birth of a Prince
destined by Providence to become
one day the Ruler of a Mighty
Nation, from one end to the
other of Your Majesty's Dominions
one feeling alone prevails -
a feeling of joy and thankfulness

May the heart felt
expression of joy and gratitude
with which we humbly
approach Your Majesty be
graciously received - but above
all May the prayer of Your

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Your Majesty's people
find favour at the
Throne of the Most High
invoking the blessings
of health and happiness
and a Reign long peaceful
and glorious to your Majesty
governing a happy and a
grateful people

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1 Dec 1864.

At a Special Meeting this
day convened for the purpose of
~~Adjusting the Treasurer's accounts~~
auditing the Corporation accounts.

Present - The Mayor
Aldn Sullivan
" Busby
Ald. Meyler
" Mc Sheehy

The Committee recommend
that Cheques be drawn by the
Finance Committee for the amounts
to Credit of the Corporation in the
Bank and that it be rebadged
in the Bank in the exact proportion
as it appears on each account
as audited to 31 Dec 1863.

Eugene Callaghan Mayor - Chairman

Read in Council same day & adopted

E O Callaghan
Mayor

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4th July 1864

At a Special Meeting this day holden by adjournment - for the purpose of investigating the Treasurers accounts

present

Ald Cornelius Sullivan
" Tinsley
" Mahony
F.C. Myles. McNally

and Mr Mc Elligott

Referring to the Meeting of 13th May 1863 - (which see) the Balances there stated - viz £ 235-8-1½ —

Due to present Treasurer £5-4-1½
Interest from Bank - 1-17-6
Since credited —
Paid on account of late Treasurer to Gilbert, Mc Mahon & others 8-10-11 £15-12-6½
Now in Bank — 19-15-7

To bring the accounts into conformity with the Bank, and have the Balances correspond as suggested by the Report of 19 May, and adopted by Council (See Resolution of 1st July - 1864) in accordance with their approval - we hereby recommend that a Cheque be drawn on the Improvement Fund for the Sum of £640-12-2½ - as particularized and as agreeing with the Bank Books and Treasurers accounts

to 31 Decr 1863 -

and that the Sum of £ — 383.5.9½
part of the amount of said Cheque be lodged to the Credit of the General Purposes Fund -

And that the Sum of £ 237.10.10
thereof be lodged to the Credit of the Borough Fund

And that the Balance 19.15.7
be relodged to the Credit of the Improvement Fund to pay Interest due by late Treasurer on account of Lost Scrip as same may be demanded from time to time

The Committee are glad that the Balances arrived at by them on 19th May last are proved by the Summary to be Correct -

Lawd Cornelius Sullivan
Chairman

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Minutes of the Improvement Committee of the Limerick Corporation
Engineer's Office
Limerick

9th February 1864

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of Making an Improvement Rate for the half Year commencing 1st January 1864

Present

Thos Kane	Chairman
Ald'n	Tuohy
"	Hogan
"	Dillon
J.C.	Barry
"	Lyman
"	Myles
"	O'Keefe
"	A'Hale
"	Ward

The Committee recommend a Rate to be Made at the Rate of 1/8 in the £ to raise the Sum of £4977 including £100 being the first instalment (Half Yearly) of the £640 due by the Improvement Rate to the other Funds

Thos Kane

Chairman

23rd
27th March 1864

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Subject of the Sale of the Corporate Property

Present —

Ald'n Donnellan
" Tuohy
" Hogan

& also Mr Jos. Murphy —

The Proceedings under the Order of 5th July 1859 were suspended in consequence of a provision in the Deed of Mortgage of Jany 1850, "that it could not be paid off before fifteen years from that date", but this difficulty being now nearly at an end — the Committee will consider whether any and what Steps shall now be taken by the Law Agent under the Sanction of the Committee

Lud Donnellan

Chairman

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Embankment Committee

26 apl 1864,

The Mayor in the Chair,

M. R. Ryan, Robt MacMahon,

The Committee having had the important matter of the Embankment of the Slob Land at Corbanree especially under consideration, and finding that the Corporation has no available funds at its disposal for the purpose, are of opinion that it will be advisable to place the same at the disposal of a joint Stock Company or an individual; as the Council shall approve of, with such conditions as may be necessary for the public interest and to secure a promenade for the Citizens.

If the Council approve of this mode of action, the Committee will cease to sit again to negotiate the necessary details but to report again to the Council before any final conclusion shall be come to.

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor
Chairman

28th April 1864

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Resignation of J. & Wm Mahony and E. Gabbett - as also to devise the best Means of Working the Corporation Gas Works -

Present - The Mayor
E. Spaight
" Gabbett
" Hastings
" Barry
A. Hall & " Myles

Adjourned to Monday - after the business to be done by Council - on Quarter-day be disposed of.

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor

Minutes of 23rd March last & 28th April last read in Council, 2nd May 1864. and approved of.

E. Callaghan Mayor

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2nd May 1864

(After Adjournment of the Council)

Present – The Mayor
Ald.n Cullen
J. C. Keane
" Myles
" O'Donnell
Hickey
A. Hall
M. Sheehy
Gabbett
J. Barry
L. Hastings
P. Lynch
Spaight
Rodgers

The Committee having taken into Consideration the Resignation of Alderman Mahony as a Member of the Gas Committee was accepted as was also that of Mr Gabbett and in lieu of Ald.n Spaight

The Committee having also taken into Consideration the best Means of Working the Corporation Gas Works on the following proposed by Mr Spaight and seconded by Mr Mc Sheehy was adopted: viz

That Advertisements shall be inserted in English & Scotch and Irish Gas Papers, for a first class Gas Engineer and Manager to undertake the Management of the Corporation Gas Works who shall be requested to forward Testimonials and Terms to the Mayor of Limerick Town Hall

O Callaghan
Mayor

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6th May 1864

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At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of investigating the late Treasurers Account - Opened by Council

Present Ald.n Trusly Chairman
" Cullen
H. Barry
" Myles
as also Ald.n Kelly - J. Murphy
& R. Anglin

The Committee meeting to have a larger attendance of Members - Adjourned to Thursday Next the 12th Instant at 12 o'clock

John R. Trusly
Chairman

12 May 1864

At an Adjourned Meeting held this day for the purpose of investigating the late Treasurers accounts -

Present The Mayor
Ald.n Trusly
" Cullen
" Quinlivan
H. Myles
" Barry
" Hastings
& Ald.n Kelly -
as also Ald.n Anglin

Meeting further adjourned until Thursday 19th Inst. at 12 o'clock

E. O Callaghan
Mayor

Minutes of the 2.nd 6th & 12th May 1864 Read in Council

E. O Callaghan J P
Mayor.

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30th May 1884

~~Committee of the~~

At a Special Meeting ~~of the~~ this day holden ~~for the purpose of~~

At a Meeting of a Committee of the whole House - this day holden for the purpose of Electing a Manager of the Corporation Gas Works

present

The Mayor

Aldn Tuohy	Aldn	Cullen
" McDonnell	J.C.	McMahon
" Hogan	"	Lynch
	"	Myles
	"	Hastings
	"	McInerney
	"	Purcell
	"	Kane
	"	Rodgers
	"	P Hall
	"	J Barry
	"	Ryan
	"	Mac Sheehy

The Committee having read the Letters and Testimonials of the several Applicants (fourteen) and having considered the same, a Motion was proposed by J. F. Mc Sheehy. & Seconded by Dr Kane - and agreed to -

That having gone through the applications of the several Candidates for the office of Gas Engineer & Manager - we are of opinion that Mr Colin Brothers the Selector as best Qualified, subject to his personal attendance here on this day week 6th Prox - Meantime the Mayor to make enquiries relative to his Qualification for ultimate appointment his expenses in coming over to be paid by the Corporation

E Callaghan
Mayor.

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4th June 1864

At a Meeting of a Committee of the whole House this day holden for the purpose of considering the Appointment of Mr Brothers as Engineer & Manager of the Gas Works present

The Mayor -
Ald Mr Cullen - Ex. Mac Sheehy
" Barry
" Hastings
" Lynch
" O'Reilly
" O'Mahon
" Mulcahy
" Kane
" J. McDonnell

The Committee recommend that Mr Brothers be appointed as Engineer and Manager at a Salary of Two hundred & fifty Pounds a Year -

On the following understandings viz

No Goods are to be ordered or Money paid without an order from the Committee to be appointed by the Council

Mr Brothers to have the entire Control of the Officers and Management of the Gas Works subject to the Control of the Committee -

Mr Brothers to Superverise the Gas Rental - the Sale of Coke and Labour Account -

Mr Brothers to give Security for £400 - to be approved of by Mr Murphy

On Six Months Notice - by either the Corporation or by Mr Brothers the foregoing agreement to be terminated,

Mr Brother is to take charge of the Works on 18th June —

Eugene Callaghan JP
Mayor.

Minute of the 30th May & 4th June 1864
read in Council 9th June 1864.

Ed Callaghan J P
Mayor
Chairman

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9th June 1864

At a Meeting of a Committee of the Whole House this day held for the purpose of further Considering the Appointment of Engineer and Manager of the Gas Works.

Present the Mayor

Ald.n Quinlivan	F.G. Myles
" McDonnell	" Scully
	" Keays
	" Delmy
	" Hastings
	" Barry
	" P. Lynch
	" A. Hall
	" M.c Sheehy

Ald.n Fuller	H. McKelly
" Roza	" M.c Mahon
" Cato	" " Kane

Proposed by F.G. J. F. Mc Scully
Seconded by F.G. McMahon
Resolved that the Corporation having this day negatived the recommendation of the Committee appointing Mr Brothers as Gas Engineer, & in lieu thereof the Testimonials of Mr Macnie, we request the Mayor to write to him asking his attendance in Limerick on as early a day as convenient - paying his expenses, and stating that Salary, if appointed, not to exceed £250

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor elect

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16th June 1864

At a Meeting of a Committee of the whole House, this day holden for further Considering the Appointment of Engineer and Manager of the Corporation Gas Works,

Present- The Mayor
Ald^m Linn J.C. Hastings
" Myles
" Barry
" Kane
" Russell
" Lynch
" Lynan
" Mulcahy
" R. McDonnell

The Committee recommend the appointment of Mr MacNie as Engineer & General Manager of the Gas Works - at a Salary of £250 - per Annum - with an allowance for an office in such house as he shall reside in subject to the approval of the Corporation as to its Situation

The appointment of Mr MacNie to be on the following terms -

No Goods to be ordered or Money paid, without an order from the Committee to be appointed by the Council,

Mr MacNie to have the entire Controle of the Officers and Management of the Gas Works, Subject to the Controle of the Committee

Mr MacNie to Superviss the Gas Rental - the Sale of Coke and Labour account

Mr MacNie to give Security in the Sum of £250 - to be approved of by Mr Murphy

On Six Months Notice by either the Corporation or Mr MacNie the foregoing agreement to be terminated

Mr MacNie is to take Charge of the Works on 1st July

E. O'Callaghan
Mayor.

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16th June 1804

At a Meeting held this day for the purpose of considering Mrs Reid's application

Present The Mayor
Ald. Cullen — H. Myles
" Hastings
" Berry

Adjourned to Wednesday the 22nd at 2 o'Clock

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor. Chairman

Embankment Committee,
21 June 1864.

Present, The Mayor in the Chair,
Alds. McDonnell, Town Councillors
MacMahon, Ryan, MacSheehy.

The Mayor read Mr Hargrave's letter offering to execute the Embankment for £5000, and if a Joint Stock Company was formed to raise the money, he would take Shares to the extent of £1500 —

The Committee recommend that if the work is to be done at all by a Joint Stock Company, the offer of Mr Hargrave should be entertained and made the basis of a movement to raise the money by shares, but the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the Corporation ought not to let the work of reclaiming their own land pass into any hands except their own, the more especially as it is now evident the work could pay for itself, while it would be a great public advantage in a Sanatory view, would give employment to the people and considerably enhance the Value and Security of the adjoining Lands of Corkanree the property of the Corporation =

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor Chairman

Read in Council 28th June 1864. and Resolution adopted.
Eugene Callaghan Mayor

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22nd June 1864

At a Meeting of the Special Committee held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the Subject of Mrs Ricketts Letter - Referred by the Council - to this Committee

Present

Ald.n Lenihan
" Tuohy
Ald.n Barry
" Myles

Mr Murphy & Mr Anglin - being present for a short time

Adjourned until 12 O'Clock to morrow the 23rd June 1864

Lawd. Lenihan

"June 23rd 1864"

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Special Committee held this day for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Subject of Mrs O'Neills Letter referred by the Council -

Present - Alderman Lenihan Chairman
Alderman Mahony -
J.C. Myles -
J.C. Barry
J.C. McSheehy -

Mr Anglin being present for a short time

Adjourned until One O'Clock ~~to-morrow~~ this day

June 25th 1864

Lawd. Lenihan

Chairman

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25th June 1864

At an adjourned ~~Special~~ Meeting of the Special Committee held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of Mr. O'Neill's letter, referred to it by the Council.

Present. Ald.n Sullivan in the Chair
" Cullen
" MacMahon
" MacSheehy
" Barry

The Law agent Mr. Murphy
The Town Clerk
Mr. Anglim Bro. Auditor

Proposed by Ald.n Cullen
Seconded by Ald.n MacSheehy

Resolved. That having considered the subject of Mr. Francis O'Neills application for a sum of £179- and having investigated the same, we found a double charge of that sum against Mr. O'Neill the late Treasurer, in the abstract of Accts for the years 1st Jan.y 1858 to 1st July 1858. and from the 1st Jan.y 1859 to 1st Jan.y 1860. and we did not find that he took credit for said sum

Carried without a division
Ald.n Barry dissenting.

Lad Sullivan

Minutes of the 9th 16th 21st 22nd 24th & 25th June read in Council on the 28th June 1864

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor. Chairman

4th Jan.y 1864

At a Special Meeting of the Special Committee this day holden for the purpose of ascertaining what Balance if any remains due by the late Treasurer -

Present Mayor - Chairman
Ald.n Mc Donnell
" O'Kane
" M Russell
" M Nall } as also -
Mr. Anglim

On investigating the account at very great length - The Committee are satisfied that the late Treasurer should be charged with the following sums - viz.

Balance on Hand per Abstract on 1860	80.7.7
Due to N.l Bank	1402.10.5
Cheque not accounted for - per Mr. Stokes	10.00
Cash to pay Int.t on Loan Scrip —	49.7.5½
Int. unpaid on Parish debentures -	8.0.11
Kennedy's Rent unpaid not accounted for	9.0.0
Farrans ditto —	1.15.0
Cash per Mr. Elliott to Mr. Jno. Justice	11.0.0
Borough Rents rec.d per J. Justice	510.1.11½
Amount of Sweepings - per ds	112.11.4
	£ 2194.14.8

We also find he is entitled to the following Credits -

Credits –

Proceeds of sweepings in 1859 - charged twice - and allowed by Minute of former	£179.00
Cash lodged in Bank by Mrs O'Neill	700.01
do - Remitted Stephens by same	707.3.2
for Arrears Meadow - collected after Treasurers death -	19.18.0
Advances for Witnesses Expenses	43.3.2
Serjeants Rent - accounted for - not paid until after death of late Treasurer	10.00
Rent of Gas Premises charged to - but not rec'd by late Treasurer	39.10
Disbursements of Impst. Fund by Mrs Neill	314.1.11
ditto ditto	53.16.8
Disbursements of Boro Fund	138.9.1
Lodged in N Bank per Mrs Neill	136.9.0
do — ditto	22.11.6
Cash handed present Treasurer	1.11.4
	£2365.13.10

Total Credits as above £2365-13-10
Deduct - debits £2194.14.8
£170.19.2

Mrs O'Neill Claims an uncollected Amounts of Arrears Meadow Rent of £24.5.5
£195.4.7

We find that in March 1861 -
Mrs O'Neill paid to Stephens —
as a Penalty - on overdue Inst — 17.19.7
And a half years Rent - all'd formerly of — 4.2.6

Making together the Sum of — £69.2.1
for disposal of which we
submit to the Council for
Consideration - and Should
they think proper to deduct these
two late items - and to give Credit
for the foregoing Sum of £24.5.5
there would be then due to the
Repr. of late Treasurer the
Sum of £126.2.6 —

W Callaghan
Mayor

155.4.7

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19th July 1864

The Special Committee on Mr Cullens Motion having been Summoned for this day and there having attended only Aldn Cullen & Sullivan

The Meeting was adjourned to Friday the 22nd - by desire of Mr Cullen -

Friday 22nd July -

The Meeting which had been postponed to this day was further adjourned to 12 o'clock on Tuesday 26 July there being present only Messrs Barry " Keays & Myles —

26 July 1864

The only Members who attended being Aldn Cullen - subsequently Mr Barry & Aga Mr Keays Meeting adjourned to a day not named —

28th July 1864

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of Considering the Improvement Rate & Estimate for the Year Commencing 1st July 1864 —

Present

Mr Hall - Chairman
Aldn Hogan - Mr Rogers
" Wall
Barry
Keays
Hartley

The Committee recommend a Rate to be Made ~~at the Rate of~~ of 1/6 in the £ to raise the Sum of ~~£4284-15-6~~ £4284-15-6½ including £100 - and half Years Instalments of the £640 due by the Corpn - Rate to the 10th Inst —

Denhole Hall
Chairman

Minutes of 14th 19th and 28th July last read in Council 1st August 1864.

E O'Callaghan
Mayor

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27 Oct 1864

Meeting of Embankment Committee

Present - M R Ryan Esq
F C McMahon
" Mac Sheehy —

The Law Agent attended and read Draft of Bill for the proposed Embankment of Corbanee - which the Committee approved of except as to the time for execution of the Work which the Committee thought it well to extend to ten Years instead of five —

M R Ryan
Chairman

Read in Council 3rd November 1864 and approved of. See Resolution.

V Callaghan
Mayor

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5th Nov 1864

At a Special holden this day for the purpose of preparing an Address to the Lord Lieutenant on his arrival in Ireland - Present —

The Mayor
Ald'n - McDonnell
Cullen
F C Mac Sheehy
" Gabbett —
" McDonnell M P —

A Draft Address as laid before the Committee - of which the following is a Copy was agreed to -

Alderman Cullen having proposed and Alderman McDonnell having seconded a paragraph to be inserted referring to the granting of a Charter to the Catholic University which on a Division the Mayor declared the proposition rejected —

To His Excellency Admiral Wodehouse Baron Wodehouse Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland —

Address of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick

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May it please your Excellency

With feelings of the deepest regret at the Cause which rendered necessary the resignation of office by the deservedly respected and popular Lord Carlisle. We approach your Excellency to offer our Congratulations and welcome on Your arrival in the Capital of this Country as the Viceroy of our Most Gracious Sovereign

The Appointment by Her Majesty of so able and distinguished a Nobleman as your Excellency to the high and important office of Governor of this Country, We Consider as an assurance to Her Majesty's Irish Subjects, that the prosperity and advancement of the Interests of their Country will under your rule be fostered and maintained by that Constitutional aid and encouragement which in all Countries tend so much to promote the development of its industrious and natural resources and give employment to its people

The Gentry and people of all Classes in this Province are now united and Actively engaged in a movement to promote the Culture and growth of Flax in this district and thereby establish a Manufacture and trade which will give employment to numbers of the Labouring and industrious Classes

For some years past efforts have been made to obtain for one of the Harbours on the West Coast of Ireland the advantage which its Geographical position

[illegible] to. of being made a Port for the purpose of Transatlantic Communication with America, but without Success, and we look on the Queen of Rivers the noble Shannon with its Several Natural Harbours and Roadsteads, deserted and neglected, and the Port of Limerick Shunned and Avoided, owing to the enormous Harbour dues rendered necessary and Convergent on the payment of Interest on a debt due to the Government which is now in possession of the Income of the Port, thro' the Board of Public Works

Trusting your Excellency will pardon, our most respectfully directing your attention to these matters, in the hope that good results may follow.

We cannot omit the pleasing opportunity of referring to those domestic Associations which so closely Connect you with this part of Ireland, the trust that during the period of your government we may be honoured by those Local interchanges of intercourse which will bind our relations more intimately with Your ~~Lordship~~ Excellency

Begging again to offer our Congratulations to your Excellency, and Lady Wodehouse, on your arrival amongst the Irish people, as the Representative of our beloved Sovereign,

Given under the Common Seal of our Corporation this 5 day of Jun in the year 1864

E O Callaghan Mayor

7 Nov 1854

Present The Mayor
H. J. McDonnell
" J. F. MacSheehy
" R. McMahon
" Hall

The Committee having met to arrange about the deputation to proceed to Dublin to present the Address to the Lord Lieut.

It was agreed that the Proposer & Seconder of the Address do accompany the Mayor as also any other Member of Council who may wish to be of the Deputation

Eugene Callaghan
Mayor.

10 Nov 1854

At a Meeting this day holden for the purpose of investigating the Gas accounts - and the Workings of the Gas Concern -

Present
The Mayor
Ald^m Dinnihan
" Tinsley
" Cullen
~~H.~~ McDonnell
H. J. McDonnell
" R. McMahon
" P. Lynch
" Hastings -
" J. McSheehy

M^r McKay also attended

It was proposed by Ald^m Cullen and Seconded by Ald^m McDonnell and unanimously agreed to -

That - the following Returns be furnished by the Officers of the Gas Committee viz Annual accounts from 1st April 1854 to this date with the Reports thereon presented to the Council with quantity and quality of Gas & the quality of Gas paid for

The Cost of Coals from the Starting with the Freight thereon and how and how the Contracts were made for Coals & Freight

An Account of the appreciation from on Plant and Meters and how applied

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The Sums received from the Corporation in promoting the Gas Works and how disposed of and what the present Value of the Sums expended

An Account of the reduction Made to the Corporation and Consumers in this City

Report on the Sums required to put the Gas Works in an efficient State of Working

Sums received for Coke-Line & Tar in each Year

E O Callaghan. Mayor.

Minutes of the 5th & 7th Nov not Read in Council this 24th day of Nov 64.

E O Callaghan
Mayor

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1st Dec 1864

At a Special Hall day holden for the purpose of preparing a Memorial to the Treasury and the Irish Government on the subject of the Harbour debt

Present The Mayor
Mayor Elect
Ald Sullivan
" Mc Donnell
" Spaight
& M R Ryan

The draft of Memorial as handed in by Mr Spaight was unanimously agreed to

E O Callaghan
Mayor

Read and adopted in Council this 1st Dec 1864

E O Callaghan
Mayor

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7 Dec 1864

Special Meeting for the purpose of investigating the Gas accounts - and the working of the concern present -

The Mayor in the Chair
Ald. John McDonnell
" S. Hastings

Mr McVie attended with the Statement made out by him by direction of the Committee, but having read Ald. Cullen's memo. the Committee decided on adjourning to Thursday the 15th instant for reception and reading this Statement, the Committee to be specially summoned for that day, and Mr. McVie to attend, in Order to give explanation in reference to this Statement.

E O Callaghan
Mayor

Read and adopted in Council, this 15th Dec 1864.

E O Callaghan
Mayor

9th January 1865

At a Special Meeting for the purpose of investigating the Gas Accounts - and the working of that Concern -

present - The Mayor - & late Mayor
Aldm. J McDonnell - Ald. J McDonnell do
L Quinlivan, D Cullen - " D McMahon do
S. Hastings, J Gabbett, M McCarthy, L Kelly -
as also Mr J Murphy - Law Agent -

Mr McVie attended with the Statement made out by him - Report of Mr McVay adopted

And on proposal of Ald Cullen
Seconded by Alderman Quinlivan
The Thanks of the Meeting were unanimously passed to Mr McVay - for the manner in which he brought up his Report

D R Fenby
Mayor

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17th Jany 1865

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of investigating the Gas Accounts and the Working of the Concern

Present The Mayor -
" Chairman - 10
Aldm Cullen - 6. J. McDonnell 10
6. R. McMahon 10
6. E. Gabbett 10
6. E. Hastings -
6. J. Mc Inerney 10

Mr Mc Kay also attended - "

"

The Committee recommend the Report of our Engineer (Mr Mc Kay) for adoption - and respectfully suggest that the requirements mentioned in said be viz - a Station Meter - New Boiler, Condenser, Washer, Repairs to Gas Holder -

We also recommend the purchase of a New or Second hand Steam Engine as soon as one can be conveniently procured

A Deputation from Gas Committee having waited on this Meeting - We recommend the Committee to grant the Amount of the Original Contract for Public Lighting - Namely Fourteen hundred pounds per annum to the present Gas Committee in accordance with their Suggestion -

3rd Feby - 1865

At a Special Meeting this day holden for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate for the half Year from 1st Jany 1865

Present The Mayor

Aldm McDonnell - 6. Myles
" Barry
" McMahon
" E. Hare
" E. Ward
" J. McDonnell
" J. Punch
" A. Hall
" J. J. Mc Inerney -

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 1/8 to raise the Sum of £4947.14.2 - including £300 for New Leverage -

Wm D Quirke
Mayor

Minutes of 9th and 17th January and 3rd Feby 1865 read & Council 6th of Feby 1865 and adopted

Wm D Quirke
Mayor

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17th Feb 1865

At a Special Meeting this day held for the purpose of ascertaining the best means of restopping the Sewerage of the City

Present - The Mayor
Aldn Limbird
" McDonnell
" Hogan
" Mahony
" Quinn

For Senior Counsellors being the persons mentioned in Minutes of Counsel as forming the Committee - this Meeting ~~separated~~ adjourned

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22nd February 1865

At a Special Meeting of the Sewerage Committee this day holden - for the purpose of devising the best Means - whereby the Sewerage of the City may be immediately Commenced -

Present - The Mayor
A R. Ryan
Valentine Lynch
J. Parker
L. Hastings

Mr J. Murphy and Mr Corbett were also in attendance

The following Resolution proposed by Dr Parker and Seconded by T. C. Hastings was unanimously adopted - viz - Having carefully inspected the Places for Sewerage required within the Borough - and Considering the necessity of such Sewerage at any time, but at this time the necessity of meeting the wants of the Labouring poor of the City by giving them employments, Recommend that a Sum of not exceeding Two thousand Pounds be provided for the Construction of the most indispensable portions of such Sewerage - This Money to be raised by inserting in each half Yearly Estimate a Sum of Five hundred pounds, and that for the purpose of providing funds to employ the people forthwith - the Mayor be requested to draw on the Treasurer and have the Bills discounted for such Sums as shall be wanted for this purpose, not exceeding two - Thousand pounds - the Council pledging itself to reduce the amounts by half - Yearly payments as before mentioned and such Bills to be renewed for the reduced amounts from time to time by similar drafts by the Mayor for the time being on the Treasurer until the entire Sum shall be paid off.

Wm R Smith
Mayor

Minutes of the 17th and 22nd Feby Read in Council 25th Feby 1865 -

Wm R Smith
Mayor

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Feb 25th 1865

At a Special Meeting this day held for the purpose of devising the best means of employing additional persons at the Sewerage Works

Present The Mayor
J.C. Lynch
J.C. Hastings
J.C. Parker
J.C. Purcell

Inasmuch as the Works in the Irish Town cannot be gone on with until a Sluice be provided - That Mr Corbett be instructed to have one Made without delay - so as to put the unemployed Men to Work as soon as possible.

The Committee recommend that a Main Sewer be made in Upper Cecil Street from corner of Mallow Street to Glentworth Street, Estimated Expense £260 - and that the Surveyor advertise for Tenders for this Work -

John R Lynch
Mayor

Read in Council 2nd March 1865 and adopted -

Jas Manning
Town Clerk

J Wilson
Mayor

March 9th 1865

At a Special Meeting held this day
Present Alderman Punchion Chairman,
J.C. Lynch
J.C. Parker
J.C. Purcell

Read a letter from John Meade Agent to have his Name withdrawn from the Sewerage Contract of Upper Nelson Street - as his partner John McMahon being willing to Carry out the Contract on his own account he giving Michael Dawson & Co as Mr Michael Scanlan as his Securities, we recommend that John McMahon be declared the Contractor, on his Completing his Securities

Read an Application from the Ratepayers of Sexton Street for a Main Sewer through Sexton Street - a deputation consisting of the Revd Mr Browne P.P. Messrs Anglim & Lynch waited on the Committee to ask the Committee to Carry on the Sewer, Resolved, that in as much as a Sum of about £400 granted for Sewerage purposes is yet available we recommend that a new Sewer be Made from the Corner of Cornwallis Street in Nelson Street to meet that now making in Sexton Street at the Convent gate. Provided that the Owners of property in that locality undertake to make Branch Sewers from their Houses & estimated expense of the Sewer not to exceed £350

Punchion
Chairman

Read in Council
9 March 65.
Punchion
Mayor

Thursday 16th March 1865.

Special Committee of the whole House to receive a Communication from Sir John Gray Chn of the Special Committee of the Dublin Corpn on the Obnoxious Oaths, addressed to the Mayor

Present Ald. Roche. In the Chair
Ald. Anderson Lord Mayor In the Chair

Ald. Ryan	Ald. Myles
" McDonnell	" Mullaney
" Barry	" Lynam

The Communication referred to having been read

Proposed by Ald. Ryan
Seconded by Ald. Myles

Resolved. That such Members of the Council as desire to join the Corporation deputation to be received by the Lord Lieut on Monday next at one o'Clock in Dublin, with deputations from the other Corporate bodies in Ireland relative to the subject of the obnoxious Oaths to be then presented, be requested to intimate their intention to the Town Clerk on or before next Saturday the 18th Inst.

Ordered. That the Town Clerk acquaint Sir John Gray that a deputation will attend in Dublin on Monday next from this Corpn

Lord Mayor
Mayor Townsmen
Chairman

Thursday 27 April 1865

Embankment Committee

Present The Mayor In the Chair
Ald. MacSheehy, Ald Ryan, Ald MacMahon

The Law Agent and Town Clerk attended also Ald. Sullivan.

The question and Amount of Security to be given by the Contractor on additional Contracts being considered

Ordered. That Security should be required for the sum of £3500 for performance of the Contract, and also that £25. p.Ct. of the Cost of the Contract be kept in hands for twelve months after the completion of the and obtaining of the Certificate of Completion of Works in accordance with the Specification.

Ordered That the Sureties enter into a joint and several Security for £3.500. and the Contractor having assented to these orders and named Russ. John McDonnell, Ambrose Hall and Wm John Connolly as his sureties, and this Committee recommend the Council to accept of these Sureties

Mr Connolly the Contractor having applied to be allowed in addition to his Contract the sum of £130. for sodding the bank, as he had not originally included it in his Estimate, the Consideration of this was deferred until the Completion of the Works, and if all Slates satisfactorily completed, that then it would be recommended to the Council for its favorable Consideration

Wm R Tinsley Mayor

Read in Council 1st May 1865. Chairman
Approved of.

Wm Tinsley Mayor

6th May 1865

at a Special Meeting of the Committee of the Council appointed to prepare a Petition to Parliament in favor of the Catholic University

The following Members attended

The Mayor
Alderman Quinlivan
Robert McMahon
Eugene Callaghan
Joseph Parker M.D
Stephen Hastings
William Delany
Michael Kelly
M R Ryan

The following Petition was prepared by M R Ryan and seconded by Robert McMahon and Unanimously adopted -

To the Honorable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled

The Humble Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick -

Sheweth -

That the Number of Catholics who from their position or wealth desire to give a University education to their children has within the last few years largely increased and is rapidly increasing - That in Ireland Trinity College and the Queens University are the only Bodies legally empowered to grant degrees - That neither Trinity College or the Queens University provides for Catholics that religious training which is essential to the protection of the Morals of Youth and the preparing of them for the discharge

from the restraint of boyhood to the liberty of manhood - That the Protestants of these Kingdoms would not consent to send their Children to Colleges where the Protestant Religion is ignored in their Institutions - That it is unjust while the highest intellectual education can be attained by all other Religious denominations without doing violence to their Conscientious Convictions to exclude Catholics from such intellectual advantages except they are prepared to expose the Faith and Morals of their Children to danger and are therefore may your Honorable House to remove from them this disabilities - That we recognise the right and duty of the State to take ample security that the degrees or Sanctions should not be given without sufficient Intellectual proficiency and are fully prepared to acquiesce in any just arrangement to secure such proficiency - Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Charter may be granted to the Catholic University of Ireland and as in duty bound will ever pray

passed Unanimously

John R Ives
Mayor

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6th May 1885

A Special Meeting of the Presentment Committee held this day the following Members attended —

The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Quaid
Stephen Hastings
William Delany
Robert McMahon

The Members of the Council
E. O'Callaghan
J. Parker
Michael Kelly
M. Ryan
Thomas Boyce

The Mayor having read a letter from W. Gleeson Town Clerk relative to the order of precedence of the Mayors of Limerick & Cork on the Opening of the Exhibition in Dublin on Tuesday next it was unanimously agreed upon that as no place had been assigned to the Mayor, and pending the question of precedence recently raised by the Cork Corporation & to avoid any unseemly Conflict on so public an occasion that the Mayor do not attend upon that occasion.

Wm. A. Tinsley
Mayor

12th May 1885

A Special Meeting of the Committee this day holden for the purpose of taking into consideration Dr Parkes Resolution, with respect to Watering of the Streets.

Present —
Andrew Hall
Thomas Myles
Joseph Parker

The Committee having considered the proposed transfer of the Night Watch System to the Constabulary, and having carefully perused memoranda of proceedings on same subject in various Municipal Towns in Ireland, Resolved, on Submitting their report to the adjourned meeting, to be held on Tuesday Next at 12 o'clock

Thomas Myles

16 May 1885

The Committee having this day Met — for the foregoing purpose

Present — Dr Hone
Dr Parker
T. C. Myles —
T. C. Fanning
T. C. Lyons
T. C. Hastings
T. C. Hall.

Your Committee having met on the 12th May, have had before them the following Resolution of the Council, unanimously adopted, viz — Proposed

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:— Proposed by J. C. Parker
:— Seconded by J. C. O'Hall

"That Considering the financial position of the Ratepayers, it is the duty of this Council to devise means for the reduction of local taxation, as far as may be Consistent with the efficient working of the public Service, That for such purpose a Committee be appointed to ascertain what changes, if any, can be made in the Night Watch system, at present in operation in this City, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to report how far practicable it would be, to place that department under Constabulary Control, and what would be the effect, in a pecuniary sense, of such change, and we are of opinion that pending the report of said Committee, it would be imexpedient to incur any further outlay, in the increase of Salaries or otherwise"

In reference thereto, Your Committee have the pleasure to say, that having again met by adjournment on 16th inst. and having given the entire subject, their most attentive Consideration, have unanimously agreed on the following report :— We Considered it our duty to Correspond with the other Municipal Corporations in Ireland, to Ascertain by what Agency, and on what terms, the Night Watching is performed in the various Boroughs.

The Town Clerk of Cork writes,— "The Corporation never had any Night Watchmen, and they depend entirely on the Constabulary, Half the cost of the extra force is paid by the City, and the other half by the Government ; the Number of extra men employed is 16, and the Cost last year £280— There are private Watchmen in the principal Streets, who are paid by the inhabitants themselves ; in too many instances these men have been discovered drunk at their posts, and are associates of the worst characters, and also assist the publicans in the evasion of the law, by giving timely notice of the Police when they are Coming."

Waterford— "There is no established Night Watch, neither is there any legal provision in operation for the Maintenance of it: The Police do the duty without Cost to the Corporation, which its Town Clerk reports to be in an orderly and well Conducted State"

Kilkenny,— "No Night Watchmen here, the Police patrol, and the Corporation pays nothing, and the Town is quiet and peaceable by Night, A Couple of men volunteer their Services, as Watchmen by Night, and depend for their support on the gratuities of the inhabitants."

Clonmel,— "The old Charlie system was abolished in 1857. The Commissioners under "Towns Improvement (Ireland) act", not having power to make a Rate for any but a Constabulary Night Watch, The Streets are now well watched by the Constabulary, under the patrol system, and as there is no extra force employed, the Borough funds are

"not charged with any of the Cost" — The Mayor of Clonmel further states, — "In conclusion, "The Town is sufficiently well watched under "the patrol system, as I have not heard of "any Complaint with reference to the insecurity "of life or property, at Night, Since my "accession to Office."

Wexford — "The Corporation of "this Town, neither have employed or do employ "Watchmen by day or Night, all duties relative "to the Conservation of the peace are discharged "by the Police Force, with whom the Constabulary "have nothing to do"

Dundalk, — "The Night Watching "is performed by the Constabulary, and the "Borough pays 6 per Man, per Night, extra, "to each Constable employed."

Belfast, — "Sir Robert Peel's Bill "now passing through Parliament, adopts the "Dundalk System, for Belfast, as to Night Watching"

Drogheda — "Ten Watchmen "were hitherto employed, but are now "reduced to Six, in Consequence of the aid "of the Constabulary; the Town pays the "former, but not the latter".

Ennis — "The Commissioners do not "employ Watchmen, but inhabitants pay for "three; the Constabulary do the duty free, "and very few robberies occur".

Galway — "The Constabulary patrol "the Town during the Night, good order reigns. — "Formerly 20 old Charlies were employed, but "now only six".

Londonderry — "No Watchmen employed — "the Police Force, under a local Act, do "the duty, Consisting of 30 Men and a "Superintendent, both by day and Night employed".

Your Committee have selected the foregoing amongst many others, to shew your Council, how general the practice has become, of having the Cities and Towns of Ireland, placed under the more efficient Control of the Constabulary.

Your Committee in contrasting the present System in operation in this City, with the proposed substitution of the Constabulary, feel Constrained to report that our Night Watch System is far too expensive, not Commensurate with the Spirit of the age in which we live, and has been found wanting as an efficient agent, for the prevention and detection of Crime.

The present yearly Cost of 38 Watchmen and 2 Inspectors may be taken at £1.300 — whilst the wealthy and prosperous City of Cork, pays only £980 — for like purposes, employing 16 Constables only! — and even granting that 20 Men of that force would be required in Limerick, the Cost would only Amount to £350 — per Annum, another Moiety being paid by the Government, as in Cork.

Your Committee feel Constrained therefore to urge upon your Council to take the necessary steps for dispensing with the services of the Night Watch Establishment, and substituting the Constabulary, by which an Annual saving of about £950 — will be effected.

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Another material element in this proposed transfer is, that your Grand Jury will have no demands made upon its funds, for pensions, retiring, or Sick allowances to the Constabulary, which will prove a material saving in hard Cash Yearly for the future; whilst the peace and good order of our City, as well as the lives and property of the Citizens, will be better protected,

Your Committee have recommended a larger number of Constables for Limerick, than Cork employs, in Consideration of the few private Watchmen employed in latter City, and that in adopting the New System, it would be more prudent to select the Major Number, in order to render the change, above all Doubt, Acceptable and effectual,

Your Committee have had under their Consideration how to dispose of the present Watchmen and Inspectors, and they recommend, that out of the first years Saving, a gratuity be given to each man according to his merits and length of Service, and that other employment be found for the Inspectors, under the Town Council, Such an Arrangement will prevent any injustice to the Men now employed, whilst each will be Rewarded According to his length of Service, and absolute Worth,

The Committee have had a report referred to them, from the Inspectors of Night Watch, recommending the dispensing with the Services of ten of the oldest Watchmen, which appears a weekly Saving of £5 — but only during Summer: but such a proposal, and so partial, seems so manifestly unjust that your Committee could not sanction it: at same time they recommend that as Vacancies now occur, in that department, that they shall not be supplied,

It is also a question how far the duties of a Fire Brigade can be performed, but in any case ten of your best and most Active Watchmen, could be selected, for that purpose at a rate of payment according to the duty performed,

In Conclusion, Your Committee, is of opinion, that a well disciplined force, such as the Constabulary, must prove infinitely superior, for Civic purposes, to the obsolete system, now in use, and which in too many instances, it is to be feared, has not been an Agent for preventing and detecting Crime,

Thos Rowe
Chairman

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Treaty Stone Committee.

A meeting was held this day, present,
In the Chair. The Mayor
M R Ryan
J Parker.
Mr Corbett C E in attendance.

It was resolved that application be made to the Subscribers for payment of their several Subscriptions; and that a letter be addressed to our County & City Members, as well as the Candidates who aspire to the honor of becoming our Parliamentary Representatives; and to such Members of the Town Council, as have not already Subscribed, or also to the Citizens generally, to afford their Cooperation.

The Inscriptions for the Pedestal are:-
On one side:- "Treaty of Limerick Signed A D 1691"-
On opposite side:- "This pedestal was erected in May 1865, John R Townsley J: P: Mayor."
On back end:- "The City Arms" Gillotts".

That the City Surveyor be requested to submit to us a plan & estimate of cost of placing an iron railing around the Pedestal.

John R Townsley
Mayor

3 May 1865

Treaty Stone erected May 1865. Architect W.E. Corbett Esq. (City Surveyor)
Builder Mr John Connolly.

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August 1865

At a Special Meeting this day held for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate for the half year from 1st Jan 1865

Present—

H. Mayor
H. Myles
H. Lyons
H. Bryce
H. Ward
H. Mulcahy

The Committee recommend that a Rate of 1/9 per £1. be made to raise the Sum of £5025-4-3

Add £ 17-0-0

£ 5042-4-3

The Committee recommend that no application for New Glasses be entertained for existing half year

Wm A Tinsley
Mayor

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23rd June 1865

At a Special Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Corporation to Consider and Report on the Application of Mr P. Lynch, George Hotel, to be allowed to re-open the Area of 108 George Street, next door to his present Hotel, and Continue the Railings to the extent of the Width of that House

Present, Alderman McDonnell
Alderman Coote — Alderman Mahony
T. C. Stone — T. C. Thwaites
T. C. Hastings — T. C. Neale

the following Report was adopted

Your Committee, attended by the City Surveyor having met on the 23rd June 1865 at the George Hotel beg to report — 1st That they had the several plans as proposed by Mr Wallace, Mr Corbett, and Mr Lynch before them, and after a full investigation and inspection of the House of all parties Concerned, they unanimously recommend that Mr Lynch be permitted to re-open the Area of the House No 108 — lately occupied by Mr Cochrane — in Condition that the outer line of Railings or Bleeding Curve, of the present House No 109 — be thrown back so as not to project more than 6 feet 2 inches from the front of the House, thereby giving the Public 3 ft. 1 in. more width on the Footway than at present — the line of the Railings of both Houses to be parallel with the front to this extent — the Corners at either ends to be bevelled or turned off to the extent of the projection of the said Railing over that of the House No 106 —

We suggest an Ornamental Railing or Balustrade to be substituted for the present unsightly one,

Mr Wallace and Mr Corbett attended before the Committee, and agreed to Contribute £10 each, towards the proposed improvements, on Condition the Plan laid down by this Committee be adopted,

The plan recommended will give Mr Lynch a landing of 4 ft. from front of House to the Curve of Sand, and treads of 13 in. wide on each Step, the first step to be rounded off at both ends, as it will project its own width outside the proposed Bleeding Curve;

The City Surveyor is directed to prepare a Plan in accordance with the above recommendation,

The Secretary of Committees is ~~directed~~ requested to send a Copy of this Report to Mr Lynch — Mr Corbett — Mr Wallace — and the Mayor Recorder

Signed — Thos. C. McDonnell

June 23/65 — Chairman

Read and adopted in Council 4th July 1866 —

Mayor

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29th June 1875

Special Committee of the Entire Council to receive a Communication from the Mayor relative to the arrival of the Lord Lieutenant on Tuesday at the Royal Terminus here

Present
The Mayor
Ald^n Carte, Mahony, McDonnell
Ald^n Spaight, Fitzgerald, Parker, Boyse
Ald^n McMahon, McSheehy, Delany, Ryan

Proposed by Ald^n Spaight
Seconded by Ald^n Mahony

Resolved - That an Address from the Corporation be presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieut^n on his arrival here at the Royal Terminus here, & that the Council do meet in Council

ordered - That the Members of the Council attend in their Robes to present the address

ordered - That the following Committee be appointed to prepare a Congratulatory address -

Ald^n McDonnell, Mahony, Carte, Ryan, Parker, Spaight

(Copy address)

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3 July 1865

Treaty Stone Committee met this day

Present

The Mayor in the Chair

J.C. Ryan — J.C. Kane —

J.C. Mulcahy

J.C. Parker

Mr Corbett C.S. also attended.

Resolved

That Mr D'Arcy be appointed Treasurer ~~and that J.C. Mulcahy be Secretary~~

That an address be printed & circulated amongst the public, Soliciting Subscriptions to liquidate the expenditure incurred.

(Circular)

"The Treaty Stone"

The Treaty Stone being now placed in its present handsome pedestal, the Committee appointed by the Citizens, for that purpose, beg to solicit your Co-operation in paying off the Amount due to the Contractor. Also to enable them to provide an ornamental Railing for its preservation.

Subscriptions will be received by the Members of the Committee,

The Mayor
Alderman Gabbett
Alderman Hogan
Doctor Hamilton J.C.
Eugene O'Callaghan J.C.
W.R. Ryan J.C.
Doctor Jas Ker J.C.
Michael Mulcahy J.C.

Mr Thos H. D'Arcy Esqr. Treasurer of the Corporation

Town Hall
Limerick
3rd July 1865

Wm A Tinsley
Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council 6th July 1865

Wm A Tinsley

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1865 September 4.

At a special meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town Council on 7th Augt. to consider the question of the Sewers Laws, as well as that of Town Valuing.

Present The Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen Carte & J.C. Sadlier.

A draft of a Petition having been submitted by Ald.n Carte, it was resolved to have the same taken into consideration at a meeting to be held on 11th Inst.

John R Lindsay
Mayor

Sept.r 11- Committee met again this day-

Mayor in the Chair-

Present Ald.n Carte - J.C Lanmeikley - J.C. Sadlier.

The following petition was agreed on:-

To The Right Honorable and Honorable
The Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland
in Parliament assembled

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick.

Humbly Sheweth

That the Poor Law Valuation of the City of Limerick Amounts to the sum of Gross Valuation £60.324. 5. 0

That the sum annually paid for support of the Lunatic Asylum by said City Amounts to . . . £ 1268. 7. 3

Expenditure for support of City Jail . . 1296. 3 0

Annual repayment for ten years
Rents for alteration made in
City Jail for the Separate System } 500 0 0

Salaries of Clerks of Crown & Peace
Sheriff, Court House Keeper Coroners
Inspectors of Weights & Measures &c } 335. 0. 0

Preparing Parliamentary Voters List 69 14. 4

Griffiths Valuation, about per Annum 100 0 0

Amounting Annually to the sum of. £ 3659. 4 7

For payment of the foregoing Presentments are brought up by your Petitioners at each Assizes, and fixed by the Judges, and on what may be termed Compulsory Presentments, the Amount is raised off said City, by a rate called or "The General Purposes Rate"

The Annual expense of Lighting, Watching, Cleansing, Repairs of Streets & Roadways, Sewerage, Public Pumps, Watering Fountains, Fire Engine, Police Officers Salaries, Printing &c &c for said City, Amounts to the Sum of . . £ 7.346. 5. 9

This Sum is raised off said City, by a Rate called "The Improvement Rate" The aforesaid General Purposes & Improvement Rates, Amount Annually to a Poundage rate of 4/- 4, and which (exclusive of a Poor rate of 3/9) is borne entirely by the occupiers of Houses, Shops & Warerooms within said City, and who are in many instances struggling and Needy House Keepers on whom the burthen of said rates presses sorely, and many are unable to pay same.

Your Petitioners cannot in justice see why the Rate so called "General Purposes" for the

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Edmd Lenihan Mayor

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support of the Lunatic Asylum, Grand Jury or the Improvement Rate which is as much, and more for the benefit of the Landlord and intermediate interests, as the Occupier, should be exclusively borne by the latter –

Your Petitioners Consider it bad in principle that the Board of Directors of the Lunatic Asylum, is not a representative body in its true sense,

Your Petitioners further Complain, that whilst the Town Council of Limerick, is called on Compulsorily, to pay the aforesaid large sum yearly, for support of the Lunatic Asylum, yet they have no Control whatever, in the Management of the Funds of said Establishment,

That this City now stands much in need of proper Sewerage, a Supply of good and pure Water, and a great many other necessary public and beneficial improvements of a Sanitary and healthful Character; but your Petitioners, taking into Account the utter inability of the parties, at present liable, to meet such a demand by any increased taxation, Your Petitioners are completely prevented from expending such Works, and which are essentially necessary and indispensable,

Your Petitioners therefore pray, that your Honorable House will take into their most serious Consideration the foregoing Petition, and instruct the Attorney General for Ireland, or such other person as may be Authorized to bring before Parliament, such a measure as will relieve the Occupier from the onerous, heavy and unjust burthen thrown on him, and make the payment of said rates proportionably payable by all beneficially interested, on the same principle as the Poor's Rate, which will press on none, and enable your Petitioners to carry out such improvements as are absolutely Necessary, beneficial and indispensable for Health and Condition of this City,

Your Petitioners further pray, that the Town Council, from amongst its members, should have the power of electing a Sufficient number of Directors, to represent the City, in the Management of the Lunatic Asylum, for in event of the Assessment for support of said Asylum being made under the more just and equitable principle of the Poor Law, that in such case, the Guardians of the Poor should elect the Directors,

And your Petitioners will pray

The Committee have also adopted the following Petition on the Subject of a "General Union Rating"

To The Right Honorable and Honorable The Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled,

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick,

Humbly Shaweth,

That the Act of the 43rd year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Parent whereby in Great Britain as in Ireland of the Poor Law System, declares, that a Parish shall only be taxed for the relief of the poor in accordance with its ability and shall at any time

Rec'd in Council 5th Oct 1865 and Pd to Rev Wm A Lewis Mayor

when pressure to Centum ofland may Come upon it be afforded relief from without.

That by the existing principle of Electoral Division Rating, the object of the enactment adverted to is reversed, the poor Rate being now charged rather in proportion to the disability of Electoral Divisions than their ability, as originally Enacted therein, and Consequently rendering the poor rate a tax upon poverty, instead of a rate upon property.

That this Statute undoubtedly establishes the principle, that a parish (or in Ireland an Electoral Division) should not be hardly pressed but that its burden should at a certain point be distributed over a larger area.

That the system of particular Chargeability instead of obliging — as was in 1838 erroneously assumed — the owners of land by the Contraction of the areas of taxation, to employ the inhabitants in useful and reproductive industry sooner than have to support them in idleness in the Work House, it only tended to encourage a certain Class of Land holders in the Country districts to evict the smaller classes of occupiers with the view to evade the responsibility of their support when invalided or impoverished.

That Cities, Towns, and Villages, the nearest to their former Homes were then of necessity sought for by, and afforded Shelter and means of livelihood to, these unfortunate people who, however generally Continued to live — until painfully involved in destitution — outside the Work House, for a time sufficiently long to transfer the Chargeability of their maintenance from their precedence residences, to those where, in a hopeless Condition they obtained refuge.

That the extreme disparity between the Rating of the higher and lower charged Electoral Divisions of Ireland, many of which are separated by nothing more than a Common fence or imaginary line — has been and Continues to be productive of dissatisfaction inasmuch as it Seriously oppresses the Ratepayers of the former and is strongly Calculated to indispose the Guardians representing heavily taxed Districts, to the extension of a liberal System of Relief.

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, the time at present devoted by Boards of Guardians to discussions on Divisional Chargeability, Could be devoted more advantageously to the interests both of the Ratepayer and the recipient of Relief — if the equitable mode of "Union Rating" were substituted for the existing unjust, Complex and inadequate System — of improving the Condition of the latter, and elevating the moral tone and feelings of rising Pauper Population.

That your Petitioners, without resorting to the Law of Queen Elizabeth, are Convinced that it is not the design of Parliamentary Legislation that injustice should be done in this no more than in any other public arrangement — that an Electoral Division Should be over burdened any more than that an Individual Should; and therefore pray your Honorable House, to grant them such Relief as the principles of practical economy and equity dictate in the application to Ireland of the system of "Union Rating" now the Law of England.

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

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At a Meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on Friday the 15th Sept. 1865, in pursuance of a resolution of the Council passed on 14th Inst respecting the Nuisances Existing in the Lanes Streets &c

Present: The Mayor in the Chair

Ald. Quinlivan	Ald. Russell	Ald. Mulcahy	
Ald. Ryan	" M'Kelly	" Hall	
" Parker	" Myles	" Bannigton	

The Law Agent & Town Clerk.

The Resolution of the Council having been brought under the consideration of the Committee.

Mr Clancy Inspector of Nuisances & High Constable having attended, and stated his ill health prevented his being able to discharge his duties as Efficiently as he would desire, and offered to accept of £30. a year as a retiring pension the Committee recommend that his offer be accepted & that he be discontinued in his offices on those conditions. and paying him his present salary to the end of the present quarter

Mr Forrest having been called before the Committee and consented to accept of the following offices & discharge their duties, namely. High Constable Inspector of Nuisances, Inspector of Lodging Houses, Inspector of Carts & Cabs, Officer of Health &c a salary of £70.0.0 per annum, the Committee recommend that he be appointed to these offices, and that Thos O'Brien be continued in the employ of the Corporation to act as an Assistant to Mr Forrest as Inspector of Streets. And that Inspector Hayes be changed from his present Office & appointed an Inspector of the night Watch in the place of Mr Forrest at his present salary £1- per week

Wm R Lenihy
Mayor

Read in Council 5th Dec. 1865 & adopted

At a Meeting of the Sale of Property Committee held on Saturday the 28th October 1865.

Present. The Mayor in the Chair
Ald. Mahony — Ald. Hastings
Ald. O'Callaghan — Ald. Hall

The Law Agent and Town Clerk.

The Law Agent Mr Murphy, produced the draft Petition for sale of all the property as prepared by Mr O'Hagan Q.C.

The Committee suggest the House property and the Lax Weir & Fishery, provided the latter produce a sum sufficient to meet the approval of the Council and the Lords of the Treasury be the first sold for the payment of the debts of the Estate, and then to sell the other lots if necessary in the order sanctioned by the Treasury Minute of 23rd of April 1859, Reserving Corkanree, and the other demesne lots referred to in said minute for the last to be sold, if it be necessary.

Wm R Lenihy Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council 7th Dec. 1865 & adopted

Wm R Lenihy
Mayor

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1865 December 6th

At a Special Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town Council to select the Site for a Water fountain in the Custom House Ward

Present The Mayor in the Chair
JC John Hall
JC Jas Lain
& City Surveyor

The Committee having Considered the Site for the Water fountain in the Custom House Ward and they recommend the fountain be erected in Francis Street at (Harveys) Corner turning into the Custom House Place

Read in Council 7th Dec 1865 and approved of

Wm R Tinsley
Mayor

1865 December 6th

At a Special Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town Council to Select the Site for a Water fountain in the Dock Ward

Present Alderman Mahony
JC Parker
J.C Ward

The Committee agreed to submit the following report viz

Having been appointed a Committee to report upon the most eligible Site for a Fountain in the Dock ward near the Military Road and Vigis fields - We hereby Certify that we visited the Locality accompanied by the City Surveyor and having made enquiries on the Subject we Consider that Wellesley Place would be the most Central and afford Convenient Access for Water for persons residing in that quarter - it would be Contiguous to Vigis fields, Henry Street and Windmill st - persons residing in the two latter Streets gave testimony respecting want of water there - the tenure of the Pump near Vigis fields was said to be held only by Sufferance, under those Circumstances we Recommend the Site we pointed out in Wellesley Place for the Fountain

T.T. Mahony JP

Read in Council 7th Dec 1865 As Rec

Wm R Tinsley

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20th December 1865

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At a Special Meeting of the Sale of Property Committee held this day—
Present. The Mayor
Aldn McDonnell
" Quinlivan
" Mahony
J.C. Barrington
" McSheehy
" Gleeson
" A Bruce
" MacMahon
Town Clerk and Law Agent

Petition was read,

Schedule of Tenancies gone thro

Two Premises not to be sold, but an explanation to be given on Rental regarding Tenancies with Mortgage

No Question to be raised as to Leases

The Lands and Premises out of which rent has not been paid to the present Corporation not to be included in Petition for Sale.

Court House Cellars to be put on Rental at £3— a year rent— Lease for 31 Years from 29th September 1844, Gale days 25th March and 29th September, the Tenant Mr James Walsh Superior in Limerick of the Christian Brothers

Premises at Broad Lane, Parish of St Mary's, held by George Whealan, under Agreement for a Building Lease from 29th September 1849 at Yearly Rent of £6. 10/— Gale days 25th March and 29th September to be inserted in Rental.

Meeting Continued

Old Exchange Building to be sold and set out as in possession of Corporation, the P.P. of St Mary's Parish to be called on about the possession of same.

Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, Arrears Rent £67. 16. 8. on Lease to be inserted on Rental.

Mayor

Read in Council 4th January 1866 and adopted with the following Amendments.

1st Husbands rent of £70. a year not included is struck out. The Lessees interest being mortgaged. Hows the Lessees interest that was purchased out of the proceeds fund

2 Whelans rent reduced to £5. a year in his rebuilding—

Peter Tait
Mayor

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Precedent Committee 4th Jan 1886

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Present, The Mayor, Ald Cork, Town Council. Barrington, Callaghan, Ald Tinley, Harris, Lynch

The charters and evidence being before it was resolved that the Town Clerk shall send a copy of our earliest Charter to the Town Clerk of Cork and ask a copy of their earliest one in return, and if finally the Corporation of Cork will not yield the precedence that an offer be made to have the matter to arbitration of Sir Bernard Burke — If this be not acceded to then that Sir B. Burke be consulted on part of our Corporation —

Pro Tem Mayor

Read and adopted in Council 4th Jan 1886

Pro Tem Mayor

Special Meeting of the Precedence Committee held on Wednesday 24th January 1886 and Convened for the purpose of Considering a Communication from the Town Clerk of Cork setting forth the Title on which the Cork Corporation claim precedence over that of Limerick

Present — The Mayor in the Chair
Ald Mahony, Ald Parker, The Town Clerk

The Communication of the Town Clerk of Cork having been read, and the Charters referred to in it, the Meeting adjourned to afford the Town Clerk time to make up dates and other information necessary before preparing a Report.

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27th February 1866

At a Special meeting holden this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the ensuing year from 1st January to 1st Feby 1866

Present The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Carte — Alderman McDonnell
" Quin
J.C. Lynan
" MacMahon
" Michl Kelly
" Barry
" Myles
" Harris
" Ryan
" Bunnington
" Parker
" Cronin

	£ s d
The sum £500 for Lighting the Main Drains	500-0-0
To Mr Dutton Inspector — reported to Board by him for his services to be deducted from Estimate chargeable —	
deducted off Estimate 0 0	
Horse Hire for Watering —	£30. 0. 0
& Supposed Excess for Insolvencies & Exemptions	£200. 0. 0

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 2/- the £. to raise the sum of £5967. 17. 7 including £100 being the 5th Instalment of the £640 due by the Improvement to the other Boards

Peter Ivers Mayor
Chairman

May 3rd 1866

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors return of the Improvement Rates from Summer Cry 1863 to and including Spring 1865

Present J.C. Parker in the Chair
J.C. Myles
J.C. Lamble
J.C. R McDonnell
J.C. Hastings
Alderman Quin
J.C. Barry

J.C. Cronin — J.C. Delany — J.C. Kelly — J.C. A. Hall, Harris, Alderman Ryan, Alderman Tinsley, Alderman Sullivan

Mr Murphy's attention is called to the Collection of the General Purpose Rate on untenanted Houses & Houses — he is requested to adopt means to Collect same

The Committee direct the attention of the Council to the Valuation of Tenements & request the Council to pass a Resolution Calling on Sir A Griffith these only One Valuation on each house or premises

The Committee Call Mr Murphys attention to Houses & premises on the property of the Corporation & to Work if those Houses & premises be not liable to the rates — also all those on the properties for Charitable purposes, & Several of the premises Marked on the return thus +

The Committee request the Committee Not to entertain any Claim or declaration for refunding any of the rates

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Collected or about to be Collected until they notice the Collectors to attend before them to investigate such Application — — — — — — —

The Committee recommends a revision of the Occupiers to be made before every Rate but the last one be struck, and the Collectors to send in a return every six Months of uncollectable Rates on their Warrants in order to have same investigated — which the Secretary is directed to Summons the Committee for the purpose of examining into same —

Mr R Hunt

Jacky Myles

Read in Council on 22nd May 1866 & part of 3rd May first which was adopted. Same respects & part referring thereto also read

Chas Dail Mayor

3rd September 1866

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors return of the Insolvencies on Improvement Rate from 1st July 1865 to 1st January 1866

Present — J. C. Myles in the Chair
" Ino T Hall
" Hastings

The list of Unoccupancies Insolvencies &c amounting to £209 3. 6½ having been gone through seriatim was passed with the exception of No 4915 on the Collectors Book, which were ordered to be retained

The following resolution was passed

That the Collectors be required to furnish to the Treasurer a list of the several Houses &c appearing on their Lists from which Rates are ordered to be collected but which are dilapidated. R Hunt Esq Office in order to have no property rated unless that from which Rates can or ought to be recovered and request the Corporation to call for a proper Revision from Sir R Griffith's Office — as from the proceedings in Committee today great unnecessary trouble has devolved on the Members & Rate Collectors

Jacky Myles
Chairman

Read in Council 10th Sept 1866 & adopted

Chas Dail
Mayor

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4th Sept. 1866

At a special Meeting holden this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the Half Year from 1st July 1866 to 1st January 1867

Present Ald. Carte in the Chair
Ald. Quinlivan. Ald. Hoyan. Alds. Ward - Hastings Rodger - Barry - Barrington Myles. Cronin Sexton & McGrainard -

The Estimate having been submitted sums amounting in the aggregate to £967. 5 8½ were struck off as appears by same -

The Committee recommend a Rate of 1/8 in the £ to raise the Sum of £4923 11 6½ including £100 - being the 6th instalment of the Sum of £400 - due by the Improvement to the other Sum -

The Committee are unanimously of opinion that provision should be made when paying off last instalment of £400 - advanced by Town Councillor Patrick Hoyan. for the building of John St Sewer, to give him Six per Cent interest thereon having regard to the fact that when he advanced same money was worth 10 per Cent. also taking into account the other circumstances under which he lent his money to the Corporation

John Carte Chairman

Read in Council 10th Sept 1866 & adopted

Peter Fitzgerald Mayor

Embankment Committee

Meeting held on Friday 7th Sept 1866

Present Alds. Barrington. in the Chair
Ald. MacMahon.
Ald. Cronin
The Law Agent. Town Clerk
Treasurer. & Ald. Sweeny

The Surveyor reported that Mr Connolly the Contractor for making the Corkanree Embankment had discontinued the works on it, and removed a portion of his plant, and stated that Connolly said he could not go on with the works unless money was advanced sufficient to pay wages to the labourers. The Surveyor referred for particulars as to what was to his report to the Council and to last Meeting.

The Committee recommend that Notices to be prepared by the Law Agent, be served on the Contractor and his sureties, and that if the works be not abandoned resumed and carried on with proper Expedition, that the Corporation enter upon them pursuant to the Contract, and complete them either under the Surveyor or by a New Contract as shall be considered best by Counsel, but at the risk and Expense of the Contractor and his sureties

Alen Barrington Chairman

Read in Council 10th Sept 1866 and adopted.

Peter Fitzgerald Mayor

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Address to the Lord Lieutenant

The Committee appointed to prepare the draft Address to His Excellency on his arrival in this Country met this day. Tuesday 11th Sept 1866

Present. Ald. Earle. Recorder Lenihan Mayor Hickman
Ald. Mahony. T.C. Hastings. T.C. Spaight.

The following draft address was prepared and approved of & ordered to be submitted to the Committee of the Entire house in Common.

To.

The most noble James Marquis of Abercorn
K.B. Lord Lieutenant General and General
Governor of Ireland

May it please your Excellency

We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Ancient Corporation of the City of Limerick approach Your Excellency to offer our warm and respectful Congratulations to You, upon Your appointment to the high and dignified office of Viceroy of Ireland, and thro' You to express our loyalty and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, who in selecting a Nobleman connected by ancient property with this Country has winced her desire to place at the head of her Government one qualified to understand and deal with all questions concerning the Welfare of this portion of her dominions.

We are happy to be able to assure your Excellency that a just and Cordial Consideration of the wants and requirements of the people of this Country by its rulers will ensure their gratitude and loyal attachment to the throne and Constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

We beg leave to avail ourselves of the present occasion most respectfully to solicit Your Excellency's attention to the undeveloped resources of our Country, and more particularly to those of our Noble river the Shannon which are not only of National but Imperial importance, the deserted waters of which prove how depressed our trade is, and how little encouragement has heretofore been given to free its Navigation, and make useful its vast resources, and in Connexion with this subject we wish to direct Your Excellency's attention to the heavy burthen and prohibition which at present exists on our harbour and its prosperity, in consequence of its revenues being sequestered for a debt to the Government, which has accumulated to an enormous amount by the interest charged, and renders the dues on all shipping and goods sent here nearly double what they are in every other port, thereby impeding the progress and prosperity of our port and City.

We entertain a sanguine hope that the Question will receive Your Excellency's earnest attention, intimately Connected as it is with a project to Connect the West of Ireland with America for Postal and other purposes by direct Steam Communication, which has already been promoted and encouraged by one of the ablest and most popular of Your Excellency's predecessors.

Given at the Town Hall in the City of Limerick
under the Seal of the Corporation of said City
this 11th day of September 1866

Jno Earle
Town Clerk

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Address to the Lord Lieutenant

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Hee Committee of the Entire House to consider the draft address to His Excellency, prepared by the sub Committee. met this day

Wednesday 12th Sept 1866.

Present. Ald Carter, Lord Lieutenant, Mayor, in the Chair

Ald Mahony	H. Cronin	H. Kane	
" Quin	H. L Kelly	H. MacMahon	
H. Ward	H. Rodger	H. Lynch	
H. Myles	H Hastings	H Barrington	

The Town Clerk read the draft address prepared by the Town Clerk Sub Committee, which was agreed to with the addition of the following paragraphs to be inserted after paragraph ending with the word "live"

"We may also refer to two other questions in which
"the people of this Country are deeply interested,
"namely Disinpatronage, and a change in the present
"Grand Jury Laws, so as to relieve the occupiers
"from the burthen of the extra of these Cess

The following paragraph was proposed as an Amendment on the draft address by

H. Lynch and seconded by H MacMahon

" Foremost amongst these causes are the want of
"a just and suitable protection for the letters of the
"Soil and Compensation for their improvements, and
"a more Equitable and distribution of the Revenues
"of the Established Church.

Ald Mahony having moved the adoption of the address as prepared by the Sub Committee, which H Barrington. Seconded a division was demanded and taken on H. Lynch's Amendment when there voted for the

Amendment		against it
1 H. Lynch	1	H. Myles
2 " Cronin	2	Ald Mahony
3 " Quin	3	H Rodger
4 " L Kelly	4	H Barrington
5 " Hastings	5	H Ward
6 " McMahon	6	Ald Carter
7 " Kane		

The Amendment was declared Carried by a Majority of 7 to 6 and the draft address amended by the insertion of the two foregoing paragraphs

Corkanree Embankment Committee

Meeting summoned for 3 O'C on Wednesday 10th Oct 1866. when business was not Entered on as only H. Ryan, H MacMahon, Lawrence Town Clerk, Tenure, H. Cronin attended Circulars directed to be issued for another Meeting of Committee on Tuesday at 1/2 P 12 O'C

T. W. Bourke
Secretary

Cor Kanree

Embankment Committee

Meeting held Wednesday 10th October 1866

Present T. C. Ryan in the Chair
" MacMahon
" Cronin
The Law agent & City Surveyor

A Communication having been read from Mr P. Connolly on part of the Contractor and his Sureties for permission to use a Statute Acre of the Land, to enable them to Complete the Contract.

The Committee recommend that no deviation be made from the Contract or Specification, except at the written request of the Contractor and his Sureties, with the Sanction of the Law agent, and that if the Contractor requires an acre of land, the Committee Cannot recommend it to be given unless on payment for it, or Allowance out of the Contract price; and we estimate the value of a Statute acre at £110

M R Ryan
Chairman

Reports of 11th 12th & 10th Oct. Read and adopted
1st Council 11th Oct. 1866

Wm Tait
Mayor

Railway Committee

Meeting held on Friday 26th Oct. 1866

Present: The Mayor
Ald. W. Darnell. H. MacMahon.
The Town Clerk

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Secy of the Waterford & Limerick Rway Co. to ascertain what sum the Co required to run a train from Limerick to Limerick Junction to meet the 10 o'clock Mail Train day Mail Train from Cork at the latter place and thereupon, with the view of the Corporation making an application to the Post Master General on the subject, and that it do thereupon hold the Co. all meeting such terms as may be deemed reasonable

Wm Tait Mayor
Chairman

Read and adopted in Council 1st November 1866

Wm Tait Mayor

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Special Meeting

28th. November 1866

The application of the Hon Col Vereker &c in reference to Staff House for Militia Stores referred to this Committee by Council. The Comtee was summoned for this day when Ald. M'Mahony was the only Member in attendance. On his suggestion the consideration of this matter was deferred until the Mayors return & further information from Col Vereker.

T. M. Mahony

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

30th November 1866

Present. T. C. Myles. In the Chair
" " A Hall
" " J Barry

The Committee met this day when it was resolved that the following were the subjects which we Consider would be legitimately within the province of the Committee to investigate viz. Cleansing Streets &c. Keeping & Maintaining Streets &c. Watch Establishment & Consider the propriety of not entertaining Applications for any New Works not included or provided for in future Estimates

Read & adopted in Council

Limerick 6 Dec 1866

T. Bunbury Mayor

7th Decr 1866

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

Present. T. C. Myles
" Parker

A sufficient number not having attended to form a Meeting. This Comtee stands adjourned to this day week

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11th Decr 1866

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

Present T. C. Myles In the Chair
" A Hall
" M Kane
" J Barry

The Committee having met this day to Consider the above question, after some discussion adjourned to this day week to prepare their Report for Council

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31st Dec 1866

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

Present Alex Carte in the Chair
" T.C. M Hall
" J Barry
" J. Myles

Mr Hall submitted a draft report which was discussed, when some alterations were suggested.

Mr Hall was requested to bring up the Report as amended to next Meeting.

Reports of Special Committee on Reduction of Taxation of 7th 11th and 31st December last read

Saml Lumisden
Mayor Secretary

10th January 1867

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

Present T.C. Myles in the Chair
" M Hall
" J Barry
" Kane M.D.
" Parker M.D.
" McMahon

The amended Report was brought up by Mr M Hall when some further alterations having been suggested the Committee adjourned to One O'Clock on Tuesday next the 15th Inst.

15th January 1867

Special Meeting

In reference to the Increased Taxation of the City

Present T.C. Myles in the Chair
" M Hall
" Parker
" McMahon

At a meeting held this day the foregoing report brought up by Mr M Hall was agreed to

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Report

of Special Committee appointed the 2nd day of Feb. 1865 to investigate and report to the Council the Cause of the present high rate of Taxation, and to suggest if possible some method for its gradual and permanent reduction.

Your Committee met and had before them the resolution, the passing of which caused their appointment. Their first Act was to decide upon what were the subjects which they could properly take into consideration, under the instructions contained in the resolution referred to them, and after some difference of opinion agreed upon the following

The "Repairing and Maintaining of the Streets"
" "Cleansing " of do "
" "Watch Establishment" and
" "Applications for new Works"

to which was subsequently added by Order of Council on the 7th January inst.

The "advisability of continuing the present mode of Advertising in the Newspapers and the remuneration paid to them" and
The "increase of the Wages of the present Watchmen"

We unanimously recommend to the Council that no new Works of any description be carried out except those included in the Half Yearly Estimate, and provided for in same, as we believe the practice of receiving applications for new Works, and in almost all instances, adopting them, has led to a very large and in many instances unnecessary expenditure, the result was that the Treasurer, having to meet the payments for such Works out of funds provided for other purposes, was left in arrear at the end of his financial year, and these arrears going on accumulating rendered it necessary to impose a rate to recoup the amounts of each extra Work carried out over and above those provided for, a practice bad in itself, but particularly so when it prevented the Council as a body from expressing their opinion on the advisability, necessity or otherwise of the Work sought for.

We consider the proper time for receiving applications for new Works to be at the striking of the Half Yearly rate, and marking out the Estimate and the only time such applications should be received save and except Council Men of immediate and absolute necessity, as then each Member of the Council is supposed to be in his place, attending to the interests of those he undertook to represent, and to the wants of his Ward, and when the Amount of the rate required to produce sufficient funds to meet the expenditure is before him. We believe it would make the Members more exact in their investigation of the necessity of such applications, before giving their Consent to the grant.

We are of opinion that the "Repairing" "Maintenance" and "Cleansing" of the several Streets, Lanes and Roadways, are now heavy and serious items in our expenditure, and may with some alteration of the present System, be so managed that the Amount now expended would be considerably reduced.

We believe the present method of electing or rather re-electing the Committees No. 1, 2 & 3 the number of Members in each, and the distribution of the business allotted to them, to be subversive of the interests of the ratepayers. We suggest an alteration, and advise its immediate adoption.

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We are also of Opinion that the "Watch Establishment" is not so well, or so economically managed as it ought, and while some believe the present Staff should be done away with, and the aid of the Constabulary availed of in its place, - others wish to retain them - or rather the management and Control of those to whose Care the Watching of the City at night is Confided - and to improve the System - all are unanimous in recommending a reduction of the Number and a reorganisation of the whole -

While admitting the very high rating of the City, we deem it our duty to remind the Council, that they are not wholly responsible for the present excessive Taxation, as the Poor rate - Water rate - and Income Tax (Serious items in the gross amount) are entirely beyond their Control - and the General Purposes rate is one that has to furnish funds for the payment of many items with which the Members have not the power to interfere - This latter rate, although so high as 9 in the £ at last Spring Assizes, was reduced to 6½ in the £ at the Summer Assizes, therefore it is only with the "Improvement Rate" and "Expenditure" that we have to deal, and we are firmly convinced that if the recommendations which we append to this Report are adopted by the Council and Carried out - that rate can be Considerably reduced -

We find the "Improvement Rate" levied for the last 5 years to be in

1862	Spring	1/6	Summer	1/7
1863	"	1/7	"	1/6
1864	"	1/8	"	1/6
1865	"	1/8	"	1/9
1866	"	1/8	"	1/8

and we are informed by the Treasurer that the rate levied has never produced sufficient funds to meet the amounts required even by the Estimate agreed upon - a practice which leads to many inconveniences -

The above figures however do not shew the increase actually paid by several of the rate payers, as the Valuation of the City generally has been advanced, so that not alone have the rate payers been called upon to pay an increased poundage, but on an increased Valuation -

We do not recommend an increase of pay to the present Watchmen, as we Consider they are fully repaid for the Services rendered to the Citizens -

The last subject referred to was - "the Annual Amount paid to, and mode of Advertising in the Newspapers" - although Comparatively Speaking a small item, still Keeping in view the adage "every little helps" we Consider an unnecessary expenditure as almost the entire work, or value received in return might well be dispensed with -

Having alluded to the several subjects which we Considered Came properly within our Sphere, we Conclude by Calling the attention of the Council to the following Suggestions -

We unanimously recommend the re-construction of Nos 1 - 2 - & 3 Committees and a re-distribution of the Business usually referred to them, as we Consider No 2 have too much to do, to pay sufficient attention to Several Matters referred to them, or to perform their onerous duties with any Satisfaction to themselves or benefit to the Ratepayers -

To carry out our ideas, we Suggest to have each Committee Consist of 13 Members with the Mayor for the time being, as ex Officio Chairman of each - to be indifferently chosen by having the Names of the 39 Members of the Council put

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into a box - the first 13 names drawn to constitute No 1, the second No 2 - the last No 3 - No 1 Committee to have charge of the finances as at present, and also have all applications for new Works (previously recommended by No 2) submitted to them before presentation to the Council, and thereby have a double check - No 2 - To receive applications for new works in the first instance, which if passed by them to be submitted to No 1 before presentation to Council, and no new Work to be inserted in the Half-yearly Estimate or received by the Council without previously passing No 2 & 1 Committees - and also the "repairing" "Maintaining", and "Cleansing" of the Streets, Lanes, and Roadways - No 3 - To have charge of the "Watching" & "Lighting" and to wait on Judge of Assize as heretofore -

That the City Surveyor be requested to have the Streets &c kept in better repair than the present and for some time back, to have the Specifications strictly adhered to, particularly in reference to the proper Curve or rise to be laid on and preserved - and that no Stones be used for the repair or maintenance of the Streets &c which on examination are found to be over the Stipulated Size, and if possible a harder quality of Stone to be procured, to have them Swept &c by Contract, and if that cannot be done to have the Borough divided into Districts - each district to be given in charge to a properly qualified man, with one or more assistants as required, the former to be held responsible for the due performance of the Work, and to receive 2/- per week extra pay - the Carters to be distributed in the same manner - the Streets &c to be swept from Centre to Sides, and not from Sides to Centre, as the City Surveyor informs us that the present practice of leaving the Sweepings in heaps and lines for horse together in the centre of the Streets is one of the principal causes of the going down or flattening of the Curve required on them -

We strongly recommend to have the present Contracts for repairing the Streets &c expire & endeavour to have the one Contractor for the "Repairing", "Maintaining", & "Sweeping" the several districts and "removing the Sweepings" off same, as we believe the Work so Carried out would be done cheaper than at present -

Referring to the Night Watchmen, We recommend the dismissal of all the present staff, except the two Inspectors - the men so dismissed to be Compensated by a gratuity at the rate of £1 a year for each years service from 5 Years to 20 years no gratuity to exceed £20 - but the men with 20 years service and upwards to have a choice of receiving £20 - or Half pay for life - any of the present men with unimpeachable Character and whose age or other bodily infirmity would not debar them - to have a preference of the appointments in the new force -

To organise a new force to be called the "Local Night Police" with new and more suitable uniforms, to consist of say 20 men with the two Inspectors, the men to be Younger and more robust than the present Watchmen, strict enquiry into Character previous to appointment which should be in all cases probationary for 3 Months, the ages of the Candidates not to be under 20 years or exceed 35 years, and to encourage applications from the proper class of men to be entrusted with such important duties, to induce perseverance and strict attention to duty, We Consider the remuneration to Commence at 17/- per Week, and

advance at the rate of £ per week for each Year's service, until it reached 14/- per Week, which would be the Maximum - provided there was no charge for breach of discipline or neglect of duty brought against them. One of the Inspectors to be always on duty, going through the City, and the one Commencing in the evening not to leave until relieved by the other who should continue out until the men would go off duty.

The last subject refers to the "The mode of Advertising and the remuneration paid for same". We believe the majority of the advertisements inserted are unnecessary; those referring to the Meetings of the Council we Consider entirely superfluous, as the Circular which each member receives from the Town Clerk is sufficient intimation, many of the others may be well dispensed with, and those that are absolutely necessary could be inserted in two local papers, which would be ample publication for all purposes, the papers to be selected and the remuneration to be paid, we would leave to Council - merely suggesting that in the selection by Tender or otherwise Circulation should be taken into account.

We strongly recommend that the City Surveyor be directed to proceed as the Court may advise against any person or Company opening the Streets or Roadways, or raising Flags on the Footpaths, without previously serving a written notice on the Surveyor and obtaining his Sanction, and the Streets or Roadways so opened or Flags raised, should be made good by the Workmen of the Surveyor, at the expense of the party or parties opening same - or under his direct Superintendence or that of his deputy, as we are Convinced a very large expenditure is caused by the Breaking up of the Several Flags improperly Set, or Streets Closed after the laying of Gas and Water pipes.

Lastly we would recommend that the care of the Streets during the day would be given entirely to the Constabulary, who should have the power of removing all obstructions in the Several thoroughfares, which obstructions have increased Considerably since the dismissal of the Dayforce.

Patrick Hayes
Chairman
Jany 16/67

Minutes of 11th & 15th Inst. read in Council
17th January 1867.

Edmund Lenihan Mayor
Townsend

Special Committee of the whole Corporation held on Friday the 15th day of February 1867. to Receive and Consider Letter from Mr W. Gamble asking the Corporation to accept the Conservancy and possession of the Tait Testimonial Fountain & Committee

Present. Ald Mahony Lucan Evans in the Chair

Ald Kelly	Ald Barry
" Kelly	" Lenihan
" Myles	" Hickey
" Spillane	" McDonnell
" Cowen	" Evans

On Motion of J.C. Myles
Seconded by J.C. Cronin and
Resolved. That as this Meeting is in reference to a public matter, the Press be allowed to attend

The Hon. Clerk read Letter received from Messrs. Carroll & Co. from Lord of Exit Testimonial which was ordered to be inserted in Minutes

On Motion of J.C. MacMahon
Seconded by J.C Barry

Limerick 13th February 1867

John Ellard Esq
Town Clerk

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the general Committee for the erection of the "Exit Testimonial" held this day we were directed to forward to you the annexed Copy of a resolution then unanimously adopted – requesting the Corporation to receive a transfer of the beautiful Clock Tower and Public Clock erected at Baker Place as the embodiment of this testimonial, and to undertake the Conservancy of it in perpetuity as one of the public Monuments of our City –

We are directed to express to the Corporation the best acknowledgements of the Committee for the readiness with which the very suitable Site selected for the testimonial was granted by vote of Town Council in October 1865, and trust that the Corporation will concur in the very general admiration with which the structure erected thereon is regarded as a specimen of ornamental Architecture, and an object of much public utility, and highly Creditable to the professional ability of the Gentleman who designed it –

In thus closing its duties the Committee feels the highest gratification at having been instrumental in giving effect so successfully to the public sentiment, and placing on lasting record how fully and gratefully the many eminent benefits conferred by Alderman Exit on the inhabitants of Limerick are appreciated by all Classes of the Community.

We are

Dear Sir

Very faithfully Yours

Robert Scanlan
William Carroll
Hon. Secretaries

P.S. The Committee is of opinion that Thursday next 21st Inst would be a most suitable time to carry out this Arrangement, and will be obliged if the Corporation will fix that day if Consistent with its Convenience.

Exit Testimonial Committee
February 13th 1867

Eugene Callaghan Esq J.P. in the Chair

Proposed by John Thos McSheehy Esq J.P.
Seconded by William Thayer Esq J.P. and

"Resolved. That the Testimonial Tower, and Clock, being Now Nearly Completed, application be made to the Corporation respectfully requesting them to

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"take Charge of it as a public Work the "property of the City, and to Maintain and "to Maintain and preserve it as such for ever"

Proposed by J. C. Harris
Seconded by " L. Kelly
Resolved

That having heard read the Communication from the "Tait Testimonial" Committee requesting the Corporation to take Charge and Maintain the Clock & Tower raised to our worthy Mayor &c & Cheerfully accept the trust and hereby undertake to Conserve Care for the use of the Citizens of Limerick.

Proposed by J. C. McSheehy
Seconded by " Spillane
Resolved

That the Corporation meet at the Town Hall on Thursday 24th Inst at Half past One O'Clock to proceed to proceed to Baker Place to Meet the "Tait Testimonial" Committee to take up the Conservancy of Testimonial at 2 O'Clock & and that the Secretaries of the "Tait Testimonial" be apprised of our Resolution

Proposed by J. C. Quin
Seconded by " MacMahon
Resolved

That the Town Clerk be directed to Convey to the Committee of the Tait Testimonial and its Secretaries the Consent of the Corporation to Comply with the wish of the Committee to accept of the Conservancy of the Tait Testimonial.

In accordance with the foregoing Minutes the Town Clerk wrote this day to W. Cantle Sec. of the Tait Testimonial Committee agreeing to the time for appointment suggested in his letter - See Letter Book.
J. E.

Committee of the Whole House

This Committee Met on Thursday the 24th Feb. 1887. at the Town Hall for the purpose of proceeding to Baker Place, to receive the possession of the Tait Clock Tower and Clock from the Tait Testimonial Committee, and to undertake its Conservancy.

Present. Ald. Mahony L.T. Mayor.

Ald. McDonnell.	H. Cronin	H. O'Donnell.	Mr. P. Mayne (Bank Clerk) Depositary
H. O'Callaghan.	" Myles	" Hickie	Mr. Town Clerk & Dublin to Attorney
" Thwaites	" Spillane	" Keane	Mr. Bruce & Mayne & Thwaites
" MacMahon	" Delaney	" Barrington	Mr. T. McSheehy Treasurer
" Quin	" Barry		John Ellard, Town Clerk
" Gamble	" Harris		Wm. Corbett, Sergeant
" L. Kelly	" M. Kelly		These were all we could get in attendance of Citizens & several Magistrates

The Committee at 2 O'C. The proceeded to Baker Place & got possession of the Tower &c from the Committee thro' Ald. Quinlivan High Sheriff representing the Testimonial Committee. and Ald. Mahony representing the Corporation. who gave it to the Town Clerk

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Alderman Mahony then proposed and
Alderman McDonnell Seconded
A vote of thanks to the Committee and Subscribers
to the Testimonial. Which was Carried with
acclamation

T.C. O Callaghan proposed and
J. McSheehy Esq. J.P seconded
A vote of thank to the Lad Mayor of Dublin
for his attendance on this pleasing occasion.
which was Carried unanimously

The Lad Mayor of Dublin then proposed
and T.C. Mac Mahon seconded
That the thanks of the meeting & Citizens
be given to the High Sheriff Alde Lumbard
for his attendance and the interest he had
taken in the Erection of the Testimonial.

The Meeting then separated.

Chairman

Harbour Bill

Meeting of the whole House held on Monday
the 25th day of February 1867 by order of the
Mayor to receive his statement in reference to
this Bill and read the Award of the Board of
Trade respecting it.

Present:- The Mayor

- T.C. Quin.
- T.C. Mac Mahon.
- T.C. Kane.
- T.C. J. Kelly.
- T.C. O Callaghan.
- T.C. Bennington.
- T.C. Hastings.
- T.C. Gamble
- T.C. Barry
- T.C. Harris
- T.C. Moyles
- T.C. Crowe

The Mayor stated the course he had adopted in
reference to this Bill for the purpose of carrying out
the views of the Corporation and the interests of the
Citizens, and announced the award of the Board
of Trade respecting the formation or Constitution
of the future Harbour Board to be as follows.

The Mayor.
The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce } Ex Officio
5 Persons to be Elected by the Rate Payers in the
manner & to be qualified as mentioned in Sect
28 to 35 of the Bill
5 persons to be Elected by persons residing in the
Boro or within 10 miles thereof who shall

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have imported & Exported seaborne Merchandize to the value of £1000. during the 12 months previous to the Election. Every Commr. to be Elected to represent the "Exporters & Importers" in addition to the qualification for Electr. to possess a Residence a place of business rated in the aggregate to the value of £30 and upwards

5 persons to be Elected by the Corporation
17 Total.

A Vote of thanks to the Mayor for his successful Exertions in opposing the Rds Bill was unanimously adopted

On Motion of H. O'Callaghan
Seconded by D. C. Daly

Pro Tem
Mayor

Minutes of 18th February 21st & 25th February - Read in Council 25th April 1867

W. Mackey
Town Clerk
Mayor

14th March 1867

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collector's return of Insolvencies &c on the Improvement Rate from 1st Jan. to 1st July 1866

Present P. C. Myles in the Chair
" " Cronin
" " Mich. Kelly
" " Oliver

The list of Unreclaimables, Insolvencies &c amounting to £338 18 4½ having been gone through, deliberation was passed with the exception of 4s and ordered to be struck off

Zachy Myles
Chairman

14th March 1867

At a Special Meeting holden this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the Half year from 1st January to 1st July 1867

Present P. C. Cronin in the Chair
" Spillane
" McNamara
" Barry
" Myles
" M. Kelly

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The Estimate having been submitted during amounting in the Aggregate to £1329.6.0 were struck off as appears by same.

The Committee recommend the purchase of Standpipes for Street Watering instead of paying £12 annually as heretofore.

The Committee would recommend in the Scavenging department the reinstatement of Guy's Paper as having a large local Circulation.

That it be referred to Mr. Murphy to ascertain whether any portion of the Lyne 44 now lying at 6½ of the Sinking Fund can be applied in liquidation of the St Michael's Church debentures.

The Estimate for £8. for Flagging in Lane leading from William St to Thomas St was passed

It is ordered that in future all the different officers shall report to the Committee when the Amt granted in Estimate will be expended.

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 9/8 in the £ on the Rateable property of the City which will yield a sum of £4594.3.4

John Lonnie
Chairman

Special Sewerage Committee

2nd May 1867

Present J. C. Kane M.D. in the Chair
" Ald. Tinsley
" P.C. MacMahon
" " Hastings
" " A. Hall
" & the City Surveyor

At a Special Meeting of the Sewerage Committee held this day. The different Plans and Maps were submitted by Mr. Corbett, when the following resolutions were adopted—

Proposed by Ald. Tinsley
Seconded by P.C. MacMahon
Resolved

That Mr Nash be requested to furnish this Committee with the report of the Inspector of Nuisances, made in the year 1865 on the Nuisances existing in the Model School and other public establishments in same locality, with a view to remedy same.

Proposed by P.C. Hastings.
Seconded by " A. Hall
Resolved

That Ald. Mahony Lucas Thomas for his Worship be requested to call upon Colonel Beadle for a copy of the report made by the Engineer Department (1865) on the subject of Sewerage & the Model School and Provost Prison with a view to have the Sewerage in that locality Considered

John Kane
Chairman

" Special Sewerage Committee
— May 2nd 1867

Alderman Mahony in the chair
J.C. Mc Mahon
P.C. Hastings
J.C. & Hale
Doctor Kane

Mr Nash sent in the extract of the Minutes of Proceedings of Sanitary Committee of the Board of Guardian dated 26 September 1866 —

Proposed by Thomas Kane Esq
Seconded by J.C. Hastings

Resolved that the Sewer from Prospect Avenue to Carrick-on-Shannon Charles Street thence down through proposed New Street Marked by Alderman Mahony thence by the Gas Works & through Lower Fredrick Street to the River which will cost in a about £2,784 as per Estimate of this Plan with the Cost (Estimate) thereof which is Signed by Mr. Lynch we therefore recommend the Council to adopt same & proceed with the works at once

P.W. Mahony L.J. Mayor

Minutes of 2nd & 5th May Read and Signed in Council 6th June 1867 - JE

Special Committee on Harbour Bill
Meeting held at 12 O'C on 7th May 1867 -
Present. The Mayor in the Chair

Ald^n Mahony	J.C. Mac Mahon
" Quinlivan	" R. Mc Donnell
" Hogan	" Thayer
" Mc Donnell	" Harris
" J.C. Kane	" Barrington
" Hastings	Ald^n Cuntz
	The Law Agent
	& the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk read Copy of a letter dated 20th April 1867 from the Treasury to the Harbour Board. which referred to the observations by the Accountant of the Board of Works.

The Mayor Explained the Nature of Mr Lindy's the Accountants observations, and the Schedules proposed by him. The Mayor Explained his own views on the matter, which were then discussed, and the following Epitome of a Report was unanimously adopted

On Motion of J.C. Hastings
Seconded by J.C. Mac Mahon

Epitome

Income.

Results

Foreign and Colonial Ships alike
at Tonnage 7d
" Dockage 5d

Coasters to be charged
Tonnage 5d
Dockage 4d

Schedule

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Schedule of Imports to be left as proposed
No rate on exports

Expenditure

£55,000 Commuted, debt to be reduced to £50.000 - Saving Interest on £5,000
The loan of £35.000 to be reduced to £20.000 making a like saving
Sir Thomas Deanes debt to be paid off out of income of past year. Saving Interest of £189 —
These views will give surplus on former calculations of £750 a year.
If Sir Thomas Deanes debt be not reduced lying up dues to be made 1d per ton per week which will give the deficiency

H. R McDonnell suggested charges as follows

Foreign -	8d - 4d
Baltic.	6 - 4
Coast.	4 - 4

The Mayor expressed a desire that the Committee if it could be done would adopt these suggestions or as far as could be.
It is recommended that the Expense of the Swivel Bridge be placed as suggested by the Commons on the Table the Bill and that the clause in the Harbour Bill to that effect be approved of

Pehr Tait
Mayor Chairman

Minutes of Special Committee 27th May 1867
Read in Council on 5th May 1867 and adopted
See Resolutions

Pehr Tait

Special Sewerage Committee

26th June 1867

Present. Ald Kane in the Chair
" " Mac Mahon
" " Hastings
as also the City Surveyor

Having considered two letters from the Royal Engineers department referred from Council to this Committee, as also a letter from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to Sewerage through the Military Walk,

We recommend the line of Sewer to be Constructed from the Corner of Prospect Hill Avenue, on the Old Youghal Road, and thence by the Victoria Terrace or to the Corner of Quay Street. then turning down through the proposed New Street through Old Mr Mahons Grounds, to the Ashbourne Road, thence by the Ashbourne Road to the lower end of the Docks through the lower end of the Docks into the River

Estimate £3146

We further recommend a line of Sewer to be Constructed from opposite the Entry of the Model School through the Military Walk to the Corner of Charles St and thence join the deep Sewer - on Henry St, at the Turn into the proposed New Street - Estimate £560.

Minutes of 26th June 1867 Read in Council and adopted. See divisions & Amendments

Ald Deane Mayor

Rec'd Endorsed in Council 18th July 1867
Pet. for / Bye-Laws

Special Fishery Bill Committee

2nd July 1867

Present Alderman McDermott in the Chair
J.C. Roche
" Rodger
& Town Clerk

~~The draft Petition~~
The Bill introduced by Lord Cranworth into the House of Lords to amend "the Salmon Fishery Ireland Act 1863." read.

The following draft Petition against the Bill was then read and unanimously approved of

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Corkanree Embankment

Special Committee

20th July 1867

Present J. C. O'Callaghan, Chairman
Lane
Myles
Harris

The Committee visited and inspected the Embankment, and have resolved to allow the Contractor take an additional width of five feet to the rock branch inside the Bank, from the end of the new Docks to the East or Corkanree Creek in the Embankment, in lieu of two feet in width from the Corkanree Creek to the end of the Embankment, and that the rubbish, road scrapings, and other refuse from William Street to the Borough bounds be thrown into the Slob lands, from off the Corkanree road opposite to the end of the first Avenue

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30th August 1867

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors Return of Insolvencies to on the Improvement Rate from 1st July 1866 & 1st Inst. 1867

Present P. C. Myles in the Chair
" Barry
" McSheehy

The list of Misnomers, Insolvencies &c Amounting to £383.17.3½ having been gone through Senatim was passed & ordered to be struck off

Jacob Myles

3rd September 1867

At a Special Meeting holden this day for the purpose of considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the Half Year from 1st July 1867 & 1st January 1868

Present P. C. Myles in the Chair
" Spaight
" Ward
" Wise
" Barry

The Committee recommend that all the Gas Lamps in the Borough be painted, provided the Gas Committee, as previously Ordered place Numbers on each of the Lamps

£15 was ordered for a Board Crossing to be made opposite Ordnance Hospital, Mulgrave Street

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 1/8 in the £. on the Rateable property of the City which will yield a sum of £4892.7.7

Jacob Myles
Chairman

Minutes of 2d Sept. 30th Augt & 3rd Sept. read in Council & Rate amended to 1/7 by Vote of Council. See Resolution of Council

W. Ward L. T. Mayor

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Thursday 17th October 1867

Lord Lieutenants intended visit.

At a Special Committee of the whole House held this day.

Present. The Mayor In the Chair

Ald^{n}	Lenihan	Ald^{n}	Lenihan
"	Cuet	H^{e}	O'Callaghan
H^{e}	O'Kelly	"	Bennington
"	Parker	"	Mac Mahon
"	Quin	"	W^{m} Hall
"	Hicks	"	Harris
"	Quin	"	Ward
"	Myles	Ald^{n}	Lenihan
"	Kane	H^{e}	Ryall
"	Speight		
"	Rodgers		

The Mayor announced that the Lord Lieutenant had accepted the invitation he conveyed to him at the request of the Harbour Board to visit Limerick and turn the first sod of the intended Graving Dock.

Proposed by Ald^{n} Lenihan High Sheriff
Seconded by H^{e} Mac Mahon J.P.

Resolved.

That having heard from our worthy and respected Mayor, the prompt and energetic action he has taken to secure the ~~prompt and energetic~~ honor of a visit from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on the occasion of the turning of the first sod of the intended Graving Dock, We hereby present to him our most cordial and warm thanks for his efforts, on this and on all other occasions to uphold the honor of our City and promote its welfare, and we hereby tender to him our earnest support in the arrangements necessary to secure this Excellency a fit and becoming reception

Proposed by J.C. O'Callaghan J.P.
Seconded by J.C. Bennington carried unanimously

Resolved.

That His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant having accepted the invitation given him by the Mayor on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners to visit this City to turn the first sod of the intended Graving Dock, that this Corporation take immediate steps to Co-operate with the Harbour Commissioners in preparing to give His Excellency such a reception as may be worthy and acceptable to the representative of Our Most Gracious Queen

Proposed by J.C. Speight J.P.
Seconded by J.C. Quin carried unanimously

Resolved

That the following Committee including the Mayor Town Clerk & Treasurer be appointed to co-operate with the Harbour Commissioners and take such steps as may be requisite relative to the intended visit of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to this City

1 The High Sheriff
2 Ald^{n} M^{c}Donnell
3 " Mahony
4 J. O'Callaghan Esq
5 Jas Speight Esq
6 John Quin Esq
7 Arthur Russell Esq
8 Dr Kane
9 Robt M^{c} Mahon Esq
10 John Bennington Esq
11 D Parker
12 W^{m} Thayer Esq
13 James Harris

14 Peter Humphrey per Resolution Council 1 Nov 67

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Tuesday 12th November 1867

Vote of Condolence to the Lord Lieutenant on the occasion of the death of his son Lord Ronald Hamilton

At a special Committee of the Whole House held this day

Present The Mayor in the Chair

Ald^{n}	Quinlivan	Z	Harris
J.	Cronin	"	MacMahon
"	Myles	"	Lynn
"	Gamble	"	Barrington
"	Thayer	"	Gallagher
"	H. Hall	"	McDonnell
"	A. Hall	"	Ward
"	Kane	"	Delany
Ald^{n}	Carte		

The Mayor stated the object of the Meeting as above

On the Motion of The Mayor

Seconded by Ald^{n} Quinlivan With Same

The following Address of Condolence to the Lord Lieutenant to which the City Seal was ordered to be attached, was unanimously adopted.

To His Most Noble James Marquis of Abercorn Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

May it please Your Excellency

We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Limerick ~~assembled~~ in Special Council Assembled approach Your Excellency to express our deep sympathy and Condolence with you and the Marchioness of Abercorn and your Noble family on the occasion of the very severe affliction with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit you in the death of your lamented Son Lord Ronald Hamilton

In giving expression to those feelings on our part towards you and your Noble House we can assure your Excellency that they are deeply shared in by our fellow Citizens of all classes who feel grateful for your acceptance of the invitation to visit this City conveyed to you by our worthy and popular Chief Magistrate Alderman Peter Tait D.L.

Given at the Town Hall in the City of Limerick under the City Seal this 12th day of November 1867

Peter Tait Mayor (Seal)

John Ellard Town Clerk

Minutes of 17th October & 12th November Read in Council & Confirmed 5th December 1867

Lau. Quinlivan

Locumtenes Mayor

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3rd March 1868

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors Return of Insolvencies &c on the Improvement Rate from 1st January to 1st July 1867

Present Alderman Carte Chairman J.C Myles - J.C Hayes - J.C Spillane - J.C Hickie J.C Bynan - J.C Barry - & J.C M Kelly -

The list of unoccupancies Insolvencies &c Amounting to £361-1-7D having been fore through Senatum was passed & ordered to be Struck Off

Read & Approved & in Council 26th Inst. 1868

Wm Clarke 3/3/68-

10th March 1868

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the Half year from 1st January to 1st July 1868

Present Ald. Carte in the Chair Ald. Bryan, Ald. Quin J.C. Cronin Bynan, Harris, Hayes, O'Connor Spillane, Myles, Barrington, Raleigh Hastings, Barry, Hickie Kelly

The Estimate having been Submitted Items Amounting in the Aggregate to £6689 were struck Off as appears by same,

The Sum of £15- for New Crossing in Carr Island, was inserted in the Estimate by Vote of Committee on division

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 7/8 in the £ on the Rateable property of the City, which will yield a Sum of £4890. 10. 3

Report Read & approved & in Council 26th Inst. 68.

Wm Clarke

13th March 1868

Special Committee Summoned for this day to Consider letter received from Mr Thos Larcom in reference to Sewage adjoining Model School, also the necessity of Sewage in the Irish Ward &c &c

Ald. Carte being the only member present no business transacted

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20th March 1868

The above Committee Summoned again for this day

No attendance

27th March 1868

Special Committee Summoned To Consider Site of Fountain to be Erected in Custom House Yard

J. C. B. Hall being the only Member who attended, No business transacted

Minutes of 3rd 10th 13th 20th & 27th March. Read in Council & Confirmed

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13th April 1868

At a special meeting of the whole House held this day in reference to the approaching visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales to Dublin & the deputation to attend from the Corporation

Present. The Mayor & the Chair

Ald^r^ McDonnell	Ald^r^ McKelly	H.C. Garvey
" Lumbiron	" MacMahon	" Harris
Carte	" Parker	" Hastings
	" W^m^ Hall	" Myles
	" Quin	

The Mayor explained the object for which he had called the Meeting, and suggested that a sub Committee be appointed to prepare a draft address to be presented to their R^l^ H^s^ the Prince of Wales. also that he had received ten tickets for the Corp^n^ deputation to attend the Installation at St Patricks Cathedral and that a ballot should take place amongst the Gentlemen who wished to go, to decide those who were to get tickets

The Mayor then asked if any Gentleman present who wished to go to Dublin to give in his name & that of any Member not present

The following names were then given

The Mayor.	The High Sheriff	H.C. Harris
Town Clerk	Ald^r^ Lumbiron Ex^o^	" Parker
Treasurer	H.C. Speight	
Law Agent	" Barrington	

& of the Number of the Council having given in his name. It was

Proposed by H.C. O'Kelly.
Seconded by Ald^r^ McDonnell & unanimously

Resolved. That as only ten Members of the Committee have Expressed their desire to attend the Installation that the Mayor distribute the ten tickets allocated be given to the ten Gentlemen named.

Proposed by H.C. Quin
Seconded by Ald^r^ Lumbiron Ex^o^

Resolved That an address be presented to the H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his visit to Dublin. & that the Gent^n^ named to go to Dublin are appointed to prepare the address to be submitted to a Committee of the whole House to meet to-morrow at one O.

The Meeting then adj^d^ to to-morrow

Peter Tait Mayor

Minutes 13th April 1868 read & adopted in Council 4th June 1868.

14th April 1868

At a Special Meeting of the whole House held this day, in reference to the proposed address to his Royal Highness H. Prince of Wales on the occasion of his intended visit to this Country.

Present. The Mayor in the Chair

Ald^r^ Carte	H.C. Speight	H. Barry	Ald^r^ Hayes
" McDonnell	" Spillane	" Hickie	" Erwin
" Tinsley	" O'Connor	" Macaulay	" McNamara
" Quin	" Roger	" Delany	" O'Donnell
	" Harris	" Ryan	" Synnott
	" Hastings	" McKelly	" Thwaites
H.C. Barrington	" Garvey	" Myles	" Ward
	" Kane	" McMahon	" Quin

The Mayor explained the object of the meeting.
H.C. O'Donnell objected to the meeting as not being

legally constituted.

After a long discussion it was

Proposed by Ald. Speight

& seconded by Ald. Ward

Resolved. ~~That an address be presented to their Royal Highnesses the Prince & Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to the County.~~ (Welcome henceforth)

That an address of welcome be now adopted to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to this County.

To which the following Amendment was

Proposed by Ald. Tinsley

Seconded by Ald. O'Donnell

Resolved: That inasmuch as the present meeting not being a meeting of the Council is not competent to adopt an address, we now request the Mayor to convene a Meeting of the Council for the earliest possible day to adopt an address to the Prince & Princess of Wales

The Amendment having been put to the meeting a division was called for when there voted

For the Amendment			Against the Amendment	
1	Ald. Tinsley	13 Myles	1	Ald. Coote
2	" Quin	14 Hayes	2	" O'Donnell
3	Ald. Spillane	15 Cronin	3	Ald. Speight
4	" O'Connor	16 McNamara	4	" Rodger
5	" Hastings	17 O'Donnell	5	" Harris
6	" Lavery	18 Lynam	6	" Mackenzie
7	" Barry		7	" Thompson
8	" Hickie		8	" Ward
9	" Mulcahy		9	" Quin
10	" Delaney		10	" Cunningham
11	" Ryan			
12	" M. Kelly			

The Meeting then Separated

Wm Tait Mayor

23rd April adjourned 1868

Special Committee summoned for this day. To consider letter received from Sir Thos. A. Larcom in reference to Sewage adjoining Model School, also the necessity of Sewage in the Dock Yard &c &c

Present Ald. Quin
J. C. Hickie
also City Surveyor

Ald. Quin & J. C. Hickie being the only members who attended no business was transacted

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23rd April adjourned 1868

Special Committee summoned. To consider Site for Fountain to be Erected in Custom House Yard

Present J. C. Hickie
J. O'Shaughnessy
& City Surveyor

A sufficient number not having attended, no business could be transacted.

Minutes of Committee of the whole House of 13th and 14th April adopted.
See resolution in reference thereto
Book in Council

Wm Hart
L.G. Insp
24/6/68

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5th May 1868

Special Committee summoned for this day. To Consider letter received from Sir Thos. A. Larcom in reference to Sewage adjoining Model School, also the necessity of Sewage in the Dock Ward &c &c

Present Ald.n Carte
T.C. Myles
also. City Surveyor

A Sufficient number to form a Quorum not having attended no business could be transacted.

5th May 1868

Special Committee Summoned.
To Consider Site for Fountain to be Erected in Custom House Ward

Present Ald.n Carte
T.C. John H Hall
also. City Surveyor

No other members having attended no business done.

19th May 1868

The Special Committee of the whole House (pursuant to a resolution of the Council) met this day to consider the Sewerage question in connexion with an Alleged Nuisance at Mount St Vincent.

Present: Ald.n Carte, Ld Mayor, Alth. Chinn
Ald.n Hogan, Ald.n McKane, Ald.n Myles
" Mahony, " McKelly, " Erwin
" Quinn, " Ward, " D.H. Hall
" M.c Dowell, " Delamey, " Barry
" Parker, " Lyons
" Boyse, " L. Kelly
" M.c Mahon, " Harris, " Keelie
" Rodger, " A. Hall

The Town Clerk read the letter he had received from Sir Thos.s Larcom Under Secy dated 18th May 1868, inclosing one addressed by Mr Gerald Fitzgerald to him complaining of a Nuisance at Mr.s St Vincent & Courtbrack, asking if the Local Govt to order proper Sewerage be made under the Sanitary Act, as the Corp.n had not discharged its duties.

The Report of Dr Trompleau on the Nuisance having been read and the whole question discussed it was

Proposed by Ald.n A. Hall
Seconded by Ald.n Parker & Carried unanimously

Resolved:-

That the Subject of the Sewerage at Courtbrack be referred to Mr Corbett C.E. with a request to him to report to this Committee the most effective and Economic mode of abating the Nuisance at present existing at Mount St Vincent and Victoria Terrace, having regard to Ald.n Hayes suggestion of Cess-pools that this Committee now adjourn until this day week, so as to have a report fully bearing on the Subject ready for the next meeting of the

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Council on the 4th prox. – and as many Members of this Committee as possibly can will attend and meet Mr. Corbett on the grounds on receiving intimation

P. W. Clarke L.S. Engr
26 May 1868

21st May. 1868

Meeting of Adjourned Special Committee held on Thursday 21st inst. in conformity with resolution of 19th inst. to meet at entrance to Mt. St. Vincent Orphanage –

Present Ald.r Mahony Chairman
T. C. Parker
" Cronin
" Garvey
" Sayers

The Committee having inspected the locality of Mt St Vincent Convent & the Cess-pool Complained of they have directed Mr. Corbett to obtain from Dr. Kane and the Superioress of the Convent the plan they propose to adopt and the probable expense & the sum they propose to give toward it. and then Mr. Corbett to report to the Committee on said plan as to its practicability for abating the Nuisance Complained of.

The Committee then visited Victoria Terrace and directed an Estimate to be made for Constructing a large Tank in the lane rear of the Victoria Terrace together with the repairs of the Drain & Channel Crossings –

26th May 1868

The adjourned Meeting of the Committee of the Whole House on the Sewerage Question in Connexion with the alleged Nuisance at Mt St Vincent

1	Present. Ald.r Coote	T.C. Parker	in the Chair
2	Ald.r Hogan	T.C. Garvey	T.C. Hall
3	T.C. Harris	" Quinn	" Barry
4	" Delamy	" Bannister	" Myles
5	" Lynan	" Parker	" Cronin
6	" McKelly	" Hastings	

The Town Clerk

The following Report from the City Surveyor was read and recommended to be acted on

"27 Glentworth Street
Limerick May 26th 1868

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

"By the direction of the Committee who visited and inspected the Cess-pool on the grounds of the Convent of Mt St Vincent, I have to report for your information that at present all the rain water from off the roofs of that large and extensive range of buildings, together with the refuse Water from the different closets are discharged into a Cess-pool only Six feet in diameter, and nine feet deeper than the bottom of the Sewer discharging into it.

I have also to State that in Company with Dr. Kane I waited on the Rev.d Mother of the Convent, and it is proposed by that Lady to Construct a large Cistern or underground Tank and to direct the drains from the down pipes into this tank, in order to Store up the water, these works I have happy to say will be carried out very soon at their own expense, and will in a

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great measure relieve the Ess-pool, the Ess pool is proposed to be enlarged by Constructing it for fifty feet in length out towards the Public Road, by doing so the Ess-pool need only be Cleansed once in the year, My Estimate for enlarging this Ess-pool is £70 which the Committee Consider if possible should be done by the Corporation,

The Committee have also visited and inspected the rere of the Victoria Terrace, and recommend a large Tank or Ess-pool to be Constructed in the lane rere of the range of houses, and to repair the lane, My Estimate for this work is £40

These works if Carried out will abate the Nuisances Complained of in a temporary Manner, and may perhaps be Considered sufficient until the Corporation have funds to Carry out the thorough system of Sewerage as recommended by your Committee in June last

I remain
your Obedient Servant
William E Corbett
City Surveyor

W Clarke Chairman

Cor Kennee Embankment

29th day May 1868

Committee Commenced for 3 O'Clock
present J. C. McMahon
" P. C. Cronin

a sufficient number to form a quorum not being present no business was done
Joseph Murphy Esq Law Agent &
W Corbett Esq. City Surveyor
were in attendance

Minutes of 19th 21st 26th & 29th May
Read & Confirmed
4th June 1868

Peter Tait
Mayor

Countrack & W. St Vincent Sewerage

6th June 1868

The Committee appointed by the Council last this day, to Consult with the deputation from the Ratepayers of this district named

Present — The Mayor & the Chairman
J. C. Porter W. Corbett City Surveyor
" H Wall

The following deputation attended
Messrs Dawson, Bernal, Mitchell, Fitzgerald, Pettit
Bannatyne Newsam Joseph Lysaght

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Mr Cubitt explained the nature of Sewerage he had suggested and its expense £3141. This Sewer by the Old Monkey field

Mr Cubitt also explained that as a temporary way of removing the Sewage and Complained at a comparatively small expense, by an underground Tank in the Convent ground and another behind Victoria Terrace at an expense of about £110-

The deputation agreed to a Cess pool for St Vincent and with regard to Victoria Terrace that if a Cess pool is made to drain it in the Redemptorist grounds

The Committee stated further inquiry would be made to see if the wishes of the deputation could be carried out

Peter Tait
Mayor

Minutes of 6th June - Read in Council & Confirmed - See Specific Resn
21st July 1868

W. H. Harte L S Mayor

4th August 1868

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors return of Insolvencies in the Improvement Rate from 1st July 67 to 1st July 68

Present Alderman Tait in the Chair

Ald. Quin
J. C. Myles
" Lynam
" Hastings
" O'Connor

Returns of the Collector (of Insolvencies) gone thro' examined and approved of as signed and to be £315.5.11.

Ordered - That the Revisor of the Valuation be requested to strike out the valuation of premises stated to be in ruins and to value the land on which they are, and that his attention be also called to houses which are valued in separate lots

Sir A. Griffith

W. H. Harte
4/8/68

Minutes of 4th August Read in Council & Confirmed

6th August 1868

W. Harte L S Mayor

7th August 1868

At a Special Committee Meeting of the whole House to Consider the Estimate for the Improvement Rate from 1st July last to 31st Dec. next.

Present.
Ald. Quin
J. C. Barry
J. C. Lynam
J. C. O'Connor
J. C. Spillane & the Chair
J. C. Parker
J. C. MacMahon
J. C. Crowe
J. C. Myles

Treasurer
Town Clerk
City Surveyor

Proposed by J. C. Parker
Seconded by J. C. Myles & Carried unanimously

Resolved

That in order to Control the Expenditure in the Rate we recommend that no new works except those provided for in the Estimate be entertained for the

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Current Half Year by the Council or
Sp. Committee –

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 1/7 in the £ on the Rateable property of the City which will yield a Sum of £4651 : 14 : 9

W. Spillane Chairman

Minutes of 7th August Read in Council & Confirmed

20th August 1868

Wm Clarke L.S. Mayor

25th August 1868

Meeting to consider Fire & Construction & Formation of a new Fire Brigade for the City – deferred by Council to Committee of the Whole House.

Present. Ald.r Carte. in the Chair —

Ald.r Mahony. T.C. Myles. Lynam. Fitzgerald Spillane & Connor. Cronin. Barry. Ward. Lenihan. Ryan. Major Parker. as also. Messrs Hunt. Anglin. Thom. J.M. Bourke & Wm. S. Dep. Q. Fitzgerald & W. Mahony –

After a long discussion the meeting was brought to a close on the following resolution

Proposed by T.C Parker
Seconded by T.C Myles

That this meeting do now adjourn for the further consideration of the subject.

Read in Council and adopted 1st October 1868

Wm Clarke L.S. Mayor

Wm Clarke L.S. Mayor

Library Committee

30th Sept. 1868

Present W.C. Spillane in the Chair
Lenihan
Barry
and City Surveyor Fitzgerald

The Committee appointed to inspect the Books the gift of Mr Gary Bennis, now lying at the Docks for upwards of 2 years, have to report that there is a Sum of £17.2.11 to be paid before the Books can be obtained –

The Committee are of opinion that in as much as this sum must be paid in any case, that the old Police Court should be fitted up as a Library, and that the Books ought to be removed at once –

The Committee further recommend that the Patents be bound and also placed in the new Library.

In Conclusion they advise that the Council order the City Surveyor to fit up the Library at a Cost of £5 — and your Committee wish for power to examine those books to have them catalogued on their arrival, and make any Arrangements that may be necessary

W. Spillane Chairman

Minutes of 25th August & 30th Sept.r Read in Council & ~~confirmed~~ adopted

1st October 1868

Wm Clarke L.S. Mayor

Corrbrone Embankment Committee

5th October 1868

Embankment Committee summoned for 12 o'clock this day to meet at the City Surveyors office, in order to accompany him to view the Tidal Embankment, Corbrone

T. C. Cronin being the only member who attended, no business could be transacted,

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Library Committee

29th Sept 1868

Present. T. C. Cronin in the Chair
Cadet Coyle
T. C. Ryan
Lenihy
Spillane
Myles
& the City Surveyor

The Library Committee met this day & reviewed the Books, which required to be sorted and shelved: the most number of them are French: but there are quite sufficient of them to form the nucleus of a library for the citizens, as to the room in which they should be permanently placed we leave that to the discretion of the Council

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Lunatic Asylum Valuation Committee

29th October 1868

A special Meeting Summoned for 3 o'clock P.M. this day to carry out the matters suggested in the motion given by T. C. Hall in reference to the Valuation going on at the Lunatic asylum

No attendance

Grazing Committee

28th Oct. 1868

A special Meeting convened for 3 o'clock to take into consideration the advisability of grazing the aftergrass of the Lands of Corbrone —

T. C. Myles being the only member who attended, no business entered upon —

Grazing Committee
October 30th 1868
T C Myles being the only Member who attended No Business entered upon —

Minutes of the 5th 29th 29th & 28th Oct. read in Council & confirmed
2nd November 1868

Wm Harte L T Mayor

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2nd March 1869

At a special meeting to investigate the Collectors Return of Insolvencies on the Improvt. Rate. Spring Levy 186[illegible]

Present Ald[r] Carte [illegible] in the Chair
" J. B. Ward
" " Myles
" " Hayes
" " Spillane. Carter. Hastings

The list of Unoccupancies, Insolvencies &c Amounting to £281:1:5 having been gone through deviation were passed and ordered to be struck off—

W. Carte Chairman
2/3/69

Minutes of the 2nd March read in Council & confirmed

4th March 1869

J. Boyce Mayor

5th March 1869

At a Special Meeting Convened to adopt Petition on Union Rating

Present Ald[r] Carte. in the Chair
" J. B. Lenihan
" " Myles

The following was unanimously agreed to

To The Right Honble & Honble the Knights. Citizens & Burgesses in Parliament Assembled

The Petition of the Mayor. Aldermen & Burgesses of the Corporation of Limerick

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners feel the grievance of the present System of Rating under the Poor Laws in Ireland, and beg your Honorable house that it may be repealed; and that in place there of it shall be enacted that the requisitions estimated for each Union for each year should be made out in proper form and apportioned equally on the Valuation of the entire Union; the present System being oppressive on the Ratepayers, whilst it tends to increase Pauperism and to paralyse industry in towns and Cities particularly

And your petitioners shall pray

W. Carte

23rd March 1869

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate for the Improvement Rate required for the Half year from 1st January to 1st July 1869

Present J. B. Spillane in the Chair
The Right Worp[l] The Mayor. Ald[r] McDonnell. Carte Ensty. J. B. Cranin. Lynam. Myles. Ward Barry. Lenihan. Barrington. Michl Kelly Lan[s] Reey

The Estimate having been submitted and Amounting in the Aggregate to £396. 8 9½ was struck off as appears by same—

The following Resolution
proposed by J. C. Warrington
seconded by C. C. Ward

"That a Sum of £60- be placed on the Estimate now being prepared, for repairing & putting in order the Corporation Grave out of repair" — was refused by the Chairman as being illegal

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 1/4 in the £. on the Rateable property of the City, which will yield a Sum of £3917 4. 0 —

R. Spillane.
Chairman

Minutes of the 5th & 23rd read in Council & Confirmed

1st April 1869

T. Boyse
Mayor

— Special Committee —
— (Address to R. C. Lord Bishop of Limerick) —
— Monday 19th July 1869 —

Present Ald.r Smyly Locum Tenens Mayor in the Chair
J.C. Spillane. J.C. Ryan. J.C. Mickelkelly. J. C. Lenihan. J.C. McDonnell

Ald.r McDonnell & Mr Murphy also attended

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A draft of the Address having been read & the Consideration of its adoption was deferred to Next Meeting —

It having been stated that several Citizens & others outside the Corporation were desirous to join in the intended Compliments to the Catholic Lord Bishop,

Circulars were ordered to be printed inviting the Members of the Liberal party of the County & City to attend the presentation of the address to His Lordship

The meeting then adjourned —

— Adjourned Meeting of Address Committee —
— Monday 26th July 1869 —

Present J. C. M.K Ryan in the Chair
J.C Spillane, J.C McDonnell Ald.r Hogan J.C Lenihan

Communication read from the Lord Bishop, assenting to the time named by the Committee for the presentation of the Address namely Thursday 29th July.

A resolution was come to suggesting that the Corporation should proceed in Carriages on Thursday to the Palace to present the Address; and the Hon. Sec. was requested to intimate Same,

Circulars to issue to the Members of the Press intimating the day & hour of presenting the Address

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— Adjourned Meeting of Address Committee —
— Thursday 29th July 1869 —

Present J. C. Mickelkelly in the Chair,
J.C Spillane, Ald.r Hogan, J.C. Lenihan —

A Communication received from his Lordship postponing the presentation from Thursday

29th & Saturday 31st in Consequence of his being obliged to leave Town rather unexpectedly on pressing Ecclesiastical affairs –

The following address was read & unanimously adopted, and ordered to be engrossed, for presentation to the Catholic Lord Bishop –

The Address
of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the
Corporation of Limerick
To the Most Rev.d Dr Butler
Catholic Lord Bishop of Limerick &c
&c &c

My Lord

We the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of Limerick, in pursuance of a resolution adopted in Council on Thursday the 15th of July instant, a resolution so entirely in Consonance with the feelings of duty and affection that bind us to Your Lordship, present ourselves before you and embrace the occasion of your happy return to your diocese, after an absence on public business of momentous interest, to tender to you the full Measure of our most Cordial and respectful Congratulations,

We have watched with deep interest and no little anxiety the proceedings of the Committee of the House of Commons, before whom Your Lordship gave testimony in vindication of the Catholic Clergy and Laity from the unjust imputation sought to be cast upon them,

It demanded Wisdom and ability to deal with and expose the fallacious arguments and ingenious questions by which these charges were attempted to be sustained, and that wisdom and ability were exercised by your Lordship in such Manner as to call for our warmest admiration, and that of the entire Liberal party,

Your Lordship's evidence in favor of the vote by Ballot as the only and all-sufficient protection to Electors in the free exercise of their Franchise gave much Satisfaction to all who ready desire purity and freedom of Election –

That evidence put to Shame the Slanders against the Catholic Clergy and clearly established that the sacred rites of the Catholic Church Can never be degraded by using them for political purposes – All Catholics understood and repudiated the Stigma Cast upon the Confessional, but it was satisfactory to find the truth authoritatively stated and ably sustained by your Lordship for the information of those Outside the Church,

To this expression of our dutiful and grateful feelings we wish to add our warmest Congratulations on the great event which will render the era of Your Lordship's episcopate, memorable in the Annals of the Country – We remember with pride that our County and City were the first to Assemble in public meeting under your Lordship's Auspices, for the purpose of demanding that Measure of Religious Equality which has been just Conceded – It is a Cause of joy to your Lordship, and to us all that we thus Contributed to Strengthen the hand of that great and wise Statesman who now guides the destinies of our Country,

We take this occasion to wish you many years of happiness in that exalted position which your Apostolic Virtues adorn, while they win for you the best affections of your Clergy and people –

In Conclusion, we hope that your Lordship will long continue to witness the existence of that

affectionate and Cordial union between the Catholic Clergy and Laity which has hitherto always existed, and to which we owe whatever success has attended popular efforts for Religious Equality and for the Advancement of the Country.

Given at the Town Hall in the City of Limerick under the Corporate Seal of said City this 31st. day of July in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine —

Signed

Thomas Boyse. J.P.
Mayor of Limerick

(City Seal)

Wm Ellard
Town Clerk

The time being too short to have the Address suitably prepared. The Committee recommended that the ordinarily engrossed one be presented on Saturday: and that it shall be subsequently executed in a proper manner.

Minutes of 19th 26th & 29th July. read in Council & Confirmed

5th August 1869

T. Boyse
Mayor

10th August 1869

At a Special meeting to investigate the Collectors return of Insolvencies in the Impror. Rate from 1st July 1868 & 1st Jan.y 1869

Present T. C. Myles. in the Chair
" Lynan
" Ryan
" Barry

The list of Uncollectables. Insolvencies &c. Amounting to £277 18 7 having been gone through Resolution was passed and ordered to be struck off

Read 10 Aug.t 1869

17th August 1869

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate of Improvement Rate required for the half year from 1st July 1869 to 1st January 1870

Present T. C. Ryan in the Chair
Ald.n Carte. Ald.n Quin. T. C.s Lynan. Connolly
Myles. Barry

The Estimate having been submitted Same amounting in the Aggregate to £369. 5. 0 were struck off as appears by Same.

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of D. 7.4 in the £ on the Rateable Property of the City which will yield a Sum of £3911. 4 5

Read & Signed in Council in the 2nd Sept. 1869 —

(See Margin)

Minutes of 10th & 17th Aug.t Read in Council & Confirmed 2nd Sept. 1869

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11th October 1869 Monday.

Special meeting of a Committee of the Whole House held in pursuance of a resolution of the Council, to meet a deputation of the Market Trustees, relative to the position of that body to apply for a Market Act Amendment for new powers.

Present: The Mayor in the Chair

Ald^{r} Tinsley	The Recorder
" Mahony	" Bourington
" M^{c}Dermott	" Gillman
" Dix	" Cruise
" Coote	" Myles
	" Hall

Attending Deputation from Market Trustees.
W^{m} Rich^{d} Russell.
W^{m} W^{m} Carroll. Esq^{rs} Trustees.

W^{m} Russell stated that he & W^{m} Carroll attended with a Report from the Market Trustees, which would explain the proposition the Trustees were desirous to submit to the Town Council.

W^{m} Carroll then read the following Report of the Market Trustees Special Committee, and the Resolution of the Trustees respecting it.

"Limerick Markets Trustees

Report of Special Committee May 3rd 1869

recommending an amendment of the Market Act.

In accordance with the resolution of last Board of Meetings of the Special Committee were held on the 12th and 19th and 26th April, at which the financial position of the Trustees was considered.

From an Analysis of the Accounts for the 15 years since the formation of the Trust it appears that the present State of affairs has been caused by an over expenditure of £6.555 on Capital charges out of the Revenues of the Markets.

That the Income receipts exceeded the expenditure on that account by £3.030 or about £200 a year the difference being represented by the advance had from the Bank of Ireland.

And that the borrowing powers given by the Markets Acts remains unexercised to the extent of £5.550 Therefore if the full capital had been raised by Loans no embarrassment would have arisen.

Altho' considerable saving in the working of the Markets has been effected during the last year amounting to £317:16:2 (though reductions were not fully made in operation) and the Staff is now as low as the business to be done will admit, the Committee were of opinion that the arrangement for a sinking fund cannot be satisfactorily carried out, and the credit from the Bank of Ireland discharged without an increase of Income which can only be secured by increasing the Tolls and strengthening the provisions for their due collection. They therefore directed the Secretary to prepare an amended Schedule which they now submit for your consideration, and which on the average of quantities received in the Markets for the years 1867 and 1868 would give an increase of £1270 a year and would place the affairs of the Trust on a very satisfactory basis for the future & without pressing too heavily on any interest.

As this increase is to be sought for the purpose of removing present difficulties and the punctual payment of all future liabilities, and will every year diminish the amount of debt on which Interest will

will have to be paid, and consequently the deduction from the Corporation, the Committee think that the proportion of 2nd/3rd payable to the Corporation ought not to extend to this increased income but that the amount to be paid to them should not exceed the average that has been paid them since the formation of the Markets Trust.

In order to counteract the evasion and loss of Tolls now incurred by the system of ostensible purchases of produce in other towns for delivery in Limerick, and to avoid the litigation arising from the difficulty of deciding whether these transactions in each case come under the provisions of our Act. the Committee recommend that all articles rated in the Schedule shall be considered liable to the Toll, on coming within the limits of the Act. The purchaser being entitled to a refund of the Toll on shewing that said articles have been bona-fide purchased and paid for in any other Market but all articles shall still be subject to the provisions requiring them to be weighed, and sold in the Markets if brought in for Sale

The Committee find that the Toll on Horses given by the Act has never been levied while a large numbers of Horses have been and constantly are sold in the Streets and they recommend that a weekly or monthly Sale for Horses be established to be held in the field adjoining the Markets and that the penalty for Sales of Horses in the Streets be strictly enforced.

With regard to the Butter Market the Committee recommend that the Act shall require all Butter in Casks, or Lumps or parcels exceeding 5 lbs to be weighed in the Market previous to being sold, and that the price shall be fixed by the weight, and that any deduction therefrom shall be penal in the same way as provided for the Sale of Grain

With regard to Eggs, Milk and Fowl and Fresh Butter the Committee recommend that the Charges now taken for Standing in the Market shall be enacted as a Toll, and that Stringent provisions be made that no person shall obstruct the Street by the Sale of these or any other article, but they do not think it advisable that the haweking of these minor articles for Sale to Housekeepers ought to be interfered with

The wording of the Act requires revision in some of its most important clauses to render the intention more plain and to provide for the more indispensible working expenses as well as to increase its provisions and for all these reasons the Committee recommend that an amended Act be applied for in the next Session of Parliament

They further recommend that payments be made to the Economic Society in accordance with the arrangement for sinking £600 a year of the debt to them and that the Bank of Ireland be requested to allow the Cash credit to stand as in present arrangement until the increased Tolls are obtained

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Proposed

Proposed Schedule

		Now Pays	Proposed Rate
Wheat	Per Barrell	2¾d	3d
Oats	"	1¼d	2d
Barley			2d
Flax	Per Ton	6	½
	Per Cut	1	
Wool	Same	"	1d
Bark	Same	Per Load	1d
Butter	Per Firkin	3d	4d
Hay, & Green Feeding ngolds, Carrots Parsnips, Turnips Potatoes & all other produce not elsewhere enumerated	Per Load	1d	6d
Cattle	Per Head	3d	4d
Calves Lambs & Goats		½d & ¾d	1d
Sheep and Hagged		1d	2d
Pigs alive or dead		2d	3d
Imported Grain to be computed from Quarters into Tons			
Wheat Per Ton		7d	8d
Indian Corn "		4½d	6d
Horses			6d
Mules & Asses			4d
Donkeys			3d

Inspection of Empty Butter Firkins to be legalized and charge for inspecting to be 1d each

Thursday 13th January 1870

Special meeting of Committee convened to draw up an address of condolence to the widow & family of the late much lamented & Hon Councillor Robert Raleigh

The Mayor & M. Joseph Murphy only having attended no business transacted

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Thursday 13th January 1870

Special meeting of Committee convened to draw up an address to John T. McSheehy Esq on his appointment as Resident Magistrate and on his resignation as Treasurer of the Corporation

The Mayor & J.C. McMahon only having attended no business transacted

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Friday 14th May 1870

Special committee to draw up address of condolence to the family of J.C. Raleigh Not attending again to day as business could be transacted. The Mayor being the only gentleman who attended

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Friday 14th January 1870

Special committee to draw up address to John T. McSheehy Esq not assembling to day as business could be transacted The Mayor & J.C. McMahon being the only gentlemen attending

Tuesday 18th January 1870

Special committee to draw up address of condolence to the Widow & family of the late lamented J.C Raleigh not attending no business could be transacted

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Monday 21st July 1870

Special Committee. To consider the general state of the sewerage in the City including Laurel Hill &c

The Mayor Chairman

Ald McDonnell. Ald Mahony. J.C. Myles J.C Fitzgerald. J.C. Cunniffe

The committee after a long discussion adjourned that Mr Corbett may make out estimates for a line of sewer on the Old Tralee Road & on the Military Road to discharge through Ald Mahoneys field

Estimate of sewers through Patrick St and Rutland St. through High St & William St. from William St through Nicholas St and thence through Nelson St to the Queen st sewer. Also an estimate for completing Thomas St & Roches St sewer to the top of the streets. The Committee to be called together by Mr Corbett when he has his estimates made out

Tuesday 22nd February 1870

The special committee convened for this day and appointed to draw up and present a memorial to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant requesting permission on the part of the Corpn to nominate one of the members as Governor of the Limerick District Lunatic asylum J.C. Cleary being the only member who attended no business was transacted

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15th March 1870

At a Special meeting held this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate of Improvement Rate required for the half year from 1st January to 1st July 1870

Present The Mayor in the Chair

Ald Mahony - Ald Quin. J. Cs Lynan. McKelly Myles. Hayes. Cronin. Mich Ryan. Fitzgerald. Cleary Hastings. Ald Carte.

The Estimate having been submitted sums amounting in the aggregate to £382.18.8½ were struck off as appears by same.

That Mr Murphy be desired to report to next meeting of Council whether it be necessary that 6 months Notice should be given the Askeaton Parish Debenture Holders previous to paying them off amount due

Recommended that for the future all the Crossings be done in Blocks instead of Paving

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 1/5 in the £ on the Rateable Property of the City which will yield a sum of £4541.19.0 —

Ordered that the Mansion of City Gaol cease to be purchased from the Board of Superintendence from the 1st April next

Read and signed
March 24-1870
R. Spillane
Mayor Chairman

R Spillane Mayor

Wednesday 16th March 1870

Meeting of adjourned special Committee To Consider the General state of the Sewerage in the City including Laurel Hill avenue &c

The Mayor Chairman
J.C. Counihan J.C. Myler J.C. Kelly J.C. Fitzgerald
J.C. McMahon

£ 8473-15-8 —

Mr Corbett's report was read and approved of and Mr Murphy was directed to take the necessary steps to procure the money from the Public Loan Commissioners repayable by instalments for the completion of the sewerage Works in the report

Minutes of 21st [illegible] to Mr Murphy
Read & Signed
R Spillane
Mayor

24/3/70

Tuesday 29 March

No members attending the special Committee summoned to consider letter from Town Clerk of Dublin relative to the Merchants Shipping Code Bill & No business could be transacted

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Tuesday 5th April 1870

Special Committee Convened again for this day for like purposes - when Ald Carte being the only member who attended no business could be done

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Wednesday 13th April 1870

The Corkaree Embankment Committee summoned for this day to inspect the Works were unable to do so owing to the day being so wet

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At meeting Corkaree Embankment Committee after the high tide of Sunday 18 April 1870

The Mayor in the Chair
J.C. Cronin J.C. M.R. Ryan J.C. Barrington J.C. McMahon
Ald Quinlivan J.C. Connolly J.C. Counihan J.C. Hastings
John Eleard Esq Murphy Esq Wm Corbett Esq

The Committee after inspecting the Bank were pleased with the progress of the Works and consider it in a satisfactory condition Mr Corbett mentioned his intention of having Hay seed set on the part of the Bank where the Stones were taken Mr He suggested that the Corporation keep

the reclaimed land in their own hands
~~further proceed~~ of which this Committee
approve. The Committee order a wall to be made
at Kilkeen House to guard against
trespass and that Killeen be warned
that he shall be more careful for the future
in allowing trespass. The Committee order
that the grass be cut as also the sedge
for this year the same to be advertized at
the proper time. The Committee order that
Willows be planted along the bank

B. Spillane
Mayor

Read in Council & confirmed
5th May 1870

(got drop to sign) Ben

Tuesday 28 June 1870

Special Committee convened for this day to
take immediate action in the subject of "Union
Rating" &c. — T. C. Myles & T. C. Kane only
having attended no business entered upon —

Wednesday 29th June 1870

Special Committee convened for this day to
enquire & report whether it is practicable & provide for
the sewerage of the City especially from Prospect Avenue
& Victoria Terrace by Mowlis System of Earth Closets
Present T. C. Fitzgerald
The City Surveyor Mr. R. B. Jones also

attended —
Only one member of the Committee
being present, no business could be transacted

15th July 1870

Bor Manor Embankment Committee

Special Committee Convened this day to
Consider the threatened Strike of the Labourers
T. C. M'Mahon — only attended

15th July 1870

Same Committee Convened for this day to
Consider the Strike of the Labourers at
the Embankment &c — when
T. C. M'Mahon &
" Cronin — only having
attended no business could be transacted

July 19 1867

Mr Myles Chairman. T.C. Hastings — Kane Alderman
Denn — T.C. Cronin, T.C. R. McMahon, T.C. McKelly —
Met to Consider the Corbanroe embankment —
as Mr Corbett reports that the Men at work at
Corbanroe turn out for higher wages that
is 2/4 per day as the Committee are unanimous
in directing the Men to be put at work at
the present Rate of 1/8 — Mr Corbett reports
that the Sluice gate near the Dock Head was
transferred with on Sunday last

Jack Myles

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16th August 1870

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors returns of Insolvencies on the Improvt. Rate from 1st Jan.y 1869 to 1st January 1870

Present The Mayor in the Chair (subsequently Ald.n Mc Dermott) Ald.n Carle. Ald.n Mahony J.E. Parker. J.C. Myles. J.C. Mac Mahon — J. C. Cronin J.C. Counihan J.C. Cleary

The list of unoccupancies & Insolvencies &c for the New Town 2d Spring '69 £185 18 9. & Summer '69 £101 13 1 having been gone through Seriatim was passed. & amount ordered to be struck off

The list for the Old Town not being quite ready for investigation Consideration deferred

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Wednesday 17 Aug.t 1870

Special Committee Convened for this day to enquire & report whether it is practicable to provide for the Sewerage of the City by Mullets System of Earth Closets.

The City Surveyor only attended

23d Aug.t 1870

At a Special Meeting to investigate the Collectors returns of Insolvencies on the Improvement Rate for the old Town Spring & Summer Levies 1869

Present The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Mac Kenny. J.C. Myles. J.C. Parker & Hayes

The list of Unoccupancies & Insolvencies &c for the Old Town 2d Spring '69 £121 18 2½ & Summer Levy 1869 £ [illegible] having been gone through was passed. & amount ordered to be struck off

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2nd September 1870

Corbanree Embankment

Special Committee Convened for 3 o'clock this day to visit the works of the Embankment: and to Consider the financial position of same

No attendance —

5th September 1870

At a Special Meeting held this day for the purpose of Considering the Estimate of Improvement Rate required for the Half Year from 1st July 1870 to 1st January 1871

Present The Mayor in the Chair

J.C. Parker

" Counihan

Mr Whitt is ordered to report weekly to the Committee on Lodging Houses —

The Committee recommend a Rate to be made of 7/6 in the £ on the Rateable property of the City which will realise a sum of £4453:11:9

Read in Council Report of 5th Sept.r 1870 in Council 22nd Sept.r 1870

5th September 1870

Corkanree Embankment

[redacted]

Special Committee summoned to Consider the financial position of the Embankment Funds—
The Mayor only attended—

6th September 1870

Corkanree Embankment.

Specially summoned to Consider the financial position of the embankment Funds

The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Cronin. J.C. Myles, Ald. McDonnell J.C. Barry
J.C. Cleary. J.C. Parker

The Committee recommend that £100 be [redacted] from the the Borough Fund towards the completion of Corkanree embankment.

Mr Corbet Reports that the sum of £200 will be required to complete the work and £100 more for additional pavement & the Post also £100 for the running of three drains across the land

The Committee adjourned to inspect the embankment

8th September 1870

Special Committee of observation to take into consideration the present position of the Council with the Lunatic asylum more especially in reference to proposed increase taxation & with power to act.

The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Parker. J.C. Myles J.C. McNally.

The following queries with accompanying letter were submitted respectively to the Resident Medical Superintendent Lunatic Asylum & the Clerk of the Limerick Union

Limerick 10th Sept 1870

Robt Fitzgerald Esq M.D.

Lunatic Asylum

Dear Sir

I am desired by the Town Council to hand you the enclosed queries and to request that you will at your earliest convenience have the kindness to let us have the answers & same for the information of the Corporation

I am

Your obedient Servant

Wm McDonnell

Secy Committee.

Queries submitted by the Town Council of Limerick to Dr Fitzgerald Medical Superintendent of the District Lunatic Asylum

1 Number of Lunatic patients at present in the Asylum Chargeable to this City.

2 The name & residence of each of the above specifying also the form of disease in every instance & whether Curable or Incurable, Dangerous or Harmless

3 Duration of each of these in the Asylum

4 Number & [illegible] of paying patients if any and yearly charge in each

5 Average cost per head per annum on entire outlay

6 Average cost of Establishment charges per head per annum

7 Names of Medical Officers with amount of

and perquisites attached to each
& Number of paid servants male & female
with nature of employment of each

Copy Letter addressed to C.M. Nelson Esq Limerick
Limerick 16th Sept 1870

C.M. Nelson Esq
Limerick

Dear Sir

I am desired by the Town Council to hand you the enclosed queries and to request that you will at your earliest convenience have the kindness to let me have the answers to same for the information of the Corporation

Yours truly
M. McDonnell
Secy of Committee

Copy of Queries submitted

1 Number of Lunatic patients at present in the Union Hospital Chargeable to the City
2 The name and residence of each of the above specifying also the form of disease in every instance whether curable or incurable dangerous or Harmless
3 Duration of each of these in the Asylum
4 Number & names of Papers taken if any and yearly charge for each
5 Average cost per head per annum each outlay
6 Average cost of Establishment & Charges per head per annum
7 Names & Officers with amount of

salaries & perquisites attached to each
& Number of paid servants male & female
with nature of employment of each and
aggregate amount of salaries

8th 1870

Corporation Entertainment Committee specially summoned to visit the Works

The Mayor Chairman

Ald Quin J.C. Parker J.C. Myles J.C. McMahon

The committee having visited over the works Mr Corbett handed out to them the additional pavement which is recommended to be done and also the position of the three drains across the land of which they approved and also expressed their great satisfaction

A. Spillane

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27th Sept 1870

A Special Committee of the whole house to consider and report to the next meeting of the Corporation upon the claim of the Market Trustees on account of Income tax not deducted from their payments to the Council for several years

The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Myles H.C. Ward J.C. Parker H.C. Cleary H. Barry J.C. O'Connor. The Law agent also attended

The claim of the market Trustees for Refund of Income tax be postponed; And that the Treasurer of the Corporation be requested to make out an account of its claim against the Trustees on foot of the Rents and all monies how soever received by them under the markets acts and furnished same to their secretary. This Committee of the whole House be called on the subject by the Treasurer when necessary

W. Spillane
Mayor Chairman

Reports of Special Committee on Certain Indictment of 6th & 8th Sept Inst Special Committee of Observation of 8th Sept Inst and Committee of whole House of 27th Sept Inst read in Council and adopted 27th Sept 1870

W. Spillane Mayor

6th October 1870

A Special Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the best mode of placing the Library of the late M. Bennis bequeathed to the Corporation and as to any expense that may be incurred thereby

The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Myles J.C. Kelly J.C. Barry

Your Committee met and after serious deliberation they have come to the unanimous Conclusion that the Athenaeum is the most suitable place for a free Public Library —

Your Committee strongly recommend the Council to give up the "Bennis Library" and the Talents to the Committee of the Athenaeum in trust for the Corporation and use of the Public, without distinction of Creed or Class — The Council is not to be called on for any portion of the Expenses of opening said Library —

Your Committee further recommend that the Tables at present lying in the upper floor of the Town Hall, perfectly useless for years, may be given free of charge for the use of the Library —

The Athenaeum Committee to furnish your Board with a list of all the Books in possession and to be responsible for the safe custody & preservation of same

W. Spillane
Mayor
Chairman

Read in Council & reported

W. Spillane
Mayor

24th October 1870

Special meeting to consider reply of the Municipal Trustees to the Claim of the Corporation

The Mayor Chairman

J.C. Myles, Ald Quin J.C. Harper J.C. Cleary J.C. Carnidan J.C. Kelly J.C. Barry J.C. Hastings and Mr. Murphy

The committee after going through the several items of the account resolve o

1 Materials of Old Houses sold amount £33.16.1 not persisted in

2 Ground sold " £95.13.4 not persisted in

3 Rents though they consider they are entitled to a third of the rents without any deductions being allowed to meet the Trustees in a friendly spirit they will be satisfied with the allowance made by the Trustees both a third of the rents after paying the head rent & Taxes thereon £66.17.2

4 Bank Interest not pressed amount £12.2.2

5 Agricultural Interest not persisted in amount £72.4.5

6 Fenian fund amount £286.9.4 not insisted on but will not in future allow any deduction for expense of Fenian Inquiries

7 Lease Butler & Mannine amount £236.11.3 demanded

8 Excessive Interest amount £44.7.2 demanded

9 Income Tax Thirteen shillings in the pound from Mr Carroll

10 The committee on going through the Abstracts of the Trustees account having discovered several items Excessive Rates of Interest Charged the Corporation Ordered that in future any such deduction be disallowed

P. Cullane Mayor

Read in Council and adopted in Committee 12th January 1871

11th January 1871

Finance Committee convened again this day to superintend the management of Numbering the Houses correctly in the several streets of the City

The City Surveyor only attended

13th January 1871

Continuance Embankment Committee

Committee convened this day to consider what best to be done with the Land enclosed

P.C. MacMahon with the City Surveyor only attended

13th January 1871

Continuance Embankment Committee

Committee convened again this day for like purpose &c &c

P. C. McRyan only attended with City Surveyor