January 22nd 1866

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on this day there were present

John Quinn Esqre in the Chair,

Other Commissioners, Andrew Kehoe, Stephen Ravens P W Jackson, Joseph Bourke, Edm W" O Kelly and Edward Breslin Esqrs,

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Conformed,

The Clerk submitted to the Board a statement in reference to the preparation of an Estimate for a new Rate, and after consideration it was decided that he should prepare an Estimate by next day of Meeting showing the Receipts and probable Expenses for the ensuing year and to distinguish in such Estimate the probable Receipts and Expenses in connexion with the recent extension of Townships,

adopted,

Mr Jackson having called upon the Chairman to read Minutes of the Boards proceedings of 1st" Inst, and having objected to the payment made on that day to George Perkins for sinking a well to supply pure water to the Township handed to the Chairman the following protest against such payment,

"I beg to hand in the following protest against
" against the expenditure of Rates in
" sinking wells in the Township
1st" "the Expenditure was not contemplated
" in the yearly Estimates"

2nd"

2nd" "no water rate was struck for the
" purpose"
3rd" "that there was no special Meeting
" called or held in pursuance of
" the 132nd Section of the "Towns
" Improvement Act"

Signed P Warburton Jackson
January 23rd" 1866,

The Board after reading the foregoing protest proceeded to consider the propriety of appointing a Solicitor to adopt proper measures for opposing the the Passing of the Parliament the passing of the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill, and after due deliberation it was moved by Edm W" O Kelly Esqr seconded by Joseph Bourke Esqr and Resolved

That Messrs Casey and Clay be instructed to apply to the Promoters of the proposed Bill, with the view of calling on them to withdraw the Bill in question, and that in case such application be not complied with, they be instructed to prosecute an opposition to such Bill in all its stages

The foregoing Resolution on being put to the Meeting was carried, the Members present voting as follows, For the Resolution, Messrs Bourke, O Kelly, Kehoe & Quinn, Dr Raverty declined to Vote, Messrs Jackson & Breslin left the room while the resolution was being written,

On the application of George

Perkins a further sum of £10 was ordered to be paid to him on account of his Contract for sinking Wells,

adopted,

The Clerk was instructed to summon a Meeting of the Commissioners for Monday next in case he should hear from Messrs Casey and Clay in relation to the application they were instructed to make to the Promoters of the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill"

Confirmed John Quin

January 29th 1866.

January 29th 1866

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held this day at the Court House Bray there were present

John Quin Esqre in the chair

Other Commissioners, John Dalton, Edward Breslin, Edmd Mc O'Kelly, Stephen Raverty and P.W. Jackson Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

It was Resolved that Mr Sotheren and Mr Breslin be applied to in order that Arrangements may be Made to have the Esplanade and the roads in its neighbourhood better watered by Making use of the Main laid down by the Royal Marine Hotel Company

adopted

The following letter was read from Messrs Casey and Clay the Solicitors having Charge of the opposition to the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill,

St Andrew St. Dublin
24th January 1866

Sir

"In compliance with the instructions of "the Board we have made written application "to Messrs O'Brien and Keogh to withdraw "the Bill"

"We have this Morning received a reply "from Mr O'Brien on his own behalf and "that of Mr Keogh in the following terms"

"Yours of the 22nd Inst. in duplicate was received by us this Morning - we shall lay

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"lay your request before the Promoters"

"We cannot assent to your allegation
"that both the Commissioners and Rate
"payers are opposed to the Bill as we have
"ample evidence to the Contrary, and Certain
"the Vast Majority of the property holders both
"in Number and Value desire its promotion
"and protest against any application of the
"rates to the Costs of opposition to so
"Necessary a Measure"

Yours &c"

"We perceive from the tenor of this letter that
"the promoters of the Bill will endeavour
"to prove that the large landed and property
"holders are in favor of the Bill and that the
"Commissioners and Rate payers are divided
"in opinion as to it"

"In addition to the formal petition
"to be presented on behalf of the Commissioners
"as Representing the Rate payers, we would
"suggest that a separate petition for
"presentation by the Members for the County
"Dublin and Wicklow should be printed
"and the largest possible Number of
"Signatures obtained to it of Rate payers
"and Owners"

"By having a good many Copies printed
"and the largest possible Number of Signatures
"obtained to them, we have no doubt that such
"a document will amount to such evidence against
"the Bill as cannot be got over by the promoters"

To I & C[illegible] &c
Town Clerk Bray

We are &c
Casey & Clay

ordered, That the suggestions contained in the
foregoing letter be approved of,

Read letter from John E. Vernon Agent to the
Earl of Pembroke, requesting the Commissioners
to reconsider their decision with Regard to the
sinking of the well opposite a plot of building
Ground the property of the Earl of Pembroke in
the Main St of the Township, as he considers
the erection of a Pump on that spot will have
the effect of Seriously depreciating the building
ground in question, and that he is unwilling
to believe, even with a View of Meeting a public
Want, the Commissioners will be prepared
to do an Act so Calculated to interfere with
private rights and to injure private property,

ordered,

Clerk instructed to reply to Mr Vernon
and state that the Commissioners
whilst attending to the Public Wants,
have been and are most anxious to
consult the interests of the owners of
property within the Township, and that
the pump Hole in question is not on the
foot path but in the water Table of the
Road nor is it in the Centre of the pump
but near to Mr Purcells House, and that
it is the intention of the Commissioners
to place the pumps as near to Mr Purcells
House as possible and who does not
object to its being placed there, the
Clerk at some time to express to Mr
Vernon their regret that his letter did
not reach them sooner, as the pumps
Hole was sunk nearly to its full depth
before his objection was received,

approved

The

The Commissioners proceeded to consider the Estimate for a New Rate, and after considering the several items in it, it was Mommioused & Resolved

That a Rate of one Shilling in the £ on all Rateable Buildings within the said Town Ship and a legally proportionate Rate on all other Rateable Property within Same be struck in order to meet the expenses of the Current Year,

adopted

Confirmed 5th Feby 1866

John Dunn

February 5th 1866

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held on Monday the 5th Inst at the Court House Bray, There were present
In the Chair John Dunn Espe
Other Commissioners, Edward Breslin, Joseph Bourke, John Brennan, William Dargan, Alfred Sotheren, Stephen Raverty, Edm W.m O Kelly, John Dalton, W Jackson & And.r Kehoe Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

Mr Breslin was requested to make arrangements with Mr Sotheren so as the Commissioners may have leave to take a supply of Water from the Main which supplies the Royal Marine Hotel,

adopted,

The following letter received by Mr Jackson and read by the Board, was directed to be inserted in Minutes of this days proceedings.

Wilton Place, Dublin
January 27th 1866,

My dear Sir.

I have written to the Secretary of the Commissioners asking that the decision of the Commissioners as to the pump may be reconsidered, I am advised that the Commissioners will be held liable for the depreciation which they may by their act Cause to any property, and further that the roads and foot paths are not under their Control in the Sense of enabling them to put

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a jump in a thoroughfare save with permiss
Have submitted the Matter at once to Comm
as it will be my duty not to allow our building
ground to be so depreciated.

Believe me
Very Truly yours
John E. Vernon

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W Jackson Esq

Mr Breslin Moved and Mr Jackson Seconded
That the Bill now before Parliament be adopte
provided the amendments agreed to by the
Town Commissioners be adopted before
Committee of the House,

An Amendment was moved by
Mr O'Kelly seconded by Dr. Raverty and Resolved
That it is the opinion of this Board
that the Bill should contain Clauses to
the following effect,

1st That the Boundaries should Consist
of those forming the area of the present Township

2nd That powers of Extending same as
in the Kingstown Bill be introduced,

3rd That the powers of Taxation for all
and every purpose, including water and all
other Special Rates, be limited to 3/- in the
£ in any one year, with 6d additional to be
appropriated to the payment of Interest
and Principal of any Monies borrowed for
the purposes of the Act,

4th Powers of Grand Jury as regards
Roads &c &c within the Township to be
transferred to the Commissioners

5th Payment of the Costs of obtaining
the Bill to extend over a period of three years,

6th Bill to give powers to improve

the Mouth of Bray river

7th That the qualification to Vote at
Election of Commissioners, be occupiers of
premises rated to the Relief of the Poor within
the Township at a Valuation of £4 or upwards

Promoters to give a written engagement
to withdraw the Bill, if the Committee of the House refuse
to Comply with the aforesaid Conditions and Amendments
as well as the Amendments (with the exception of the
Clause regarding the £4 rating as a qualification
to Vote for Commissioners, Agreed to by the Promoters
at the several Meetings of the Committee who
were appointed by the Rate payers to Consider
the various Clauses of the Bill

The foregoing Amendment was Manimously
adopted, the following Members Voting, W Jackson
Edward Breslin and William Dargan per the Chairman
by permission, as Promoters, and Edw W O'Kelly
Jno Dalton, Joseph Bourke, Andrew Kehoe, John Brennan
Stephen Raverty and Alfred Sotheren as Commissioners
The Chairman also Voted in favor of the Amendment

The following was then Signed by Messrs
Jackson and Breslin and by William Dargan per
the Chairman by permission

"We as the Promoters of the Bill agree
to the Amendments as contained on other
side of the Sheet, and agree to withdraw the
Bill in Case such Amendments are not
Carried, and agreed to by the Committee
of the House", Signed by W Warburton Jackson
Edward Breslin & by William Dargan
per the Chairmen with Mr Dargan's Authority

The Clerk brought before the Board
for Consideration the question as to the propriety,

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of continuing the sinking of the well nigh Mr Purcells House, and on the Motion of Mr Jackson it was Manimously Resolved, that the Contractor be instructed to continue its sinking to depth sufficient to provide for a proper supply of water

adopted

The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

G. R. Powell for advertisements &c	£	5	17 6
John Rice for one months Salary	"	2	10 0
do for sundries	"		11 7
Thomas Miller for stationery	"		11 6
George Perkins on a/c of sinking well	"	11	0 0
Joseph Kelly Pipes for Esplenade	"	12	3
William Daniel Car Badges	"	9	3 4

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 19th Febuary 1866;

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Confirmed John Dunn

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held on Monday the 19th February 1866 at the Court House Bray,

Present in the Chair John Dunn Esqre Other Commissioners Edmond Wm O Kelly, John Dalton, Henry Kingsmill, Stephen Raverty Joseph Bourke, P W Jackson and John Brennan Esqrs,

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed,

The Board took into consideration the following application Signed by Messrs W A Jackson Joshua Beasley, A Lynch and Nicholas Plunkett,

To

The Town Commissioners of Bray

Gentlemen

We the undersigned Rate payers living in Navara Avenue, beg to call your attention to the necessity of a Main Sewer to conduct the Sewerage and Cesspools from the Houses along that Road, which by a small expense could be done by making use of the Main Sewer in front of Mr O Kellys Houses which Road is now in the County If this Main were laid, we the Occupiers would make the branches leading into said Main, as we are paying a large Amount of Borough Rate in this district, we consider that we are entitled to have this Work done at once, and in return for the heavy taxation we are liable to for Borough Rate

ordered

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Ordered,

Clerk instructed to apply to Mr Brett and request his opinion to whether Mr Putland's Sewer be made available, with his Consent for the drainage of the Houses in Novara Avenue

adopted,

Mr Knigsmill handed in the following notice of Motion

"I hereby give notice that I will move at our Meeting to be held on the first Monday in the ensuing Month, That the Resolution of this Board adopted at a Meeting held on the 29th January 1866, in relation to the adoption of a rate of one Shilling in the £ on the rateable Value within the Township be rescinded,"

Moved by Mr O'Kelly, Seconded by Mr Bourke and Resolved;

That Messrs Casey and Clay be instructed without delay to take the necessary steps by lodging Petitions and otherwise to give the Bray Town Commissioners a locus standi before the Committee of the Houses of Parliament to protect the interests of the Rate payers, and to see that the Bill entitled "The Bray Improvement Bill" does not pass unless in accordance with the Resolution of the Commissioners of the 5th day of February 1866,

adopted Unanimously

Mr Dalton Moved, and Mr Knigsmill Seconded

That

That Messrs Casey and Clay be instructed to call on Messrs Keogh and O'Brien to put in Red Ink (as agreed to by Mr Keogh on the 14th Inst, in the Bill all the alterations agreed to be made at the Meeting of the Commissioners of the 5th February 1866,

adopted Unanimously

A sum of £10 was ordered to be paid to George Perkins on account of his Contract for sinking a well within the Township,

adopted

Feb 23. 1866. Confirmed

John Dunn Chairman

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissione
convened by order of the Chairman and held
in the Court House Bray on Friday the 23
of February 1866,

There were present John Quin Esq^r. In the Chair,
other Commissioners, Edm^d Wm^s O'Kelly, John Brenn
Joseph Bourke, John Dalton and Andrew Kelly Esq

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read a
confirmed

It was Moved by Edm^d Wm^s. O'Kelly Esq, Seconded by
John Brenhan Esqre and Unanimously
Resolved,

That the Petition against the propos
Bray Improvement Bill" as now read by the
Solicitors having Charge of Such Petition be
Signed by the Commissioners present at the
Meeting,

adopted,

It was Moved by Edm^d Wm^s. O'Kelly Esq Second
by Joseph Bourke Esq and Unanimously
Resolved,

That our Chairman and Solicitor pro
to London to watch the progress of a Bill n
before Parliament Called the "Bray Improvem
Bill" to see that the Compact entered into
between the Commissioners and the Promoters
on the 5th Inst, be carried out to the fullest
extent, and that they employ Counsel
if Necessary and do all things they may think
fit for the Safety of the Rate Payers of this Township
and that all expenses incurred by their proceedings sh
be paid out of the Township Rates

adopted

The Meeting was then adjourned to the first
~~Meeting~~ Monday in the ensuing Month,

March 5th 1866 Confirmed

John Quin

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held on Monday the 5th March 1866

Present John Dunn Esqr in the Chair
Other Commissioners: Edm Mc Kelly, Stephen Ravert
Henry Kingsmill and Joseph Bourke Esqrs,

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed,

Mr Kingsmill brought forward the Subject of which he had given Notice on the 19th February 1866, and Moved That the Resolution of the Board of the 29 January 1866, in relation to the adoption of a Rate of one Shilling in the £ Valuation, be now rescinded the Resolution on being seconded by Mr Bourke was put to the Meeting and Manimously adopted,

The Clerk submitted for consideration of the Board an Estimate for a Rate to meet the Expenses for the year Ending 19th March 1867, when it was Moved by Mr O'Kelly, Seconded by Dr Raverty and Resolved, That the Estimate now before the Board be adopted, and that a Rate of one Shilling in the £ on all Rateable Buildings within the Township and a legally proportionate Rate on all other Rateable Property within the same be assessed to meet the Expenses Estimated for the year Ending as aforesaid, and that the Clerk be hereby directed to publish the necessary Notices setting forth that it is the intention of the Commissioners to strike such Rate on the 19th Inst, and that a statement of such rate will be left open for the Inspection of Rate Payers at

the Court House Bray on and after the publication of the Notices referred and as provided by the 171st Sec of 10th & 11th Vic Cap 34,

On the foregoing Resolution being put to the Meeting Mr Kingsmill declined to vote on it, but the Resolution was adopted by the Majority of the Commissioners present:

The Tender of Mackenzie Bain and Company was accepted for supplying for the well high Mr Purcells House a Three Inch Ornamental Lift Pump as per accompanying Sketch with all necessary fittings and Works for erection of same as specified in Tender at a Sum of £10 15 0, and they further agree to supply in addition to the foregoing a dished Stone to take waste from Spout of Pump, and they further guarantee to keep said Pump in Repairs for Two years from time of erection

adopted

The following Letters were read and orders made on them respectively as follows,

From Messrs Casey & Clay stating that they are of opinion and that Mr Lawlor Solicitor to the Kingstown Commissioners agrees with them in thinking that the Rate could not be quashed for want of form in omitting to or ~~neglect to~~ publish the Notice referred to in the 171st Sec of 10th & 11th Vic Cap 34 but that it would be the safest course to proceed as suggested at the Commissioners Meeting of 19th Ult,

Read

From Joseph Fisher Esq of Waterford enclosing a Circular for consideration of this Board in relation to the adoption of a Petition to Parliament on the Subject of Union Rating

ordered

To be considered on Next Meeting of Commrs

From Joseph Bennett of Little Bray requesting permission to transfer his Hackney Car Licence No 68 to Richard ~~Barrister~~ Bannister

allowed

From Maurice Dempsey of Bray Co Wicklow requesting permission to transfer his Hackney Car Licence No 83 to Joseph Bennett of Little Bray

allowed,

From Henry Brett Esqre in reply to the Commissioners letter of 19th Inst, stating that Mr Putland's Sewer is quite capable of receiving the drainage of the Houses referred to in the application signed by Messrs W & Jackson, Bewley, Lynch & Plunkett as entered on Minutes of Boards proceedings of 19th Ult, and that it will require 5 3/3 feet of new Sewer from the end of Mr Putland's road and that the probable expense will be about £70, That the Survey of the Township, Plans and Estimates of all the proposed works for sewerage and supply of Water pipes are now complete and are ready to be laid before the Commissioners whenever they desire to have them,

ordered,

Resolved that Mr Putland be written to Know if he objects or not to use his Sewer temporarily, and as regards Mr Bretts plans and Estimates it was decided that their consideration be deferred until the Bill now before Parliament be disposed of-

adopted

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for Tenders from Competent persons for an adequate supply of Water for watering the Streets

Streets and Road ways &c within the Township and also for the supplying of such Horse and other labour as may be required for watering purposes agreeable to the terms of the specification which can be seen on application to the Clerk

adopted,

The Clerk was instructed to procure a suitable lock up press for use of the Commissioners Board Room

adopted

The Clerk was instructed to have Fifty Copies of the ~~Rules~~ Order of proceedings and Rules to be observed by the Commissioners as adopted by the Board on the 3rd of December 1860

adopted

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 19th Inst,

The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

George Perkins on a/c of Contract	£5=0=0
Ellen Kavanagh, Iron Spikes, Kerb Grates	1=4=0
George Baker Copy of Rate books	15=0
Jno Rice one Months Salary	2=10=0
do Incidentals	3=0
	£9.12=0

Confirmed John Lynch
Chairman

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held on Monday the 19th March 1866

Present John Quin Esqre In the Chair,
Other Commissioners. Henry Knigsmill, Andrew Kehoe, Joseph Bourke, Edmund Mc O Kelly William Dargan and Alfred Sotheren Esqre

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

A Deputation of Rate Payers from the County Dub portion of the Township waited upon the Board and requested of the Commissioners not to assess the Rate payers of the District of Little Bray, at least for the present, with Rate, and the Chairman having explained that the Act would not permit the Board to do so. the deputation then withdrew
adopted

The Advertisements as published setting forth the Intention of the Commissioners to strike a Rate this day were read, as also the handbills to the same effect which the Clerk reported to have been duly posted

It was Moved by Mr Knigsmill
Seconded by Mr Bourke
and Unanimously Resolved, That a Rate of 12d in the £ on the Valuation of all Rateable Buildings within the Township and a legally proportionate Rate on all other Rateable Property within the same be assessed to meet the Expenses and liabilities of the Commissioners for the Year Ending the 19th March 1867 and that

that the Rate Book and Collectors Warrant be now signed for the Collection of said Rate
adopted

The Clerk in pursuance to the foregoing Resolution submitted to the Board the Rate Book and Collectors Warrant which were duly signed by the Chairman and the other Commissioners present and Counter signed by the Clerk to the Commissioners
adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have the Notices in relation to the striking of the above Rate published as required by the Act of Parliament,
adopted.

Moved by Mr Knigsmill, Seconded by Mr O Kelly and Unanimously Resolved, That a Petition to Parliament be signed by this Board in favour of Union Rating in a form similar to that adopted by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Waterford
adopted

It was Moved by Mr O Kelly Seconded by Mr Sotheren and Unanimously Resolved, That a Cheque be drawn for £50 and handed to Messrs Casey and Clay to enable them to protect the Interests of the Rate Payers in relation to the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill"
adopted

The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Casey and Clay for Two Copies of the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill" and to procure also a copy each of the Pembroke and Blackrock Township Bills,
adopted

The following letters were read and orders made on them respectively as follows. Viz—

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From Charles Putland Esqre in reply to the Commissioners letter of 8th Inst, and stating that as the Bray Town Commissioners purpose making a Main Sewer to take the drainage of the Novara Avenue he considers it better for them to do so than to disturb his pipes

Read

From Messrs Casey and Clay stating that the objections to the Commissioners Petition will be argued before the Referees on some day in the ensuing week by Counsel on both sides, and requesting a Cheque for £50 in order to enable them to fee and retain their Parliamentary Agent for that purpose

ordered

See Resolution adopted by the Board this day, and granting the sum asked for, adopted,

An other Letter from Messrs Casey & Clay was read as follows,

21st Andrew St. Dublin
6th March 1866

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your letter of this date requesting us to advise as to the proper interpretation of the 10th and 11th Vic, Cap; 34 Section 171 and 10th Vic, Cap; 16 Section 57 as to the insertion of Notices striking a rate or entering into a Contract exceeding £100 in a Newspaper Circulating in Bray

We have considered the Sections referred to and are of opinion that the Notice in both Cases should be inserted in any Newspaper Circulating within the Limits of the Special Act, and that

therefore the provisions of the Acts referred to will be sufficiently complied with by inserting the Notices in one of the Dublin Newspapers

Signed
Casey & Clay

ordered

Read

The following accounts and applications for Money were duly examined and ordered to be paid,

Messrs Casey and Clay on account of Expenses in relation to Commissioners Petition against the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill"	£50=0=0
George Perkins Balance of a/c for sinking Well	8=8=6
Robt Lawlor Timber to cover well	3=0=0
Daily Express advertisements	16=0
J.D. Cope Incidental Expenses	5=0=6
	£67=5=0

April 2d Confirmed & Seal Chairman

Mr. Kings Mills stating shewes not be proposed the Motion as to the rate on last day, the Secretary and the Rest of the Board who were present were of Opinion it was proposed by Mr Kings Mills

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held on Monday the 2nd April 1866

Present in the Chair, John Quin Espre
other Commissioners, Henry Knigsmill, Andrew Kehoe, Joseph Bourke, Edmond Mc Kelly ~~William Dargan~~, John Dalton and Alfred Sotheren Esqrs.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

The following letters were read and orders made on them respectively as follows,

From Joseph Fisher Esq of Waterford on the subject of Minor Rating and requesting of the Chairman to inform him as to the steps taken by this Board in the Matter
ordered, to form Mr Fisher of the Resolution adopted by this Board on the 19th Inst

From John Ball Green Esq of the General Valuation office Dublin, stating that if the Clerk would call at his office on either the 26th & 27th Inst the Certificate required by the Commissioners Solicitors in the Matter of the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill" he could witness the Signature of the proper officer to the Certificate in question
Read
From the Inspector of Nuisances applying for an increase of Salary
ordered
Deferred for Consideration

From Messrs Casey and Clay acknowledging receipt of Cheque for £50 on account of Expenses to be incurred in the Case of the Commissioners Petition in re the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill" and stating that the consideration of the objections to the Petition had been post poned until after Easter
Read
From Sir Thomas Larcom of the Castle, Dublin enclosing a form of return for the Clerk to the Commissioners to fill up showing with respect to this Township, the several particulars indicated in the form for the purpose of collecting the Statistics of Local Taxation in Ireland
ordered
To be furnished as required
From Richard Correll of Little Bray offering to make one or Two Watering Carts of the best quality and finished in a proper and Workmanlike Manner and engage to give them general Satisfaction for the Sum of £18=0=0 each
ordered
Clerk to advertise for one or Two Watering Carts and to state the Iron ones will be preferred
adopted,
From John Rourke, Richard Bannister and Thomas Reille - applying for Car Licences and Drivers Licences
ordered
Applications to be complied with,

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From Mr Jackson, one of the Commissioners as follows,

Navarra Bray
March 31st 1866,

Sir

Being informed that a sum of £50 was Voted by the Board at their last Meeting towards the "Expenses of Solicitors in Connexion with the proposed Bray Improvement Bill" I beg to protest against such an appropriation of the Rates, as not being authorized by the "Towns Improvement Act", nor was it alluded to by the Notice of Meeting from your Secretary for that day and therefore I do not hold myself responsible for any such Act of the Board and request that my protest may be entered on the Minutes

I find also that a second Yearly Estimate has been adopted by the Board, which is not at all in accordance with the yearly Estimate approved of by the Board on a previous occasion and on which the yearly rate was then struck, in it I find an item of Liabilities of Commissioners £190" this requires explanation, when there was a balance to credit of Commissioners from the former year of £150

Requesting a reply

I remain
Your obt Servant
Warburton Jackson

To
John Quin Esqre
Chairman

Read

The Commissioners proceeded to consider Tenders from Denis Carr of Little Bray and James M'Evoy for providing Suitable Horse and Manual Labour and a Supply of Water for the purpose of Watering the several Streets and Road Ways within the Townships from the 20th of April 1866 to the 20th of October 1866, and that of Denis Carr being the lowest it was accepted on the following terms, Viz At the Rate of £28 per Month, to be paid Monthly Mr Carr undertaking to Horse an additional Cart, making a Total of 4 Carts, on occasions when required

adopted

The Clerk in pursuance to the Commissioners instructions provided and laid before them at their Meeting this day the following statement as to the Valuation and Area of the following Townships, Viz:

Townships, Viz:			£ s d
Blackrock, Area	1044 A. 3R 1P.	Valuation	38872 " 15 " 0
Bray	" 555 A. 3R 24P.	"	16226 " 10 = 0
			~~20882 " 5 " 0~~
Kingstown	" 920 A. 2R. 16P	"	58394 " 5 " 0
Pembroke	" 1516 A. 3R. 1P	"	64401 " 5 " 0

Ordered,

Clerk to write to Valuation Office for a statement of the Area of the Bray Township as at present Constituted and also as to the area of the Townships as proposed by the Bill now before Parliament entitled "Bray Improvement Bill"

adopted

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Moved by Mr Kingsmill Seconded by Mr Bourke and Resolved,

That our Chairman be requested to attend to represent this Board at a Meeting to be Convened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin in relation to Union Rating, of which this Meeting Manimously approve

adopted

It having been reported to the Board that the Pump lately erected is not giving Satisfaction and is unsuitable for the purposes of the Township, the Clerk was instructed to direct the attention of the Contractor to complete it according to Tender

adopted

It was Ordered that no Car Drivers or Drivers Badge be granted for the future unless to parties recommended by two respectable Householders

adopted

Resolved

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Breslin of the Royal Marine Hotel Compsany Bray for a written authority for the Commissioners to make use of the Water Main which supplies the Hotel, by making a connection so as to enable the Commissioners to have their Water Carts filled without incurring the loss of time by going to Mr Sotherens tank each journey the Commissioners believing that by obtaining the permission in question they would be enabled to have the streets &c more effectually watered than heretofore and as the Commissioners are about to commence to Water

Water the streets the Clerk to request an early reply from Mr Breslin,

adopted

The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid,

John Rice one Months Salary	£	2 " 10 " 0
do for Posting Notices	"	7 " 6
I S Cope Three Months Salary	"	7 " 10 " 0
	£	10 " 7 " 6

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 9th Inst

Confirmed J Lunn Chairman April 16 1866

Messrs Dunn, Bourke, O Kelly & Raverty only having attended at the Meeting convened for this 9th day of April 1866, the same was adjourned to 12 O clock on Monday the 16th April 1866,

Confirmed J Lunn Chairman April 16 1866

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 16th. April 1866

Present in the Chair, John Quin Esqr.
Other Commissioners Henry Kingsmill. Edmd. Wm. Kelly
Stephen Raverty. Joseph Bourke and Alfred Fotheron Esqres.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed.

The following letters were read and orders made on them respectively as follows.

From the Dublin Water Works Committee requesting to be furnished with a Statement of the Total Valuation of the Township.

Read.

From the General Valuation Office a Statement setting forth the Area and Valuation of the Township as it presently exists. as well as a similar Statement in relation to the boundaries proposed by the New Bill.

The former represents
555 A. 3 R. 24 P. and a Total Valuation of £16226.10.0.
and the latter represents
1468 A. 2 R. 4 P. and a Total Valuation of £20882-5-0.

Read.

From the Official Statistics Office Dublin acknowledging receipt of Returns of a Statement of the accounts of this Township for the past year.

Read.

From Joseph Fisher Esqr of Waterford Stating that the Meeting about Union Rating will be held at the Imperial Hotel Dublin on Wednesday the 18th. Inst. at one Oclock.

Read.

From MacKenzie Bain & Co Stating that the Matters Complained of in Relation to the defect in the Pumps erected by them for the Commissioners Shall have their immediate and best attention.

Read

The Board after reading advertisements for Tenders for the Supply of Two Watering Carts Suitable for use of the Township. proceeded to Consider the following Tenders sent in reply to such advertisement Viz.

James Wackett at £20 each for Iron ones
Edward Ramsbottom do £20 " "
James Fitzsimon do £21 " for Wooden ones
Richard Correll do £14 £10 do do

and after due Consideration it was Moved by Mr Bourke Seconded by Mr Kelly and Resolved

That the Tender of Richard Correll be accepted for Making Two Watering Carts at the Rate of £14. 10 each according to the terms of Tender and on the Condition that they be Made to hold the same quantity of Water as the Carts at present in use in the Township and to have any improvements which may be in the Carts of the Rathmines Township. The second Cart not to be Made till the first one be approved of by the Commissioners.

adopted.

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The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Mackey Bain & Co and request them to have some person to represent them and wait on this Board on Next day of Meeting to receive instructions in relation to the Pump Erected by them, in case such be not made perfect by the 30th Inst.

adopted,

Mr O'Kelly having reported to the Board that Mr Breslin was willing to allow the Commissioners to attach a Supply Pipe to the Water Main which supplies the Hotel &c provided that Mr Sotheren will guarantee that such Supply will not be impeded or diminished, and Mr Sotheren having Stated his willingness to give the guarantee in question, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Breslin accordingly, Mr Sotheren undertaking to have the pipe attached and the Matter properly Carried out.

adopted.

The account furnished by the Proprietor of the Bray Gazettee was referred to the Clerk to report, in as much as the bill seems made up on a different Rate of Charges from Bills formerly paid,

adopted.

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 30th Inst.

30 April 1866

Confirmed J Quin Chairman

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 30th April 1866

Present in the Chair John Quin Esqrs
Other Commissioners. Edm Wm O'Kelly. Joseph Bourke. Edward Breslin. Henry Kingsmill Stephen Raverty and Andrew Kehoe Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The following letters were read and orders Made on them respectively as follows

From Octavius O'Brien Esqr dated 16th Inst requesting of the Clerk to furnish him with a copy of the Minutes of the following dates 16th & 30th Oct. 6th Nov and 9th December 1865 1st 12th & 15th January. 8th February. 2nd & 16th April 1866 so far as they refer to the "Bray Improvement Bill" now before Parliament

On this letter being read, the Clerk Stated that he had sent to Mr O'Brien a letter to the following effect viz,

That the Clerk regretted he could not take upon himself the responsibility of sending to Mr O'Brien a copy of the Minutes he required but that he would in due course submit Mr O'Briens letter to the Commissioners at their Meeting this day, and that in the Mean time he would have the Minutes he required Copied in order that Mr O'Brien might have them with the least possible delay after the Clerk had obtained the Commrs Consent to send them

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In reply to the Clerk's letter Mr O'Brien sent the following letter dated 28th Inst,

Sir

Your letter dated 19th Inst. bearing the Bray Postmark of the 20th and the Dublin Post Mark of this day was delivered to me this morning

Will you please note, that the application made in my letter of the 16th Inst to which yours is a reply, was so made on behalf of the Promoters who are also three of the Bray Town Comrs, and by the 55th Section 10th Vic Chap 16 you are Bound to have the Minute Books open for their inspection, but no doubt you are not required to give Copies, However where you have done so before, without throwing any difficulty in the Way, I regret it has occurred to you now to decline

It is more than probable the time you mention to bring the Matter before the Comrs is so remote that the Copies required will be useless,

I reserve to Myself the power of relying upon our Correspondence as I may be advised

I am &c

To Signed Octavius O'Brien
T. Cope Esq
Clerk Town Comrs
Bray,

ordered

It was Manimously Resolved That the Clerk be instructed not to send to Mr O'Brien a copy of the Minutes required by his note of 16th Inst, and that Mr O'Brien be informed accordingly

adopted

From Mr Andrew Armstrong 6 Claddagh Terrace Bray, dated 27th Inst, and addressed to the Chairman of the Board requesting of him to call the Boards attention to the very partial manner in which the Esplanade has of late been repaired

ordered

Clerk instructed to inform Mr Armstrong that the Esplanade is in charge of Mr Dargan who has given orders for its General repair.

adopted

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Proprietor of the Bray Gazette and request of him to send his account furnished for advertisements ~~according~~ and to charge for each advertisement according to the terms stated in his Paper for official advertisements

adopted

On the Motion of Mr Kingsmill seconded by Mr Breslin, It was Manimously Resolved That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Promoters of the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill to furnish the Commissioners with a copy of any agreement entered into or proposed to be entered into by the Promoters with the Dublin Corporation for the supply=ing of Water to the Township

adopted

A Sum of £90 . 12 . 9 was ordered to be written off as uncollectable Rate in connection with the Rate Made in January 1865

adopted

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Mr Casey of the Firm of Casey & Clay, Solicitors to the Board attended to state what had taken place in the House of Commons in reference to the proposed "Bray Improvement Bill"

Mr Casey stated that the objections to the Petitions of the Commissioners and of the Rate Payers had been heard and allowed, Mr Casey could not state on what grounds the decision of the Referees had been arrived at, but as Mr Keogh had stated in the hearing of the case that he conceived that he had quite satisfied the Chairman of the Commissioners at a private interview he had with him at his House subsequent to the passing of the Resolutions appearing on the Commissioners Minutes, as to the proposed alterations in the Bill that statement may have influenced the decision. Mr Kelroe also produced a Rating book and asserted that the Numbers of Rate payers in the Township Amounted to 1200 whilst but 60 had Voted at the Meeting of Rate payers called to consider the provisions of the Bill, Mr Casey advised that it was not advisable for the present to take any further steps in reference to the Bill than merely to watch its progress.

Confirmed May 14th 1866

John Quin
Chairman

Messrs Quin, O'Kelly and Knigenill being the only Commissioners in attendance this 7th day of May 1866 the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 14th inst at 12 o'clock noon,

Dated 7th May 1866

Confirmed John Quin Chairman

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 14th May 1866.

Present in the Chair. John Quin Esqre
Other Commissioners, Edm Wm O'Kelly, Joseph Bourke, John Dalton, Stephen Raverty and Andrew Kehoe Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

Clerk stated that he had not received a reply to his note addressed to the Solicitors of the proposed Bray Improvement Bill, applying for a Copy of any agreement entered into or proposed to be entered into by the Promoters with the Dublin Corporation for the supplying of the Township with Water

adopted

On the Motion of Mr Bourke Seconded by Dr Raverty and Manimously Resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of Condolence to Mrs Brennan expressing the Commissioners sympathy Caused by the Melancholy death of her Husband M John Brennan, a Gentleman who always acted in harmony with the Commissioners in the discharge of his duties as a Member of their body, and one who by the large outlay of his Capital Contributed Much to the advancement of the Township

adopted

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Puttand and state that the Commissioners are desirous to Elect him a Member of this Board, but that before doing so they are anxious to be informed whether it will be his pleasure to so act, an early reply to be requested

adopted

The Commissioners having examined the Rate Book find that the Number of Rate Payers whose Names appear in the Rate book, rated at a Valuation entitling them to Vote are as follows.

Old Township	about	200
Co Dublin portion of extension	"	39
Co Wicklow "	"	10
		249

They are therefore surprised to understand that Mr Kehoe Solicitor to the Bill on his examination before the Referee stated that there were 1200 Rate Payers within the Township entitled to Vote and that only a Small Minority Voted against the Bill, a statement well Calculated to procure the rejection of the Town Commissioners Petition to be heard in support of the Amendments which were agreed to and Guaranteed by the Promoters

adopted

The following letters were read and orders Made on them respectively as follows.

From John Tyrell applying for a Car Licence,

ordered

License Granted

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From Mr Lowell of the Bray Gazette. stating in reply to the Commissioners Minute of 3th Inst, that the account furnished by him is strictly on his Official Scale for advertisements 1/3 6 per line Printers Non pareil Measurement - Spaces and lines alike

ordered

Clerk to state in reply that the Commissioners are ready to pay at the same rate as last Bill furnished and paid

adopted

From John Devlin, Car Driver and Proprietor applying to the Commissioners to revoke their order Suspending his Car Licence and promising good behaviour for the future

ordered

Licence Granted, a trial given to him once more to conduct himself properly, but that if ever again Convicted, he will be deprived of his Licence never to be renewed,

adopted

The following Accounts were examined and ordered to be paid.

Messrs Pim Brothers & Co Stationery	£	3	17 0
John Rice, one Months Salary	"	2	10 0
do Removing Timber off Esplanade	"	3	6
The Irish Times Advertisements		3	0 0
	£	9	10 6

Confirmed May 21: 1866

John Lunn Chairman

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 21st May 1866.

Present in the Chair John Lunn Esqr

Other Commissioners. E.W. Kelly, Andrew Kelroe Henry Kingsmill, Stephen Raverty and Joseph Bourke Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read confirmed

The following letters were read and orders made on them respectively as follows,

From Charles Putland Esqre stating his willingness to act as a Commissioner if elected,

ordered, Resolved on the Motion of Stephen Raverty Esq Seconded by E William O'Kelly Esqr That Charles Putland Esq of Bray Head House be a Elected a Town Commissioner in the room of the late Mr John Brennan

Passed Manimously

From Patrick Sutton applying for a Drivers Licence

ordered, Licence granted on the recommendation of Mr Matthew Byrne and Mr Nathaniel Beggs,

From the Chief Secretarys Office Dublin Castle asking if this Board have taken any steps as a Burial Board

ordered to Steps taken by this Board as a Burial Board

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On the recommendation of Mr J Critchley and Tobias Bourke John Temples application for Drivers Licence was granted

adopted

Proposed by E W O'Kelly Esq Seconded by Joseph Bourke Esqre and Resolved

That application be made to our Gas Contractor to give an Estimate in this day week for the laying down of suitable Gas Mains and Erection of Lamp posts in the following places,

1st From the Cock walk River to Front of Mr Butlers Houses at Bray Head Gate

2nd From Convent Road to the upper Corner of Sydenham Villas

3rd From Little Bray, Lower, to Corner of Old Connaught Avenue

4th From the Most Convenient point in Little Bray, Lower, to Corner of the Tradesmen's Hall on the Commons

adopted

Proposed by Joseph Bourke Esq Seconded by Dr Raverty and Resolved, That the Watering Cart built by Mr Carroll be approved of and that he directed to put two other in hands as soon as possible

adopted

Resolved, That Mr Rice be instructed to have the Roads in connexion with the Esplanade particularly well watered on this and every other day the Band is in attendance

adopted

A Copy of the Bill for additional provisions to form an Embankment at the Mouth of the River was read and ordered to be returned to the Solicitors of the Commissioners,

adopted

The Inspector was ordered to have the Seats of the Esplanade properly painted as soon as possible

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 28th Inst.

May 28 1866 Confirmed
John Quin Chairman

~~Messrs Quin, O'Kelly, Bourke and Kehoe only having attend on Monday this 4th day of June 1866. the Commissioners present adjourned the Meeting to Thursday at 12 Oclock Noon the 7th Inst June 1866.~~

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 28th May 1866, John Quin Esq in the Chair, Other Commrs E.W. O'Kelly, J. Dalton, J. Bourke. & Rutland & S Raverty Esqrs.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

Charles Rutland Esq attended and made the usual declaration on ~~his~~ taking his seat at the Board

The following letters were read and orders Made on them respectively as follows.

From Henry Brett Esq enclosing his account for the Survey and revision of the Commissioners plan of the Township and also for the Survey Plans and Sections and Estimates of the Sewerage and Water supply of which duplicate Copies have been prepared for lodgment in Case of obtaining a loan

ordered

Postponed for Consideration at next day of Meeting

Car Licences and Drivers Badges were granted on the applications of the following persons viz Patrick Smyth, William Smyth, Thomas Claffey, and a Transfer of Licence No 107 was allowed to James Quigley of Enniskerry.

Confirmed S Quin Chairman

June 7th 1866

Messrs Quin, O'Kelly, Bourke and Kehoe only having attended on Monday this 4th June 1866 the Commissioners present adjourned the Meeting to Thursday at 12 oclock Noon the 7th day of June 1866–

Confirmed
June 7th 1866 S. Quin
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Thursday the 7th June 1866,

Present in the Chair John Quin Esqr Other Commissioners. E.W. O'Kelly, Stephen Raverty, John Dalton and Andrew Kehoe Esqrs.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

The following letters were read and orders Made on them respectively as follows.

From Messrs Casey and Clay requesting to be informed the day in the present week a Special Meeting of the Commissioners could be convened

Read

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From the Secretary of the Hibernian Gas Company enclosing for the information of the Commissioners an Estimate of the Cost of laying Mains to supply Gas to the Public Lamps in the Extended districts of the Township.

Ordered

It was Moved by E.W.O Kelly Esq and Seconded by Dr Raverty and Manimously Resolved That the Gas Company be informed in reply to the foregoing letter, that the Commissioners ~~Gas Co~~ are ready to Contract with them for the lighting and erection of Lamps within the Newly Extended districts of the Township on the same terms as have been agreed to for the old part of the Township, and that as soon as the Gas Company are ready to go to work the Commissioners will indicate where and at what points the new Lamps are to be erected, The Commissioners are anxious that all should be ready to light the new district by the begining of the next lighting season, and that the Gas Company should understand that the Commissioners, as hitherto, do not intend to lay down Mains exclusively for Public Lamps and at the Expense of the Rate payers or to have any Control over such Mains to the exclusion of the Gas Company from supplying private parties with Gas.

adopted

It was ordered that the consideration of Mr Bretts account be postponed to Next Monthly Meeting

The

The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

G. R. Powell for advertisements £1-17-0
Denis Carr, watering &c 1st payment 28-0-0

The Meeting was adjourned to 12 Oclock on Monday Next the 11th June 1866,

Confirmed John Quin
Chairman

At a meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 11th June 1866,
Present in the Chair John Quin Esq
Other Commissioners Joseph Bourke. E.W.O Kelly. Andrew Kehoe & Stephen Raverty Esqrs

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Confirmed,

Resolved That as the Commissioners are in daily expectation of receiving the Bray Improvement Bill as Amended by Committee in House Commons this Meeting do stand adjourned to Thursday Next the 14th Inst at 12 Oclock Noon and the Clerk is hereby instructed to summon the Commissioners to meet on that day.

The Accts of P.D Cope for £5 for 2 Months Salary and John Rice for £2-10 for one Months Salary were ordered to be paid.

Confirmed John Quin
Chairman
June 18th 1866

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 18th June 1866.

Present in the Chair John Dunn Esqr
other Commissioners. P.W. Jackson. E.M. Kelly
Andrew Kehoe. Joseph Bourke, and Alfred
Sotheren Esqrs.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed,

Mr George Keogh Solicitor to the Bray Improvement Bill attended and having produced a Map of the intended, "Little Bray" Ward of the Township included in the Bill and having gone through the description of the boundaries as they appear in the Copy of the Bill, promised to have such alterations made in the Map and printed description as will include the whole of Little Bray part of the Township so as to admit of no doubt or misconception

adopted

Car Licences was granted to James M^c Evoy and also a transfer of Licence from Tyrrell to M^c Evoy

adopted

Gas Bill received and referred to Finance Committee to report to our next Monthly Meeting and the Clerk is hereby directed to convene a Meeting of the Committee for a day previous to our next Monthly Meeting

adopted

Telegram received from Messrs Casey and Clay to know if on Mr Keogh undertaking to correct the description of Little Bray bounds, that the Commissioners would undertake that there should be no further opposition on their part,

Ordered.

On the Motion of Mr Bourke seconded by M^r Kelly it was Resolved,

That Mr George Keogh having attended the Board and having come to an understanding as before expressed in Minutes of this days proceedings, the Commissioners do not consider any formal agreement necessary and that as Casey & Clay to be informed accordingly by

adopted

On the Motion of Mr Jackson seconded by Mr Kehoe it was Resolved

That Mr Brett be requested to attend our next Monthly Meeting July 2nd if convenient, and to bring our Original Maps and the Maps as altered and amended by him

adopted

June 30, 1866
Confirmed
John Dunn Chairman

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