

That Sir Henry Cochrane be asked to withdraw his resignation of chairmanship of Harbour Committee and that the day for holding meetings be changed to Wednesdays at 10 o'clock when required.

Passed unanimously

Sir Henry Cochrane withdrew his resignation.

4780 Letter dated 31st January from Local Government Board enclosing copy of letter received from Mr William McLellan Hon Sec Bray Ratepayers Protection Association objecting to the laying of an extra cable for the supply of Electric Light to a residence outside the Township and asking to be furnished with the observations of the Sanitary Authority on the matter.

Ordered: - Town Clerk to reply.

Report dated 5th February from Electrical Engineer on same subject submitted. Read.

4781 Pursuant to recommendation of General Purposes Committee the Board proceeded to consider the question of appointment and re-engagement of Mr Alfred D. Price as Township Engineer. The resolution appointing Mr Price and conditions of appointment were submitted and a letter was read from Mr William McLellan stating that he was directed by the Bray Ratepayers Protection Association to protest against the appointment of Resident Engineer as they regarded the post an unnecessary burden on the ratepayers.

Sir Henry Cochrane moved and Sir Rowland Fanning seconded the re-appointment of Mr Price on existing terms of his engagement but withdrew the motion in favour of a suggestion of Chairman that the matter should be referred to reconstruction meeting.

4782 Letter dated 3rd February from Mr Weldon L. Molony stating that he had been directed by his client Miss

Margaret Courtney of 7 Kenilworth Square Rathgar to write to the Commissioners asking what steps they proposed taking in reference to collapse of Springmount House Meath Road Bray, which she alleged was due to the action of the Commissioners Engineer in compelling the contractor who was executing certain sanitary works at the house, to have the entire drain laid open and not to do it in sections as he had been doing. The contractor opened the drain the full length as directed by Engineer with the result that the lateral supports to the foundation of the side wall of the house gave way and the house gave way and the house collapsed. Miss Courtney also alleged that the works were carried out in pursuance of an order received from the Board.

A report was submitted from Town Clerk which stated that as far as he was aware or could ascertain the Commissioners were not in any way implicated in the matter. No orders were issued from the Board to have the work done. The Engineer reported that neither officially or unofficially was he connected with the carrying out of the works.

On the motion of Mr Langton seconded by Sir Rowland Fanning the matter was referred to Engineer for report.

The Town Clerk submitted draft of reply to Mr Weldon Molony's letter. Approved.

4783 The consideration of tenders for water mains &c was referred to General Purposes Committee.

Report from Engineer re Sidmonton Road water main submitted. Referred to General Purposes Comtee.

4784 Messrs J. C. Johnston and Co wrote asking payment of their accounts for cement viz: -

General Account £286.17:6 Harbour Account £70.18.6.
Referred to next meeting.

Mr Langton moved and Mr Condren seconded:-
"That the estimate of rates for current year
be prepared and submitted."

The resolution was not put to the meeting.

Mr Plunkett left the chair which was taken by
Mr O'Byrne.

4785 Letter dated 17th January from Mr. W. G. Byrne
Manager Hibernian Bank Bray stating that he
had not yet received applications from Commis-
sioners for overdraft on foot of General Account.

It was decided to apply to the Treasurer for
an overdraft of £600 on foot of General Account.

4786 Report dated 3rd February from Town Clerk stating
that Dr Stafford Local Government Board Inspector
had suggested - at a meeting of the General Purposes
Committee - the appointment of a superintendent
medical Officer of Health and abolishing the post
of Consulting Sanitary Officer.

Ordered:- Town Clerk to write to Local Govern-
ment Board on the subject

4787 Letter dated 4th February from the Secretary
Board of Trade acknowledging receipt of letter
from Commissioners transmitting sealed by-laws
in duplicate for Bray Harbour and returning one
copy of the by-laws upon which the confirmation
of the Board of Trade had been duly inscribed.
in accordance with the Bray Township Act 1890

Read and considered satisfactory.

4788 Letter dated 19th January 1898 from Messrs
Hamilton and Craig enclosing copy of Dr Joseph

Mr. Day's opinion and copy of summons to be
issued in reference to Railway Gas Works and
letter from Secretary D. W. & W. Railway Company
in same matter submitted.

Mr Langton moved and Mr Clifton seconded
"That the consideration of the matter be postponed"
Mr Rossiter moved and Mr Condren seconded as
an amendment

"That the consideration of matter be postponed
for six months"

There voted for the amendment Messrs Rossiter,
Condren and O'Byrne (3) "Against" Messrs Langton,
Clifton and Plunkett (who had returned to meeting)

(3) Mr O'Byrne who was still in the chair
gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment
and declared it carried and adopted as a
substantive resolution.

4789 The following transfers of Bray Township loan -
missioners 3½% Redeemable Debenture Stock were
submitted and approved and certificates sealed and
issued accordingly.

From Hibernian Bank to Delany	£480	:	0	:	0	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Toner	200	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	O'Connell	600	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	O'Sullivan	500	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Smith	280	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Wilson	100	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Whitmore	765	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Pinn	1000	:	0	:	0
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Ashhurst	100	:	0	:	0

4790 Letters dated 26th and 31st January 1893 from
Messrs Hamilton and Craig in reference to inspection
of minute books, documents &c by plaintiff in
re Boherty v Commissioners.

Ordered:- Matter left in hands of solicitor

Mr Gordon to be retained as senior counsel and Mr Day as junior counsel.

4791 Letter dated 26th January 1898 from Messrs Hamilton and Craig stating that the County Court Judge gave judgment in the case of Dillon v Commissioners for £50 debt, £3 3 0 witnesses expenses and usual costs and he directed the sum of £28 odd lodged in court to be paid out to the plaintiff and also stating that Mr Day who had advised the Commissioners in the matter was of opinion that the decision of the County Court Judge would be reversed on appeal read and also letter dated 29th January stating that Mr Dillon's solicitor had written them that he had received instructions from plaintiff to take out the decree forthwith unless the amount thereof be lodged or recognizance entered into forthwith. They feared that the Commissioners need not expect any courtesy from Mr Dillon and asked that a cheque for the amount already applied for be forwarded to them as soon as possible were submitted.

Ordered:— Matter to be settled and cheque for £25-3-0 forwarded to Mr Craig to pay over with £28-0-0 lodged in court in settlement of action.

4792 The Town Clerk wrote submitting letter he had received from Mr Comber enclosing plan made for Mr Mc Cormick in April 1886 showing proposed new roadway from Main Street to join the road on the Quins Minors property and also showed portion of road which Mr Mc Cormick proposed to make. The Town Clerk's letter stated that the wall recently erected by Mr Mc Cormick was about eight feet inside the northern boundary of the new road as proposed to be laid out by him and not therefore an encroachment. Read and matter re alleged encroachment allowed to drop.

4793 Letter dated 17th January from Mr J. D. Cope enclosing copy of letter received from Mr Fane Vernon in reference to rates on Dispensary which stated that he could not think that the Bray Commissioners would be so illadvised as to attempt to recover rates on a half rent from any one having regard to the terms of their Act of 1866. Read and ordered rates to be collected in usual way.

4794 Letter dated 20th January from Mr J. D. Cope enclosing extract from minutes of meeting of Rathdown Guardians held on Wednesday 19th January 1898 in reference to outbreak of Typhoid Fever in Bray. Read.

4795 Reports dated 14th February 1898 from medical Officer of Health in reference to unsanitary state of Mr Allen's cottages (near Parochial Hall) Mr John Neill's cottages Main Street and Bray Constabulary Barracks. Read and recommendations of medical Officer of Health to be carried out.

4796 Circular dated 24th January from the United Irishmen's Centennial Association in re Centenary celebrations re read.

On the motion of Mr Clifton seconded by Mr Langton it was resolved:—

"That we approve of the objects of the United Irishmen's Centennial Association and undertake to give it every assistance in our power"

4797 Letter dated 1st February 1898 from Mr James O'Connor acknowledging receipt of resolutions from Commissioners relating to the Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland and the necessity of a Board of Agriculture and

Veterinary College for Ireland and stating that he would give the matters mentioned his best attention. Lead.

4798 Letter dated 20th January from Messrs J. D. Carnegie and Co enclosing copy of letter from their London Agents stating that the Bank of England preferred the copy of seal on their own forms (which they enclosed). The Bank also required to know under what act the Township was incorporated and if possible they would like a copy of the act.

Ordered:— Copy of seal to be supplied as required by Bank of England and document previously sealed cancelled.

4799 Letter dated 18th January from Mr J Lafayette stating that his artist would come down to Bray on 21st Inst to take group photo of Commissioners Lead.

4800 Letter dated 4th February from the Irish Exchange News Bureau in reference to advertisements re Lead.

4801 Mr Frederick Kelly and Mr John Griffin applied for Gunpowder licences. Referred to Explosives Inspector.

4802 A memorial signed by the residents of Florence Terrace re in reference to state of footpath opposite Florence Terrace was submitted. Referred to General Purposes Committee.

The following accounts were passed for and cheques signed:—

General Account.

Mr P. McDonnell			
Advanced to Sub Sanitary Officer to purchase disinfectants	5	0	0
Workmens Wages for week ending 21st January	40	7	7
Workmens Wages for week ending 28th January.	41	14	2
Workmens Wages for week ending 4th February	39	18	9
Mr A. D. Price			
Salary as Engineer for January	£12	10	0
Sundries	7	0	
	12	17	0
Mr Richard Luthbert			
Salary as Car Inspector for January	4	11	8
Sanitary Sub Officers	16	8	
	5	8	4
Mr P. McDonnell			
Balance of cost - disinfectants	1	5	3
Mr Patrick Doyle			
Car work with Dr Stafford re outbreak of Typhoid fever	1	10	0
Mr Thomas Craig			
Amount to be paid over to plaintiff together with £28 lodged in Court in settlement of action in re Dillon v Commissioners	25	3	0

Electrical Works Accounts.

Workmens Wages for week ending 21st Jan'y £14-4-9

Workmens Wages for week 28th January 12-12-9

Workmens Wages Do Do (New main L Bray) 6-10-9

Workmens Wages for week to 5th February 12-8-8

Workmens Wages Do Do (New main) 16-0-7

Mr J M Harris

Salary for January £16-13-4

Petty Cash 2-10-11 19-4-3

Harbour Account

Mr Thomas Scraggs

Salary for one month as

Harbour Master 4-6-8

John Plunkett
21/2/98
see Minutes
or Minutes 4788

A meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 21st February 1898.

Present :-

John Plunkett C. J. C. (in chair)

Alderman Sir Henry Cochrane D. L.

James E. McCormick

Wm H. McFarland

Philip Condron

Matthew O'Byrne

William Rossiter &

Richard Clifton

4803 The minutes of meeting of 7th February 1898 were read.

Mr McCormick objected to the Board confirming minutes of last meeting in reference to decision in re Railway Gas Works (No 34788) as it appeared that Mr O'Byrne had given a casting vote in favour of amendment postponing the matter for six months whilst the Chairman of the Board (Mr Plunkett) was present and voting in the division the latter only under the circumstances having a casting vote.

The Chairman - said he would accept the Town Clerk's ruling in the matter.

The Town Clerk - said that the minute objected to was made notwithstanding his advice to the contrary and he was satisfied now as then that it was wrong.

The Board ordered that the matter should be regarded as "not decided" and brought up at next meeting.

The minutes were then signed.

4804 The minutes and report of General Purposes Committee were read and adopted.

4805 The minutes and report of Electric Lighting Committee were read.

Mr Rossiter moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded:—

"That the report of Electric Lighting Committee be adopted"

There voted for The Chairman and Messrs Rossiter, Condren, and O'Byrne (4) "Against" Sir Henry Cochrane, and Messrs McFarland, Mc Cormick and Clifton (4)

The chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which he declared carried.

Sir Henry Cochrane gave notice that at next meeting he would move the rescinding of resolution adopting the report of Electric Light Committee.

4806 Letter dated 10th February from Mr Weldon, C.

McLony in re collapse of Springmount and enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mrs Parrack (Proprietress Springmount Hotel) by Mr A. D. Price Township Engineer in reference to the drainage of the premises and stating that under the circumstances he would be glad to know if they could see their way to compensate Miss Courtney for the damage done to Springmount. Read.

The Engineer submitted copy of correspondence with Mrs Parrack in the matter which consisted of a letter from him to Mrs Parrack stating that he believed that the drains of the Hotel were in an unsanitary condition and asking permission to inspect them and Mrs Parrack's reply thereto stating that the drains had been out of order but were being set right and granting permission to Engineer to inspect the drains. Under the circumstances he made no inspection. Read

The replies of Town Clerk to Mr McLony in the matter were submitted and approved.

4807 Report dated 12th February from Engineer in reference

to unsanitary conditions of Town Hall.

Ordered:— Tenders to be invited in re putting Town Hall in a proper sanitary condition and to be considered by a Committee comprising the Chairman, Mr Clifton and Mr Condren. Town Clerk to report as to whether Lord Breath was liable for cost &c.

4808 Letter dated 7th February 1898 from Mr Harry Leaton asking permission to give entertainments on the Esplanade during summer months.

Referred to Amusements Committee

4809 Reports dated 14th February from Explosives Inspector in reference to applications received from Mrs Frederick O'Kelly and Mr John Thiffin for gun powder licences and stating that the conditions necessary to obtain a licence had not in either case been complied with. Applications refused.

4810 Letter dated 15th February from Messrs Guinness Mahon, and Co in re sinking Fund investments. Read.

4811 Circular dated 7th February from the Sanitary Institute inviting delegates from the Commissioners to attend Autumn Congress in Birmingham commencing September 27th next. Read and ordered:— Any Commissioner or Sanitary Officer of the Board who so desires may attend the Congress.

4812 Mr B. Traynor submitted plan of cottage he proposed building on Commons Road. Referred to Engineer.

4813 Letter dated 15th February 1898 from Mr Thomas H. Craig asking if the Commissioners wished anything further done in reference to Railway Gas

Works.

Read.

4814 Letter dated 9th February 1898 from Secretary Local Government Board enclosing following extracts from report of Dr Stafford Local Government Board Inspector on the subject of the recent prevalence of enteric fever in Bray viz:—

Extract from Dr Stafford's Report dated 5th February, 1898.

I have the honour to report that I have been engaged since the twentyfirst of January in an investigation of the origin of an outbreak of Enteric Fever in the Bray Urban Sanitary District. During this period I have had conferences with the Public Health Committee and the Sanitary Officers, and made a careful personal inspection of the Town of Bray, and advised as to the best means of preventing the spread of the disease.

I am happy to be able to report that the disease which at one time threatened to assume epidemic proportions has so far as I can at present judge, been effectually stamped out; it has certainly been arrested for the time being.

The Town of Bray enjoys the reputation of being an exceptionally healthy seaside resort, its population according to the census of 1891 is 6,888, and its situation from a health point of view is most desirable; the presence therefore of a considerable number of cases of Enteric Fever in a Town so situated demanded strict investigation with a view to determining its origin and preventing its recurrence.

Owing to the fact that the Infectious Diseases Notification Act is not in force in the Urban District, no accurate estimate of the number of cases of Enteric Fever which have occurred during the recent outbreak, is possible. Judging, however from the number of cases attended by the Medical Officer of the Dispensary

I would roughly estimate the number of cases since the commencement of the present outbreak in last September at about fifty.

It will be observed from annexed form marked "a" which has been prepared for me by the present Medical Officer of Health, that cases of Enteric Fever have been occurring in Bray since the 8th of September 1897. Of this there can be no doubt, as they have been under the immediate care of either of the Medical Officer or his predecessor. I am however given to understand that previous to the 8th of September a man in the employment of the Railway Company a brother of the first person mentioned upon list "a" suffered from "Fever" and was treated in his own home. Whether this man was the first to contract the disease and was therefore the starting point of the recent outbreak, and whether he contracted it in Bray or imported it, which seeing that his work lay to a great extent outside Bray is possible, I am not prepared to say. It is, however clear from the relationship existing between some of the parties first attacked, that the disease spread from the insufficient isolation of the earlier cases. Had these earlier cases been notified and proper precautions adopted for the isolation of the patients, and disinfection of their surroundings, it is in my opinion highly probable that the subsequent outbreaks would have been avoided. Return "B" furnished to me by Dr Cecil Brew shows the dates of attack and the relationship of some of the earlier cases; it also shows how they were disposed of, and in this connection I must express my regret that the Medical Officer of Health should not have taken the earliest opportunity of informing the Sanitary Authority of the existence of this Fever, and requested them to take the necessary steps

under Section 141 of the Public Health Act with a view to removal to Hospital of cases occurring in houses where proper isolation was obviously impossible.

I am informed by the Executive Sanitary Officer and by the members of the Public Health Committee that it was not until about the 10th January of this year that they were made aware of the prevalence of enteric fever. It will be observed by the report already sent in by the Executive Sanitary Officer of the prompt and excellent arrangements then made, and I consider that it was in no small degree due to Mr MacDonnell's intelligent and vigorous action that a much more extensive outbreak was avoided, as he succeeded in tracing the origin of a number of cases, which suddenly occurred about this date to a Registered Dairy, where it was discovered that one of the employes was suffering from Enteric Fever.

The patient was in this instance at once removed to Hospital, and the sale of milk stopped, and the owner of the Dairy yard summoned and fined 20/- for not reporting a case of illness of an infectious nature, as required by the Bye-laws. Active steps were at the same time taken with a view to removal of nuisances, cleansing of Dairy yards, and disinfection of infected premises. X

The latest reports show no new cases of enteric fever and I hope from this that the outbreak has been successfully dealt with. With a view however to preventing a recurrence in future, I made some suggestions to the Public Health Committee which it may be advisable to recapitulate here; they are as follows:—

- (1) The adoption of the Infectious Disease Notification Act and the Infectious Disease Prevention Act.
- (2) The appointment of a Superintendent Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The adoption of a ~~more~~ complete code of Bye-

Laws under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Act.

- (4) The strict enforcement of the existing Bye-laws.
- (5) The adoption of a regular system of removal of dust and ashes and other debris.
- (6) The frequent inspection of Dairy yards, Slaughter houses, Common Lodging Houses and tenements and the necessity for weekly reports upon their condition.
- (7) The improvement of the houses of the working classes.

I consider if the foregoing suggestions are carried out the Urban Sanitary Authority will have a clean wholesome district, but I perceive that they will require to be very firm in carrying out their bye-laws with regard to keeping of animals and the construction of cow sheds. Many of the places I visited were rendered most unwholesome by the proximity of pigs, kept in a filthy state, to the dwellings of the poor. Some of the Dairy yards are quite unfit to be used as such, are in present condition, serious nuisances. Judging however from my conferences with the Commissioners I think they are now fully alive to the importance of a great health resort like Bray being placed in a thoroughly good sanitary condition and I have every confidence in their correcting without unnecessary delay, the defects to which I have directed attention.

"A"

Copy.

Bray January 21st 1898.

Sir,

Herewith I send you a list of the cases of enteric fever which were treated by my father, Dr Hugh Brew and myself, from the 5th September 1897, to the 31st December 1897:—

Sept 8th	John Murphy	24.	21 Hudson's Terrace
" 14th	Rose Nolan	24.	Seaport Road.

Sept 30th Rose McDonnell 14. Gibsons Cottages (Dargle Rd.)
 Oct. 1st Mrs Murphy 25. 12 Hudsons Terrace
 .. 5th Alex^d Byrne 8. Dodds Yard.
 .. 12th William Temple 26. Barrys Lane
 .. 14th W^m Byrne 7. Dodds Yard
 .. 26th Matthew Nolan 34. Seapoint Road
 Nov 5th Eliza McCabe 40. 13 Purcell's Tce.
 .. 6th W^m Neill 12. 12 Hudsons Tce.
 .. 8th James Murphy 7. Princes Cottages
 .. 13th Michael Nolan 31. Seapoint Road
 .. 20th Lizzie McCabe 13. 13 Purcell's Tce
 Dec 8th Julia Neill 18. 12 Hudsons Tce
 .. 27th Kate Byrne 24. Back Street
 .. 31st Mrs Blessold 30. Murphy's Arch
 Oct. 6th Mrs Traynor 30. Bray Commons Harold's Houses

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant
 Cecil Brew.

T Stafford Esq M.D.
 Local Government Inspector

(B)

Copy

Bray January 21st, 1898.

Sir,

I have endeavoured to tabulate the cases of typhoid fever which have occurred in Bray from the 5th September to the 31st December, 1897:—

Sept. 6th John Murphy 24. 21 Hudsons Tce
 Oct. 1st Mrs. Murphy (wife of John Murphy) living with her mother Mrs. Neill at 12 Hudsons Terrace, Bray.
 Oct. 6th William Neill (brother of Mrs Murphy) 12. 12 Hudsons Terrace.
 Nov. 5th James Murphy (brother of John Murphy) 7 Princes Cottages

Dec 18th Julia Neill (sister of Mrs Murphy) 18 12 Hudsons Terrace.

Sept 14th Rose Nolan (private patient) - 24 year old Seapoint Road. She was isolated in her house, and in addition to the parish nurse was attended by Mrs McCabe of Purcell's Terrace.

Oct 26th Matthew Nolan (brother) 34 years old - became ill sent to Meath Hospital October 27th.

Nov 13th Michael Nolan (brother) 31 years old - became ill - sent to Mater Misericordiae Hospital November 14th.

Nov. 5th Mrs. Eliza McCabe 40 years old, became ill but was only confined to her bed for a week.

Nov. 20th Lizzie McCabe (daughter) 13 Became ill, and was kept in bed for about 14 days.

Sept. 30th Rose McDonnell, Dargle Road was sent to Hospital.

Dec 27th Kate Byrne - Back Street (under treatment)

Dec 31st Mrs Blessold, 30 years, Murphy's Arch, which is close to Mrs Davis' Dairy.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant
 Cecil Brew

To,

T. Stafford Esq
 Local Government Inspector.

A report was submitted from Medical Officer of Health stating that he had seen no case of Enteric Fever since 27th January. Read

Referred to General Purposes Committee.

4815 The consideration of tenders received re barge &c for Harbour was referred to Harbour Committee.

4816 Letter dated 26th February from Mr W. J. Richardson U.S. asking if there existed a contract for Veterinary attendance on Commissioners horses, if so he would like to tender for same when vacant and also the horseshoing. Ordered:- Towns Clerk to reply.

4817 Mr McBurnick handed in notice of motion for next meeting to the effect that immediate steps be taken to have Strand Road Sewers carried out.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:-

General Account

Mr John Malone

Hay and Straw £13 : 4 : 2

Wicklow Star - Printing & advertising - 4 : 15 : 8

Mr Isaac Jones - Ladders planks &c - 4 : 0 : 0

Mr J. F. Coghlan - Oil suits - 3 : 17 : 6

Workmens Wages for week ended 11/2/98 40 : 3 : 8

Workmens Wages for week ended 18/2/98 40 : 10 : 3

Mr P Macdonnell

Three months salary as clerk to School Attendance Committee to 31-12-97 5 : 0 : 0

Mr Sylvester Byrne

Three months salary as School Attendance Officer to 31-12-97 & sundries (10/2) 8 - 0 - 2

Messrs Sealy Bryers & Walker

School Attendance books &c. 10 : 8

Electric Lighting Account

Mr Samuel Smith - Smithwork - 1 - 19 - 10

Workmens Wages week ended 11/2/98 12 - 19 - 8

Workmens Wages week ended 18/2/98 14 - 4 - 6

Harbour Account

Messrs T. P. Eckford & Co - Life buoys - 19 - 6

John Plunkett
7/3/98

A meeting of Bray Townships Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 7th March 1898.

Present: -

John Plunkett Esq. C.T.C. (in chair)
Alderman Sir Henry Cochrane D.L.
Sir Rowland Fanning
James E. McBurnick
William Rossiter
Martin Langton
Edward H. Holohan
Thomas O'Keilly
Philip Condren &
Richard Clifton. &
Mr^{rs} O'Byrne

4817 The minutes of meeting of 21st February 1898 were read and confirmed.

4818 The minutes and report of General Purposes Committee were read and adopted.

4819 The minutes and report of Harbour Committee were read and adopted.

4820 The minutes and report of Electric Lighting Committee were read and adopted.

4821 Letters were received from the Town Clerks of Pembroke, Rathmines and Kelliney acknowledging receipt of letter from the Commissioners suggesting that a conference be held between the various suburban Townships in reference to the Irish Local Government Bill. Read

The Town Clerk Blackrock also wrote acknowledging letter and stating that his Commissioners had appointed two delegates for the purpose of conferring with the other Townships in the matter. Read.

A circular dated 26th February 1898 from the Town Clerk of Youghale enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by his Commissioners in reference to introducing a provision in the Local Government Bill to reform the constitution of the existing Salmon Fishery Boards in the country, was submitted. Read.

Mr James O'Connor M.P. wrote stating that any amendments the Commissioners see necessary in the Bill he would gladly take charge of them. Read.

It was proposed by Mr McBurnick and seconded by Mr McFarland: -

"That the chairmen, Mr Langton and Sir Henry Cochrane be appointed to confer with the other Townships in reference to the Local Government Bill, and to report to the Board"

Passed unanimously

The Town Clerk submitted his report dated 1st March 1898 and resolution recommending certain points in Bill to consideration of conference.

Mr Holohan proposed and Mr Langton seconded: -

That we appeal to the Chief Secretary for Ireland to have introduced into the Local Government (Ireland) Bill such provisions as will insure that Urban Districts shall have secured them such relief as his speech introducing the Bill implied they would have or at least such provisions as will be a guarantee that towns will not be seriously injured by the Act and we therefore respectfully suggest that such amendments be introduced as will provide that: -

(1) Where "Union Rating" increases in any year the poor rate of any town over what it was in the standard year there shall be refunded to every such town out of the

grants or funds established under the act a sum equivalent to such increase.

(2) The provision giving relief in reference to any rate made or levied for Railway or Harbour purposes shall in all cases apply to an Urban as well as a rural district.

(3) An Urban road authority shall have the same rights of designation as to main roads within its boundary as the County Council may have in reference to the rural districts.

(4) An Urban District shall have the right of appeal to the Local Government Board against any particular charges of the County Council being levied against the County at Large or at least that in calculating the amount of County at Large charges to be paid by an Urban Authority the County Council shall not include any portion of the salary of their County Surveyor, Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks or legal or office expenditure or any portion of any undefined expenditure included in County at Large charges as all corresponding charges in the Urban Districts have to be paid by the Urban District Councils and that the payment made in "Standard Year" in reference to any main Road or work chargeable to the County at Large; or any charge to be hereafter made in reference to any new work or main Road or otherwise when once ascertained or fixed shall not be increased as against an Urban District in any subsequent year because of increased valuations of that district such increase of valuations being attributable to expenditure of Urban rates and to Urban enterprise.

(5) There shall be refunded to each Urban District Council out of the grants and funds to be provided under the Act such sum as shall be ascertained to be the equivalent of the loss

sustained by such district owing to the withdrawal of "contributions under Probate Duties Act &c" (to be ascertained by taking an average of all the payments made under these Acts) and the additional burdens placed on the Urban Districts by having to pay the salaries of Medical Officers of Health and other obligations imposed by the Act.

(6) The extensions of Urban boundaries and adjustment of taxation in consequence of such extension shall be simplified in order to remove the injustice of having to avail of the course of resorting to Private Bill Legislation or Provisional Orders in reference thereto.

(7) An agricultural holding and agricultural land shall not be deprived of contribution from agricultural grant by reason of being situate now or at any future time within an Urban boundary.

And that the Chairman, Sir Henry Cochrane, and Mr Langton be appointed delegates to conference and a special committee in reference to the Bill."

Passed unanimously

4822 Pursuant to notice of motion and special statutory notices issued in the matter it was proposed by Sir Rowland Fanning and seconded by Mr Martin Langton.

That we the Bray Township Commissioners - the Local Authority of the Urban Sanitary District comprising Bray Township - at a meeting held after due and legal notice thereof as required by the 53 and 54 Vic c 34 Sec 3 do hereby adopt the Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890, and that the

said act be put in force in the Urban Sanitary District of Bray Township on and after the 14th day of April 1898"

Passed unanimously

4823 Pursuant to notice Sir Henry Cochrane referred to report of Electric Light Committee of 17th February and moved:—

That the report and recommendations of of the Electric Light Committee of 17th February be amended so as to read:— That all applications for current be addressed to the Bray Township Commissioners and that the Electrical Engineer be then requested to prepare necessary estimates &c which shall in all cases be issued through the Town Clerk's Office. All estimates exceeding £10 to be retained for consideration of the Electric Light Committee or Commissioners.

Mr Rossiter seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A report from Electrical Engineer on matter was submitted. Read.

4824 Pursuant to notice of motion Mr McCormick moved and Mr Langton seconded:—

That immediate steps be taken to carry out the Strand Road mains and outfall sewers, and that a special Committee of the Board be appointed to consider the matter and to report to the Board the most suitable scheme and that the Township Engineer be instructed to report forthwith to that Committee on the state of the outfall constructed in the south wall of Harbour and whether it is suitable to the purpose required."

Mr O'Byrne moved and Mr Bondron seconded as an amendment:—

That the matter be referred to General

Purposes Committee"

There voted for the amendment, the Chairman Mr Rossiter, Mr Bondron, Mr O'Kelly and Mr O'Byrne (5) "Against" Mr McCormick, Mr Langton, Mr Clifton Mr MacFarland (5)

The chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly carried.

4825 Messrs Kevans and Sons wrote enclosing report and Statement of Accounts in reference to their recent audit of Bray Township Accounts.

Mr Holohan proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded:—

That the matter be submitted to a Committee of the whole house to be held on Monday 14th Inst at 10/30 am and that Messrs Kevans representative (Mr Forsyth) be asked to attend

Passed

4826 Tenders received for water mains &c submitted.

Referred to General Purposes Committee

4827 Letter dated 25th February from the Secretary Local Government Board in reference to the appointment of a Medical Superintendent Officer of Health. Referred to General Purposes Committee.

4828 The consideration of Messrs Johnson's account for cement was referred to General Purposes Committee.

4829 The following transfers of Bray Township 3³/₄ % Redeemable Debenture Stocks were submitted and approved and certificates sealed and issued accordingly viz:—

Fromibernian Bank to Warren £250 . 0 . 0

From Hibernian Bank to Little	£1000	0	0
Do Carey	200	0	0
Do MacVough	100	0	0
Do Raverly	100	0	0

4830 Letter dated 26th February 1898 from Mr Maurice Knight enclosing plans of cottage Lord Meath proposed erecting on Boghall Road. Approved.

4831 Letter dated 3rd November from Mr John Blanny in reference to insufficient lighting of Dock Terrace, read. Ordered:- Referred to Electric Light Committee - Offer in reference to removal of wall to be repeated.

4832 Letter dated 5th March from Mr James W. Drury stating that he would attend at the Town Hall on Monday 28th March 1898 to audit Commissioners accounts for past year. Read - Statutory notices published.

4833 A report was read from Harbour Master in reference to vessels arrived at Harbour, tolls collected &c since 19th ult and making application for 15/- per week in addition to his own salary for time (6 weeks) he acted as overseer in place of Mr Johnston while the latter was engaged at Dairy works.

Ordered:- Mr Scraggs to be paid £3 for extra work - Mr Johnston to return to his usual work and Frank Murphy to take place of men watching dairies.

The Town Clerk was instructed to prepare estimate of rates for current year.

4834 Mr John Macaul wrote asking payment of his account (£5.2.0) in reference to collection of

Electric Light Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Clifton the account was referred to General Purposes Committee.

It was ordered that matters in connection with Mr Byrnes stables at Church Terrace be brought up at next meeting of General Purposes Committee. Mr Byrnes to be asked to attend.

4835 Mr John Griffin 23 Main Street and Mr Frederick O'Reilly 11 Main Street applied for gunpowder licences.

Acting Sergeant Connor Explosives Inspector wrote stating that both parties had fulfilled all conditions necessary to obtain a licence.

Ordered:- Licence granted in each case.

4836 It was ordered that the attention of Mr Harris Electrical Engineer should be called to failure of Electric Lights on Park Road leading to Mr Sutton's.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:-

General Account

Mr A D Price

Salary for February as Engineer £12 - 10 - 0

Mr R Cuthbert

One months salary as Sanitary Sub Officer £ 16-8
 Gas Inspector 34.11.8 5 . 8 . 4

Mr John Murray
 Storage

29 17 . 6

Workmens Wages to 25/2/98 36 - 16 - 6

Workmens Wages to 4/3/98 35 - 11 - 6

Mr Thomas Scraggs

Acting as Road Overseer for six weeks from 29 January to 5th March while Mr Johnston was engaged at Dairy work. 3 - 0 - 0

Electric Light Account

Mr George W Harris

Salary as Electrical Engineer for February 16 - 13 - 4

The Hibernian Bank

Half years rent of Electric Light premises to 31/12/97 50 - 0 - 0

Workmens Wages for week ending 25/2/97 12 - 19 - 1

Workmens Wages for week ending 4/3/97 12 - 3 - 3

Harbour Loan Account

Mr Thomas Scraggs

One months salary to 28 February as Harbour Master 4 - 6 - 8

Workmens Wages to 4/3/98

John Penick
21/3/98 15 - 2

A special meeting of Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10-30 am on Monday 15th March 1898 pursuant to the following requisition viz:-

Town Hall

Bray 9th March 1898

The Town Clerk

Bray

Please convene a special meeting of Bray Township Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall Bray at 10/30 am on Monday 14th March 1898 for the purpose of considering estimate of Rates for current year and also to consider as Committee of whole house financial statement & received from Messrs Keane & Son. Matters in re Local Government Board (Ireland) Bill &c :-

Signed :-

John Plunkett

Philip Condron

Richard Clifton

Thomas O'Reilly

Matthew O'Byrne

Present :-

John Plunkett C. & C (in chair)

Sir Henry Cochrane D.L.

Sir Rowland Fanning J.P.

Martin Langton

W. H. McFarland

Richard Clifton

Thomas O'Reilly

Philip Condron

Matthew O'Byrne

William Rossiter

James E. Mc Cormick &

Edward Holohan.

4837 The Town Clerk read the requisition and notice convening the meeting.

4838 Mr Forsyth (Messrs Kevans & Son) submitted returns of assets and liabilities and financial statement. It was pointed out that the account of sundry creditors made no distinction as between ^{capital} assets and ^{revenue} liabilities and after a protracted discussion the statement was referred to the Town Clerk for report.

4839 It was proposed by Mr James E. Mc Cormick and seconded by Mr Edward Holohan:—

"That the Committee re Local Government Bill be empowered to send a deputation to London should they consider it necessary to do so and that Mr Holohan's name be added to the Committee which is also empowered to take such action as may be deemed necessary in the interests of the Township"

Passed unanimously

4840 The Town Clerk submitted estimate of Rates for current year. Consideration postponed until next meeting.

4841 Mr W Collier attended before Commissioners and complained of the manner in which weigh dockets were issued in the market. He produced a tolls receipt in which the weight had not been entered. It was pointed out to Mr Collier that the receipt bore an intimation that the vendor had merely paid the tolls but had not weighed the goods and that any purchaser was entitled to insist on having them weighed without further payment. The matter dropped.

John P. ...
21/3/98

A meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 21st March 1898.

Present:—

John Plunkett C. F. C. (in chair)
Alderman Sir Hy Lochrane D. L.
Sir Rowland Fanning J. P.
James E. McCormick
William H. McFarland
Martin Langton
Edward H. Holohan
Matthew O'Byrne
Philip Condron
Richard Clifton &
William Rossiter.

4842 The minutes of meeting of 7th March 1898 and of special meeting of 14th March were read and confirmed.

4843 The report of General Purposes Committee was read which included recommendation that Dr James Raverty should be appointed Medical Superintendent of Health at £30 a year (Office of Consulting Sanitary Officer £10 a year to be abolished). The report also recommended that the Strand Road intercepting sewer should be undertaken immediately:—

A deputation comprising Messrs Robert Smyth, William Byrne, William McEllan, Thomas J. McEann, R. C. Thomas, Fred O'Reilly, Thomas J. Butler, James Sloan, John Ryan, John Neill, John Fanning, Stanislaus McConry, Thomas Clifford, Jeremiah Sutton, James Bruce, John F. Lacy, Thomas Allen, Phelim Devitt, Thomas Ballance, John Merrigan, John Keenan, &c and attended before the Commissioners in

reference to the proposal to construct a sewer on the Strand Road &c.

After a long consideration and conference with deputation who objected to construction of sewer:-

It was proposed by Mr Langton and seconded by Sir Rowland Fanning:-

"That the minutes of General Purposes Committee of 17th March 1898 be adopted with the reservation that the proposal re strand road sewer shall not be considered before 1st October 1898"

Mr Rossiter moved as an amendment and Mr Condron seconded:-

"That the matter regarding the Strand Road Sewer be expunged from the report of the General Purposes Committee"

There voted for the amendment Messrs O'Byrne, O'Reilly, Condron, Rossiter, and the Chairman (5) "Against" Sir Henry Cochrane, Sir Rowland Fanning, and Messrs Langton, Mc Cormick, Clifton and Holohan (7).

The amendment was accordingly lost. The original resolution was then put and carried on same division.

The consideration of estimate of rates and other matters on agenda was adjourned until meeting of Commissioners to be held on 25th March 1898.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:-

General Account

Workmens Wages week ending
March 11th 1898. £ 35 . 6 . 2

Workmens Wages for week ended 18/3/98 £ 36 . 7 . 7

Mr Christopher Byrne
Kerbings 16 . 5 . 0

Mr Samuel Smith
Smithwork 5 . 8 . 2

Electric Light Account

Workmens Wages week ended 11/3/98 11 . 18 . 1

Workmens Wages Do 18/3/98 12 . 4 . 10

Mr J Mc haul
Commission on collection
of Electrical accounts. 5 . 2 . 0

Fine Art Insurance Co
Premium on Insurance of
Electrical premises &c
Policy No 37604. 15 . 0 . 0

National Boiler and General Insurance Co
Premium on insurance of
boilers

John Rendell
14th April 1898 10 . 0

An adjourned meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10/30 am on Friday 25th March 1898.

Present :-

John Plunkett Esq. C. J. C. (in chair)
Thomas O'Reilly
Philip Condron
Matthew O'Byrne
Richard Clifton +
William Kossiter.

4845 The Town Clerk submitted statement and estimate of rates for current year.

A deputation comprising Messrs William McFellan, Stanislaus McConry, John Fanning, Thomas J. McEann, Peter Rochfort, P. Devitt, John Sloan, Patrick Doyle, R. C. Thomas, John Neill, John Keenan, Thomas Ballance, &c waited on the Commissioners in reference to the rates to be struck for current year.

The following communication was read :-

Bray Ratepayers
Protection Association

The Chairman and Board

Bray Township Commissioners
Gentlemen,

As we expect you will lessen the rates this year by at least one shilling in the £ we would respectfully offer you a few suggestions, which would considerably help you to that desirable attainment. viz:- let the yearly salary of the Town Clerk be £250. Dispense with assistant clerk, dispense with Township Engineer, reduce salary of Electric Engineer to £100 per annum and dispense with his assistant you could also work well with three horses. you have four too many at present. you could also

get the rates collected at 3d in the £, electric Light accounts included.

Signed on behalf of above association.

William McFellan
Richard C. Thomas
Stanislaus J. McConry
John Sloan.
Patrick Doyle
John Fanning
John Keenan.

After consideration of Estimate of Rates it was proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Kossiter :-

"That we recommend the striking of the following rates for current year viz :-

a Township rate of 2/6, a Water rate of 6d
a Sinking Fund rate of 1/- and a Harbour rate of 1/- total 5/- in the £ and that the estimate be referred back to Town Clerk to revise same to meet said rates".

Passed.

It was ordered that the letter from the Ratepayers Association and matters re rates and reconstruction should be considered and decided at next meeting.

It was ordered that Mr McFellan on behalf of the Ratepayers Association should be allowed to inspect statement of accounts prepared by Messrs Keavans and Son and to take extracts from same.

4846 Letters dated 8th March from Messrs D & J Fitzgerald stating that Mrs Kelly was willing to let the Commissioners have the plot of ground at Tower Bank for the erection of a urinal at a nominal rent. She would require however that in addition to the matters set out in the surveyors report of 6th January that a permanent

wall should be erected on the north side of the proposed structure of a sufficient height to shut out the view of the interior from the houses. At the same time Mrs Kelly desired to repeat her complaint that the walk inside the sea wall still remained in an unsatisfactory condition and that the Commissioners workmen had left a lot of rubbish on the plot of ground in the front of the terrace. They trusted that the Commissioners would see their way to have those two matters rectified before the lease in the other matter was perfected.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter seconded by Mr Condren the matter was referred to a committee comprising the chairman and Messrs Condren and Rossiter with full power to arrange all details and have urinals re erected. Town Clerk to acknowledge letter from Messrs Fitzgerald in the matter.

4847 Letter dated 13th March from Messrs Hamilton and Craig enclosing copy of letter from Mr William Smyth stating that before proceeding further in the matter of Reys W. J. Loherty v Bray Commissioners it might be well to bring the subject under notice of Commissioners with a view to a settlement of the small balance between the parties.

Ordered:- Commissioners cannot see their way to interfere in the matter.

4848 The following transfers of Bray Townships 3 1/2% Redeemable Debenture Stock were submitted and approved and certificates sealed and ^{issued}:-
From Hibernian Bank to Little £450
" Do " Jackson 300
" Northern Bank " Do 200

4848 Notices to pay premiums were received from the National Boiler Insurance Co for £5-10-0 on

insurance of boilers; and from The Fire Art and General Insurance Company for £15-0-0 insurance of Electrical Works submitted.

Ordered to be paid

A letter was received from the manager of the Fire Art Insurance Company in re transfer of all Commissioners insurances to his company as per arrangement.

Transfer completed and all property insured for sufficient amounts.

4849 Letter dated 9th March from Dr Stoker in re accident to his foot which he alleged was caused by faulty condition of roadway at Sidmonton and asking that the matter should have immediate attention:- Ordered:- Sympathetic letter to be sent to Dr Stoker without admitting any liability.

4850 Circulars were received from Carrick-on-Suir Carrickbeg and Athy Commissioners enclosing copies of resolutions in reference to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered:- Town Clerk to acknowledge and forward copies of resolutions adopted by Bray Commissioners.

4851 Letter dated 19th March from Mr Devaynes Smyth stating that the Grand Jury had appointed a deputation with regard to the Local Government Bill and had promised him to take up the case for Bray and asking for a memo of the case embodying the disabilities under which Bray stood. Read. Town Clerk to give all information.

4852 Letter dated 18th March from Mr D. Slynne asking to be paid £79-13-8 (amount of

Income tax due by Commissioners) immediately.
Ordered: Cheque to issue for payment.

4853 Letter dated 19th March from Mr Will C Pepper asking permission for his white cono banyo tram to perform on the Esplanade during Summer season. Referred to Amusements Committee.

4854 A memorial signed by ratepayers living on Bangle Road asking that the path on Cross road be concreted was submitted. Postponed.

4855 Mr Thomas Roberts Boghall wrote making application for a hackney carriage licence and for a drivers licence. Granted on the condition that he comes to reside inside the Township.

4856 The Secretary Local Government Board wrote enclosing draft for £28.0.0 being proportion of the actual expenses incurred by the Sanitary Authority in the year ended 29th September last for salaries or additional salaries of officers appointed or constituted under the Public Health (Ireland) Act.

The draft was signed by the Chairman and two Commissioners and ordered to be lodged to credit of General account.

4857 Request to post dividend warrants on Bank of England Stock held by Commissioners submitted for sealing and signature of Chairman &c sealed and signed accordingly.

4858 The Secretary Bray Sailing Club wrote asking for use of Town Hall on Wednesday 20th April 1898. Granted.

The Secretary Bray Sailing Club wrote asking

for permission to erect a small portable flagstaff on the end of the South Pier of Harbour for the purpose of flying the Club flag on racing days. Granted reserving right to remove flagstaff.

4859 Mr R Cuthbert submitted account for £3.3.0 for disinfectants &c. To be paid.

The following letters were received from Mr James O'Connor M.P. and Mr J. M. Healy M.P. respectively in reference to Local Government Bill viz:-

House of Commons
March 17th 1898

Dear Mr Plunkett,

Very many thanks for your welcome shamrock.

I have read your letter carefully and will do my best for Bray when the L. G. B. is in Committee. That will be soon after Easter. You and Mr MacDonnell ought to be here during Committee stage. It will not be necessary for either you or Mr Mac to come over for the second reading.

I had a talk with Mr MacDonnell today when he pointed out the points in the Bill which we must try to amend in the interests of your township. Mr MacDonnell promised to see me again tomorrow.

Yours faithfully
James O'Connor

John Plunkett Esq
C. J. C.

Bray.

Ordered :- To be inserted on the minutes.

House of Commons

22 3 98

Dear Mr Plunkett

I very much regret I was not here when you were over, but you may rest assured I shall do what I can for the interests of Bray.

I think most of the points you suggest are reasonable and should be met.

With best wishes and the assurance of my desire to be of use

I remain

Very truly yours

J. M. Healy

Ordered:- To be inserted on the minutes.

4861 Circular from the Lord Mayor of Dublin inviting delegates from Bray Commissioners to congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health to be held in August 1898. Read:- Any Commissioners who desire to attend can do so.

4862 It was ordered that specification re should be submitted to special committee already appointed before considering tenders re received for Sanitary work to be carried out at Town Hall.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:-

General Account

Income tax £79 : 13 : 8

Mr R. Cuthbert

Purchase of disinfectant

re

Mr Plunkett
4 April 98

3 3 0

A meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 4th April 1898

Present:-

John Plunkett Esq (in chair)

Alderman Sir Henry Cochrane D.L.

James E. McBurnick

Philip Condron

Matthew O'Byrne

William Rossiter

W. H. McFarland

Thomas O'Reilly

Martin Langton &

Richard Clifton.

4863 The minutes of meeting of 21st and 25th March were read and confirmed.

4864 The Town Clerk submitted revised Estimate of rates as per order of last Board meeting viz 50 in the £ which showed a deficit of £2,345.1.5 (Township rate)
Adjourned until next meeting

4865 Letter dated 25th March from Ratepayers Association suggesting certain reductions in the salaries of Township Officers as entered at Minute B4845 was read.

The Chairman - having made a statement in reference to the reduction of salaries of certain officers of the Board the following notices of motions were handed in by Mr William Rossiter viz:-

(A) "I give notice that at our next meeting I intend to move that all resolutions relating to the appointment re of all officers of this Township be rescinded"

(B) I give notice that at our next meeting I will move that the programme as submitted by the Chairman Mr John Plunkett be adopted and that typewritten copies of same be sent to every member of this Board relating to same.

The consideration of Estimate of Rates was adjourned to meeting to be held on Monday 15th April 1898.

4867 The opinion of Counsel directing proofs and draft form of summons in reference to Railway Gas Works was submitted. Postponed.

4868 Letter dated 25th February 1898 from Messrs Holmes Grog and Grog and letter dated 28th March 1898 from Messrs Casey and Grog in re cast of opposition to Dublin Corporation Bills submitted. Postponed.

4869 Letter dated 29th March from Mr S. H. Stephens complaining of bad smell at entrance to Brighton Terrace. Referred to Sanitary Sub Officer.

4870 Memorial from residents Dargle Road asking to have cross road path concreted submitted. Postponed for six months.

4871 Letter dated 11th March from Mr Patrick J. Doherty stating that when he was in a position to legally act as his fathers representative he would be glad to consider an offer from the Commissioners for Steam Crane. Adjourned.

Report dated 2nd April from Mr Thomas Scraggs Harbour Master submitted. Adjourned.

4872 Letter dated 31st March 1898 from Mr James Mc Donnell applying for hackney carriage licence. Granted.

4873 The following letter was received from Mr James O'Connor M.P. in reference to the Local Government Bill:-

House of Commons
March 31st 1898.

Dear Mr MacDonnell,

I am much obliged for your statement just received. It will be a useful guide to me.

Our great difficulty in connection with the Bill is that any amendment which would increase the money grant is ipso facto out of order. The House by resolution authorises the Treasury to apply a certain amount of money to a certain specified purpose that requires a Bill, which becomes an Act of Parliament. So, to increase a grant of money would be to override act of Parliament.

I don't think clause 42, sub clause 4 cuts you out. I incline to the opinion that "Poor Rate" means any rate levied to meet guarantees on account of Railways or Harbours.

We should be allowed the whole excess over 6^d in the pound, but there is no hope that my amendment to that effect will be accepted.

Urban Districts have a good case against excluding land within their boundary from the agricultural grant.

But, here again, if their inclusion would mean a larger sum than that provided by Parliament it could

not be given without an amending Act.

Yours sincerely

James O'Connor

P. MacDonnell Esq

Bray.

4874 Report dated 30th March from the Engineer recommending that Messrs Bairds tender be accepted for laying water mains at Florence Road and Sidmonton Place viz:-

114 yards 3" main & fittings

Sidmonton Place £26 . 15 . 6

30 yards 2" main Florence Rd 6 . 5 . 0

Total £ 33 . 0 . 6

Messrs Alexander ^{McDonnell} & Son tender for the same work was £41 . 3 . 0. A letter from Mr Thomas Murphy in the same matter was read.

Ordered:- Messrs Bairds tender for laying main &c at Sidmonton Place (£26 . 15 . 6) accepted.

- Florence Road main adjourned.

4875 The following transfers of Bray Township 3 3/4% Redeemable Debenture Stock were submitted and approved and certificates sealed and issued accordingly viz:-

From Northern Bank to Williams

--- " --- " Manifold

4876 Letter dated 31st March from Mr Patrick Sheahan in favour of continuing grant to the Bray School Attendance Committee. Adjourned.

4877 Dividend Warrant for £5 . 18 . 5 on Rathmines and Rathgar Township Stocks to 1/4/98 submitted Received and lodged.

4878 Letter dated 31st March from Mr George O.B. Kennedy in reference to state of sewer opposite

the Bray Club.. Referred to Engineer.

4879 Letter dated 24th March from Mr George M. Hariss in re Mr Jones's application for wiring No 2 Warburton Terrace. The cost would be close on £10 . 0 . 0, probably a little under. Read.

4880 Mr J. J. Cullinan Chief Secretary's Office Dublin Castle wrote draft for £81 . 4 . 0 being Estate Duty (formerly Probate) grant under Scotland and Ireland Act.

The draft was signed by the Chairman and two Commissioners and ordered to be lodged to credit of General Account.

4881 Letter dated 31st March 1898 from the Cumanan Coal Company in re coal contract &c Referred to Electric Light Committee.

4883 Circular dated 2nd April 1898 from Mr E. P. E. Potter enclosing copy of resolution which he asked the Commissioners to pass in reference to Recreation Grounds for Irish Towns.

On the motion of the Chairman the resolution was adopted:-

That we the Bray Township Commissioners respectfully urge on Mr Gerald Balfour the advisability of inserting in his County Council Bill a clause empowering towns and cities to procure by compulsory sale suitable lands for Parks or Recreation grounds. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland. That it be sent to the members of Parliament for the district asking at the same time their warm

support for the measure"

4884 Mr John Keenan applied for a hackney carriage licence. Granted.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:—

General Account

Mr P. MacDonnell
Three months salary as
Town Clerk, Executive
Sanitary Officer and
Registrar Bray Stock to
31/3/98. £87 : 10 : 0

Mr Richard Luthbert
Salary for March as
Car Inspector 4 : 11 : 8
Sub Sanitary Officer 16 : 8 : 5

Mr James Murphy
12 cwt bogwood at 2/6 1 : 10 : 0

Mr P. Devitt
Horseshoing 3 : 19 : 7

Mr J. Thompson
Repairing carts 8 : 8 : 10

Mr John Malone
Hay 11 : 6 : 3

Workmens Wages to 25/3/98 36 : 12 : 7

Workmens Wages to 1/4/98 35 : 0 : 3

Electric Light Account

Mr George M. Harviss
Salary for March as
Resident Electrical Engineer 16 : 13 : 4

Electrical Review - Adverts - 2 : 0 : 0

Workmens Wages to 25/3/98 12 : 5 : 10

Workmens Wages to 1/4/98 12 : 9 : 9

Harbour Loan Account

Mr Thomas Scraggs
Salary for March as
Harbour Master 4 : 6 : 8

John Pennington
18/4/98

A meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 18th April 1898.

Present:-

John Plunkett C. J. C. (in chair)
 Alderman Sir Hy Cochrane D. L.
 Martin Langton
 James E Mcbormick
 Philip Condron
 William Rossiter
 Matthew O'Sbyrne
 W. N. McFarland
 Richard Clifton &
 Thomas O'Skilly

4585 The minutes of meeting of 4th April 1898 were read and confirmed.

4586 The minutes and report of General Purposes Committee were read and adopted.

4587 The minutes and report of Electric Lighting Committee were read and adopted.

4587a It was proposed by Mr John Plunkett and seconded by Mr Richard Clifton
 "That we desire to place on record our sense of the great loss caused by the death of Mr Joseph MacDermott M. J. J. and we tender to his bereaved wife and children our heartfelt condolence in their bereavement"

Passed in silence

4588 The Chairman - Ruled that minute No ^B4587 should take precedence of minute No ^B4588.

4589 It was proposed by Mr William Rossiter and seconded by Mr Matthew O'Sbyrne:-
 That the reconstruction scheme as prepared and recommended by our chairman (Mr J. Plunkett) be adopted viz:-
 Re
 Regulations and changes to be proposed at meeting of Commissioners on Monday 18th April 1898

Salaries:-

	Present	Future	Diff
Town Clerk - Increase given last year £64. discontinued.	£370	306	64
Increase given last August for Clerical Assistance discontinued.	£104	—	104
Mr Mullyally to be supplemented by Town Clerk as before. Mr Mulhall to be recommended to be appointed Time keeper and Store Clerk.			
Engineer or Architect without any extra fees.	£150	100	50
Or at £50 with fees to be arranged for extra work. Appointment from year to year.			
Electrical Engineer. year to year.	£200	156	44
Or at £200 and pay his assistant.			
Assistant Engineer. year to year	£65	52	13
Overseer. Attendance working hours	£78	78	
Sanitary car Inspector whose duties are dangerous to be reduced only £5 and relieved of attendance at meetings.	£65	60	5
Water Inspector Working hours	£91	85.16.0	5.4.0
Harbour Master to have control of all men and works on Harbour and premises, Sea Works & Esplanade	£52	52.0.0	
Dairy Inspector, Assistant Car Inspector & Assistant at Market combined (Frank Murphy)	£65	39	26

Town Hall caretaker to attend on meetings at Town Hall (with Apartments and Coal)	£60.13.4	£52.0.0	£3.13.4
Rate Collector, including Town- ship Rates, Harbour Rates, and Electric Accounts at 3 ^d in the £	£160.0.0	100.0.0	60.0.0
Park Keepers.	29.0.0	26.0.0	3.0.0

Oversers duties confined to working of Township and submit order book to meeting and will be expected to work the Township with more economy and have assistance of a working Ganger at 2/- per week extra over ordinary wages to take charge of Little Bray. Two horses to be dispensed with, all drivers to feed their own horses, forage to be measured out to them by Head-Driver who shall feed horses on Sunday and receive 2/6 per week extra over ordinary wages. All Sunday work to be discontinued. Harbour Master - Duties as usual and to have charge of all men and horses working on or about Harbour, Sea Works on Harbour and Esplanade. Sanitary and Gas Inspector to be relieved of attendance at meetings and said duties to be performed in future by Town Hall caretaker.

Regulations

1. The hours of attendance of all Officers (except otherwise specially arranged) are from 10 am to 5 pm and no officer shall transact within those hours any business but that of the Commissioners and shall record his period of attendance daily in a book kept for the purpose.
2. No officer or employe shall absent himself from duty unless by leave of the Commissioners or a Committee or, in case of urgency, by permission of the Chairman, and take no part (except in discharge of his official Duty) in any Municipal Election beyond

recording his vote. The ordinary duties of all Officers and others in the service of the Commissioners are fixed and regulated from time to time by the Commissioners.

The following works are recommended for consideration for the present year:-
Harbour - To pile north and inner Quays and dredge and deepen River River Bed and improve inner Quays by levelling up Wave Breakers placed outside South Breakwater in angle to protect same and Rampart.

Buttress in foundation of first section of Sea Wall continued to No 2 steps.

Esplanade - Asphalt and concrete defects in Sea Wall promenade made good, a few incandescent lamps placed at steps, seats made good, bye-laws and regulations made for all Pleasure Boats and a suitable site selected for a gentlemen's Bathing Place. All horses and carts removed to Electric Light Works premises. Front lodge of works to be occupied by Time and Store keeper and office in same. A store provided for materials.

Present House and Stables in Fair Green enclosed and let which should bring £30 per year to pay for loan.

A steam crane with expanding jib (3 tons) to be fixed on rolling platform on North Quay to be used for loading vessels and dredging river bed.

There voted for the motion The Chairman Messrs O'Keilly, Rossiter and O'Byrne (4)
"Against" Sir Henry Cochrane, Messrs Mc Cormick, Mc Farland, Langton, Clifton and Condron (6)

The motion was accordingly lost.

4888 Mr William Rossiter withdrew his motion in re. rescinding all resolutions in reference to the appointment &c of all officers of the Board. Minute B 4889 having been given precedence by the Chairman

4890 The Town Clerk submitted Estimate of Rates which he had prepared at 6/- in the £ and reduced to 5/- in the £ by order of Board. The latter rate would leave a deficit of £2345.1.5. The Commissioners amended the rate to 5/5 thereby reducing the above deficit to £1747.3.9.

It was proposed by Mr Matthew O'Byrne and seconded by Mr William Rossiter:—

"That having considered the estimate and statement of Rates as submitted by Town Clerk and amended by Board we hereby approve of same and direct the necessary notice of intention to strike rates in accordance with said estimate at a special meeting to be held for that purpose at 10 am on 25th day of April 1898 be given by placard and advertisement. The rates to be:— Township Rate 2/11. Water Rate 6^d (3^d for domestic and 3^d for public purposes) Sinking Fund rate 1/- Harbour Rate 1/-. Total Rates 5/5 in the £."

Mr Mc Cormick moved and Mr McFarland seconded as an amendment:

That a rate of 6s be struck.

There voted for the amendment Sir Hy Cochrane Mr Mc Cormick and Mr McFarland (3)
"Against" The Chairman Messrs O'Byrne, Langton, Clifton, O'Reilly, and Rossiter (7)

The amendment was lost and the original motion put and adopted unanimously.

4891 Mr James W Drury Local Government Board Auditor enclosing copy of his report and abstract of the Commissioners accounts as audited for year ended 31st December 1897
Ordered:— Report and abstract of accounts to be left on table until next meeting

4892 Letter dated 14th April from Messrs Molloy and Molloy in reference to Bray and Glendalough Electrical Tramway schemes and asking if the Commissioners were prepared to sanction an application to Privy Council for the requisite order without making the conditions too onerous.

Marked read.

4893 Copy of Counsel's opinion directing proofs and draft forms of summons in reference to Commissioners v D. Wand W. Railway Company re Gas Works submitted.

Ordered. Matter to be allowed to drop and the Company requested to pay particular attention to the works.

4894 Letter dated 16th April from Mr John McDonnell resigning his post of Water Inspector. Consideration adjourned until next meeting

4895 Letter dated 11th March from Mr Patrick J Doherty stating that he would be prepared to receive an offer from the Commissioners in reference to Steam Crane at Harbour when he would be in a position to legally act as his father's representative.

Ordered: - Commissioners cannot see their way to make an offer in the matter.

Report dated 2nd April from Harbour Master re vessels arrived at Harbour since 7th Inst and making application for stores. Referred to Harbour Committee - Stores required to be ordered.

4895 The Chairman mentioned that as the Local Government Bill was now before Parliament it might be advisable to ask their local representatives to urge the necessity of including in the measure, provision giving the Local Authorities, jurisdiction over derelict and waste lands, rights of way &c.

It was proposed by Mr O'Syone and seconded by Mr Condron: -

"That we the Bray Townships Commissioners respectfully urge upon the Chief Secretary for Ireland the advisability of inserting in the Local Government (Ireland) Bill clauses: -
(1) giving to County and Urban District Councils, power to acquire any commons, derelict or waste lands for Recreation Grounds, Parks, or public purposes, (2) extending to such Council the right to protect any "right of way" within or contiguous to their district, (3) Securing to any County or District Council the right to renew from time to time in the interests of the Public, expiring leases of any lands by them or their predecessors converted into Public Parks, Esplanades, Recreation or Pleasure grounds at existing rents or charges, the renewal of such leases on existing terms to be mandatory on lessor, and (4) extending to Urban District Councils the right to agree with any Railway Company as to acquiring for public parks or pleasure

grounds any surplus lands within or contiguous to their district which are no longer required for Railway purposes and relieving such Railway Company from the necessity of tendering such surplus lands to occupiers of properties from which they were originally ceded"

Passed unanimously.

4896 Letter dated 31st March from Mr Patrick Sheahan in favour of continuing grant to Bray School Attendance Committee.

Town Clerk to reply

4897 Messrs Casey and Clay and Messrs Holmes Treg and Treg wrote in reference to their costs &c in re Dublin Corporation Bills.

Adjourned

4898 Letter dated 15th April from Messrs Edmundson and Co in re balance of their &c due in re Lighthouse.

Adjourned.

4899 Report dated 16th April 1898 from Electrical Engineer in reference to Mr McFellans complaint referred to him from Electric Light Committee in re lamps not being lighted on Dargle Road on Easter Monday night and delay in lighting the Meath Road on the following night and explaining cause &c submitted.

Ordered: - Letter and report referred to Electric Light Committee - Mr Harris to be asked to confine himself to report when asked to do so.

4900 Letter dated 18th April from Mr Patrick

MacDonald applying for drivers licence and hackney carriage licence. Granted.

4901 Letter dated 13th April from Mr W McEvoy asking permission to draw stones from Harbour &c Referred to General Purposes Committee.

4902 Mrs Cooper wrote applying for permission to sell milk in the field where her cows are grazing No Order - Commissioners cannot entertain an application to license Mrs Davis's premises.

4903 Plans of houses to be erected by Mr Plunkett at Kilmarnock Road, four houses to be erected by Mr McCormick and improvement by Mr Bookey at Aravan were submitted and recommended for approval by the Engineer. The Chairman signed the approval of Board on the plans which were returned to Mr Price.

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques signed:-

General Account.

Workmens Wages to 3/4/98	£37 . 4 . 5
Workmens Wages to 15/4/98	27 . 19 . 11
J. Malone 22 1/4 cwt hay @ 3/6	3 . 17 . 10
Wicklow Star Printing	5 . 1 . 0
Electric Light &c	
Workmens Wages to 8/4/98	11 . 2 . 8

Workmens Wages to 15/4/98 11 . 1 . 8

- Harbour Loan Account -

Wicklow Star Printing 2 . 6 . 6

John P. P. P.
2/May 98

A special meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 25th April 1898 pursuant to the following requisition viz:-

Town Hall
Bray 20th April 98

To the Town Clerk
Bray.

Please convene a special meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 25th April 1898 for the purpose of striking rates for current year and considering matters in connection with the Local Government (Ireland) Bill &c.

Signed:-

John Plunkett
J. E. Mcbormick
Matthew O'Sbyrne
W. H. McFarland
Philip Condron.

Present:-

John Plunkett C. J. C. in chair
Matthew O'Sbyrne
James E. Mcbormick
W. H. McFarland
Martin Langton
Edward H. Holohan
Philip Condron
William Rossiter.

4904 The Town Clerk read the requisition and notice convening the meeting and submitted advertisements and submitted advertisements and posters published of "Intention to strike rates.

It was proposed by Mr Langton and seconded by Mr O'Sbyrne:-

"That the following rates be assessed on all rateable property within the Township of Bray for the year 1898 viz:- a Bray Township Rate of Two shillings and elevenpence in the pound, whereof two shillings is for General and Sanitary expenses under and pursuant to the Bray Township Acts 1866 to 1895, and elevenpence is for sanitary expenses under and pursuant to the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1875, and the acts amending the same. A rate of sixpence in the pound for the purpose of defraying the expenses in connection with the supply of water to the Township to be called the Bray Township water rate and of which 3d in the pound is for domestic and 3d in the pound for public purposes. A Rate of one shilling in the pound to be called the Bray Township Sinking Fund Rate, for the purpose of defraying Sinking Fund necessary to be provided for money borrowed and interest thereon. And a Bray Township Harbour rate of one shilling in the pound for the purpose of paying interest on and providing Sinking Funds for money raised under the provisions of the Bray Township Acts, 1890 and 1895 for construction of Bray Harbour and purposes connected therewith. That the 1st moiety be payable on the 26th day of May 1898 and the 2nd moiety on the 26th day of November 1898."

Passed unanimously

It was ordered that the appointment of Rate Collector and amount of commission to be allowed should be considered at next

meeting and advertised for. Collection of Electric Accounts to be also considered.

4906 The following transfers of Bray Township 3 3/4 % Redeemable Debenture Stock were submitted and approved and certificates sealed and issued accordingly viz:-

Northern Banking Co to Fowler & Coddington	£ 1500.
Do " " Mayor Montgomery	880.
Peter Cunningham " H. P. Delett	500.

4907 Mr William Nolan applied for a Hackney Carriage Licence. Adjourned to next meeting.

4908 The position of the Township in re Harbour Rate Relief &c in connection with Local Government Bill having been considered - it was ordered that the Chairman, Mr Holohan and Town Clerk should attend at House of Commons when the Bill reached Committee or send substitutes and take all necessary steps for the protection of the Commissioners interest in connection with the Bill and to pay particular attention to amendments which were peculiar to Bray.

4909 Letter dated 21st April from Mr W. C. Pepper in re application of white booms to perform on Esplanade during summer season.

The Town Secretary Bray Amusements Committee wrote enclosing copy of a resolution passed at meeting of his Committee in the matter.

Ordered:- Permission granted to White Booms to perform from day to day subject to orders of the Commissioners and regulations of Amusements Committee

4910 Letters from Mrs Ignatius Rice enclosing account from Dublin Corporation for excess

consumed in Bray from 2nd August to 31st December 1897. Submitted. Referred to General Purposes Committee.

4911 Letter dated 23rd April from Mr Philip Taylor Proprietor Bray News asking for share in Commissioners advertisements. On the motion of Mr O'Syone seconded by Mr Rossiter it was ordered that the Bray News be added to list of newspapers for advertisements.

John Standish
21 May 98

A meeting of Bray Township Commissioners was held in the Town Hall Bray at 10 am on Monday 2nd May 1898.

Present:-

John Plunkett C. J. C. (in chair)
Alderman Sir Hy. Cochrane D.L.
James E. Mcbormick
W. H. McFarland
Matthew O'Byrne
Williams Rossiter
Philip Condren
Richard Clifton &
Martin Langton.

4912 The minutes of meeting of 13th April 1898 were read and confirmed

4913 The minutes and report of General Purposes Committee of 29th April were read.

The report recommended that a deputation from Commissioners should meet a deputation from Ratepayers in re financial affairs of Township: that the two last horses purchased by Commis- should be sent to Swells for sale and that Councils opinion be obtained in re Mr Puce's appointment as Engineer &c.

Mr Rossiter moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the adoption of report.

Mr Langton moved and Mr Condren seconded as an amendment:-

(1) That the sale or disposal of any of the Commissioners horses be omitted from report of General Purposes Committee and (2) That no Committee be appointed to confer with Ratepayers Associations"

There voted for the amendment:- Sir Henry Cochrane, Messrs Langton, Mcbormick, McFarland, Clifton

and Condren (6) Against Messrs Rossiter, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3)

The amendment was accordingly carried and on being put as a substantive resolution:-

The Chairman moved and Mr Mcbormick seconded:-

"That the minutes be amended to read - that the two horses to be sold be selected by Mr Condren, Mr O'Byrne and Mr McFarland"

There voted for the amendment - The Chairman, Messrs O'Byrne, Rossiter, McFarland, Mcbormick (5) Against Messrs Langton, Clifton, Condren and Sir Henry Cochrane (4)

The amendment was carried and the report was declared amended as per part one of Mr Langton's motion and the whole of the Chairman's motion

Mr Rossiter moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded

"That the report as amended be adopted"

Mr Mcbormick moved and Mr Clifton seconded:-

"That paragraph in report in re Engineer be omitted"

There voted for the amendment - Messrs Mcbormick, Clifton, McFarland and Sir Henry Cochrane (4) "Against" Messrs Langton, Condren, Rossiter, O'Byrne and the Chairman (5)

The amendment was accordingly lost and the motion adopting the report as already amended was adopted unanimously

It was ordered that Mr Thomas Craig Solicitor should obtain Councils opinion in reference to appointment of Engineer as recommended by report of General Purposes Committee and adopted by Board.

4914 The minutes and report of Electric Light Committee were read and adopted.

4915 Letter dated 16th April from Mr John McDonnell resigning post of Water Inspector. After a protracted discussion in reference to the matter the Water Inspector agreed to withdraw his resignation and leave himself in the hands of the Commissioners.

4916 Letter dated 29th April from Mr William McFellan Hon Sec Bray Ratepayers Protection Association. Read.

4917 Resolution passed at Bray Ratepayers Association held on 28th April 1895. Read.

4918 It was proposed by Mr James E. McBurnick and seconded by Mr Condren:-

"That Mr Benjamin Heazle be appointed Rate Collector of Bray Township Rates for year 1895 at a commission of 4d in the £ and that Rate Collectors warrant now submitted be sealed and signed."

Passed.

The warrant was accordingly signed, sealed and delivered.

4919 It was proposed by Mr McBurnick and seconded by Mr Condren:-

"That Mr Benjamin Heazle be hereby appointed to collect Electric Light Accounts and Water accounts until end of 1895 at a commission of 4s in the £. Sufficient security to be given say (£300) Guarantee Society's bond"

Passed.

4920 Letter dated 27th April from Mr F. W. Crossley

enclosing copy of resolution for adoption by the Commissioners in re Local Government Bill now before Parliament.

It was proposed by Mr O'Shane and seconded by Mr Condren:-

"That the Irish members of Parliament be requested to have inserted in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament a clause enabling County or Urban Councils to levy taxes and appropriate funds at their disposal for the purpose of advertising tourist resorts in their respective districts"

Passed unanimously.

4921 Mr William Nolan wrote applying for a hackney carriage drivers licence. Granted.

4922 Plans were submitted of four houses to be erected on south side of Duncairn Avenue by Mr J. F. Carroll and plans of pavilion to be erected on Golf Grounds. Left on table.

4923 Letter dated 27th April from Messrs D & J Fitzgerald enclosing draft lease of the plot of ground under Tower bank for approval on behalf of your Commissioners. Referred to General Purposes Committee.

4924 Letter dated 1st May from Mr P. F. Comber asking payment of account.

On the motion of Mr Langton seconded by Mr Condren it was ordered that a payment of £40 be made on account to Mr P. F. Comber.

4924a The Chairman gave notice verbally that at next meeting he would submit a proposition