dates fixed for the Elections in order that they may be prepared to make the necessary arrangements. — The Board have required the Returning Officers for County Elections to appoint the Town Clerk of each Town which forms part of a County Electoral Division as Deputy Returning Officer for that Division. — This steps is taken in order to ensure that the polling for County Councillors and Guardians shall take place together in the manner provided by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

I am &c
Thomas A. Money. Sec.

To the Clerk of the
Urban District Council of Wicklow

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Times for the proceedings at the First Elections of Guardians in Urban Districts under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

	Proceeding	Time
1	Notice of Election	Not later than February 25th
2	Receipt of Nomination Papers	Not later than 5 o'clock on March 6.
3	Ending Notice of decision as to validity of Nomination Papers	As soon as practicable after receipt, but in any case not later than March 8
4	Making out a Statement as to the persons nominated	Not later than March 9th
5	Withdraw of Candidates	Not later than 5 o'clock pm on March 13th
6	Notice of Poll	Not later than March 27th
7	Day of Election	April 6.

No 421: 1899
Wicklow (Town)

Local Government Board
5th January 1899.

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Inst relative to your duties as Returning Officer at the forthcoming Elections under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898; and in reply to the first inquiry contained in your communication I am to state that your function is limited to deciding as to the validity of nomination papers and not as to qualification of the candidates nominated: — With regard to your question as to the retirement of the Town Commissioners at present in Office, I am to state that the whole body of Town Commissioners go out of Office on the 16th January and

the New Urban District Council will then be elected ... A third of the body thus elected will retire by rotation in January 1900, another third in January 1901 and the remaining third in January 1902 in accordance with terms of section 17-20 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, incorporated with section 24 of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, and with terms of section 94 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898;

I am &c
Thomas A. Money. Sec.

J. W. MacPhail.

Read letter from Local Government Board acknowledging result of Election of Urban District Councillors;

Wentworth Place Wicklow
4th February 1899

Dear Mr MacPhail,

Will you kindly convey my resignation of the Chairmanship to the Board on Monday next. — After mature consideration I have decided on this course, in what I consider the best interests of the Town and District — I can never forget the unanimity and cordiality of feeling which prompted my friends to elect me without dissent, to the highest position within their gift, following the usual precedent of paying that compliment to the person placed at the head of the Poll, but at the same time I only regret the gentleman who came next me, did not occupy my position, as he would have brought pre-eminent business capacity and unlimited time to the discharge of the onerous duties of the Chairmanship. I need hardly say I allude to Mr Padin, I trust we shall now have the benefit of his guidance as Chairman, and that Wicklow will take a prominent place amongst the best managed Urban Townships, as well as become (what nature intended her for) one of the finest watering places in the three Kingdoms. — I understand there are Magisterial duties attaching to the Chairmanship, which would only constitute an additional reason for my declining an honour so fraught with responsibilities to which I could not devote my time;

Believe me
Sincerely Yours
James P. Byrne

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Resolved: That our Clerk be directed to write a letter to Dr Byrne asking him to Kindly re-consider his resignation: —

To the Chairman & Members of Wicklow Urban District Council

Gentlemen,

I beg to make an application for a lease of 75 years of my house situate at Kilmantin Hill Wicklow: I am prepared to expend a sum of between £60 and £80 in taking down the old roof, raising the walls and replacing same, also to provide new floors, windows, doors, stair case &c — The house at present is in very bad repair and has cost me a good deal of money from time to time to try and make it habitable — After Carefully Considering the Contemplated outlay I am prepared to pay a rent of £3 per annum and all taxes during the term of the Lease

I am asking no more than what has been given to other Tenants on the estate — Hoping for a favorable consideration of this my application

I am Gentlemen &c
Charles Toole
6/2/99

Resolved: "That Mr Charles Toole's application be referred to the Managing Committee"

Read letter from Mrs Margaret Byrne seeking payment of 10/- for stones belonging to the house out of which she was dispossessed" —

Resolved" That Mrs Byrne's application be referred to the Managing Committee to report &c.

Read letter from Secretary Wicklow Gas Co stating he had complied with the Town Commissioners request in having a lamp post Erected at the Dominican Convent gate, so that the regulation letter box could be placed thereon" —

Read letter from Messrs Dunne, Nally & Byrne seeking the use of the Market Hall for the Band to practice in' —

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, Seconded by Christopher Murray and resolved "That the application from the Band be referred to the Managing Committee"

Read letter from James Flanagan seeking a reduction in the rent of his house in Castle St;

Resolved" That Mr Flanagans application be referred to the Managing Committee: —

Read letter from Manager of Hibernian Bank stating that he had noted the change to be made in the title of the Wicklow Town Commissioners General Account and that the Stock Accts are to remain as at present;

Read 13 Applications for houses at Convent Road which were referred to the Managing Committee" —

Proposed by Frank M'Phail, seconded by Patrick Padin and resolved "That the Sub Sanitary Officer be Empowered to have proper "provision made forthwith for the temporary protection of "Mr Charles Kavanagh's house at Convent Road, from the "rain water of the three dwellings adjoining" —

Read letters from the War Department with regard to the Field at the Blackcastle which was referred to adjourned Meeting on Wednesday Evening 8th Inst" —

Proposed by Christopher Murray, Seconded by Thomas Gregory and resolved" — That Denis Briens Tender for cleaning Streets, catchpits and urinals for the month of February be accepted on the usual conditions at £4. 0. 0.

James P. Byrne
Chairman
6th March 1899

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Town Hall Wicklow
8th Febuary 1899

An adjourned meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this evening in pursuance to notice:

Members present- Mr James Gernon Vice Chairman in the Chair. Messrs Garret Byrne, William Darragh, Frank McPhail, Joseph McCarroll, David H. Haskins, Nicholas H. Haskins, Mathew McDonald, Hugh R. McCarroll, Thomas Gregory, Christopher Murray, Charles Davis, Peter Doolittle and Louis Carroll;

Pursuant to Notice the following business was proceeded with

No 1 — To consider Finance Committees Report:
2 — To consider Estimate of Local Rate:
3 — To consider Correspondence with War Department relative to the Blacksastle Field

We the undersigned, composing the Finance Committee of the Urban District Council, say, that as the old Board has raised the Rate to 1/9 we on the figures shown us must agree to this and also the Report handed us by the Councils Clerk

Signed

Hugh R. McCarroll
Charles Davis
Thomas Gregory

By direction of the Board the Finance Committees Report dated 3rd Instant was read ~~to the Board~~ after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Garret Byrne and resolved
"That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted"—

Proposed by David H. Haskins, Seconded by Garret Byrne and resolved "That we hereby intend at our Meeting to be held on "Thursday 16th day of February 1899 at the hour of Seven "o'clock pm to make the following Rates: Wicklow Township "Rate for general Expenses 9D in the £ valuation, Waterworks "and Sanitary Rate 9½ in the £, School attendance Rate "1D in the £, Harbour Rate 1½D in the £, and that our "Clerk be directed to issue the necessary notices of our "intention to make said Rate in accordance with the "Acts relating thereto"— making a total of 1/9 in the £

Royal Engineers Office
Dublin Castle 17 Jan 1899

9 9½ 1 1½ 1/9

Wicklow 36

Sir,

Your letter of 14.1.99.— No draft Agreement can be properly prepared with a plan showing Exactly the boundaries and right of way— (2) You have a plan sent you by Major Cairnes on which you were requested to make the boundaries and right of way (3) If you will be good enough either to return that Map with the information clearly marked on it, or as an alternative arrange that the Boundaries and right of way shall be pointed out authoritatively by an Officer accredited and with power to act for your Commissioners, Major Cairnes or other Officer appointed by me on behalf of the War Department, you will be doing something to Expedite matters!— (4) I imagine that by War Office in the resolution which you send me, is meant the Secretary for State of War"—

Yours &c
C. H. Bayst. Colonel

The Town Clerk: Wicklow:

No 36

23rd January 1899

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence and specially with regard to the resolution passed by your Commissioners as notified in yours of 14-1-99.— I have to inform you that the War Office is not prepared to compensate your Tenant— Will you please state definitely on what date clear possession can be given in order that the War Office may decide in the matters of obtaining the Field: Does the War Office in the resolution mean the Local Authorities Dublin or Secretary of State for War? C. H. Bayst

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Dublin Castle
28th January 1899

Blackcastle Militia Artillery Battery

Dear Sir,

I enclose draft Lease herein and map for approval subject to the Department being given clear possession of the premises within a fortnight from this date

Yours truly
W. J. Towers
For Chief Crown Solicitor

The Town Clerk
Wicklow:

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Garret Byrne and resolved; That the War Office be written to, asking that £12 "10/- of Rent be given for Blackcastle Field in order to enable the Council to compensate the occupying Tenant, since the War Office refuse to compensate him "

Wentworth Place Wicklow
8th February 1899

Dear Mr McPhail,

I am very pleased to think that I retain confidence and good opinion of all my fellow Councillors, but taking all the circumstances of my position into consideration I have no doubt they will be indulgent enough to agree with me, that I have taken the wisest course for them and for myself.

Believe me
Dear Mr McPhail
Yours very Sincerely
James P. Byrne

F. H. MacPhail:
The Clerk was directed to place on the Notice paper that an Election of Chairman of the Council would take place at our next monthly Meeting: —

To
Francis W. MacPhail. Town Hall:
In reply to your letter of the 6th Instant respecting representation of Wicklow Urban District Council on the Harbour Board The Local Government Board will address the Council in time for their Meeting if Adjourned to next Monday: Secretary. Local Government Board;

Read applications from Garret Whelan & Eliza Brien for Cottages at Convent Road which was referred to the Managing Committee "

Read an application from Mr. Joseph Connor with regard to a Lease for his House in Summer Hill which was also referred to the Managing Committee —

Notice of Motion

"That we rescind the resolution giving the Field at the Blackcastle to the War Office at the rent of £10 per annum at the next monthly meeting "

Nicholas A. Haskins

Notice of Motion

I beg to give notice that at the next meeting I shall move that a Concrete footpath be laid down in front of Cross Roads Cottages

Frank McPhail
Feb 8th 1899

Notice of Motion

That I will move at next monthly meeting that a footpath be made in Strand Street at both sides

David A. Haskins

Resolved: That this meeting stands adjourned to Thursday Evening 16th of February 1899 at 7 o'clock pm. to strike a rate for the period ending 30th September 1899

James P. Byrne
Chairman
6th March 1899

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Estimate of Wicklow Township Rates for the period

Revenue

In respect of:—	Corporate Rents	400	0	0			
"	Water Meters	18	0	0			
"	Market Tolls	6	10	0			
"	Bounty in lieu Rates	16	11	4			
"	Grant in aid Sanitary Salaries	6	8	"			
"	Surplus Dog Licenses	9	7	10			
"	Petty Sessions Fines	18	"	"			
"	Education Fines	4	"	"			
"	Miscellaneous Receipts	25	"	"			
"	Refund on Harbour Loan	83	6	8			
"	Rents, Artisans Dwellings	35	"	"			
"	Interest on Stock	20	1	"	609	1	10
Wicklow Township Rate at 1— 1¼ in £ on Valuation £5499. 17. 6					305	5	1
Waterworks & Sanitary Rate d		"	2	¼	326	18	8
School attendance Rate d		"	1	½	33	15	"
Harbour Rate d		"	2	¼	53	6	8
Total of Rate		2	7	¼	1328	7	0

		Items of Revenue	amount as above 2/7¼ in £			amount raised 2/9 in £			Deficit		
"	9	Wicklow Township Rate	305	5	1	206	5	"	99	0	1
"	9½	Waterworks & Sanitary Rate	326	18	8	217	14	2	109	4	3
"	1	School attendance Rate	33	15	"	22	18	4	10	16	8
"	1½	Harbour Rate	53	6	8	34	7	6	18	19	2
1	9		719	5	2	481	5	0	238	0	2

Ending 30th day of September 1899

Expenditure

In respect of:—	Officers Salaries	168	15	"			
"	Agents Fees on collection	75	"	"			
"	Engineers Fees	18	"	"			
"	Petty Cash Wages &c	90	"	"			
"	Rent & Taxes	75	"	"			
"	Printing & Stationary	29	11	1			
"	Audit Fee	7	11	"			
"	Insurance Property	1	6	"			
"	Balance costs to Mr Somers	88	18	9			
"	Costs of Election	85	"	"	609	1	10
"	Public Lighting 1897 & 1898 Balance of acct	73	14	6			
"	Same 1898 & 1899	134	4	7			
"	Cleaning Streets &c	36	"	"			
"	Contribution to Hospitals	11	6	"			
"	New Sewer Main St	50	"	"	305	5	1
"	Waterworks & Sanitary Loans				326	18	8
"	School attendance Expenses				33	15	"
"	Halfyears Interest Harbour Loan				53	6	8
				£	1328	7	0

James P. Byrne
Chairman
6th March 1899

David H. Hughes Councillor
Patrick [illegible] "

Francis William MacNeill
Town Clerk.

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Town Hall Wicklow
16th February 1899

An adjourned meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Township Commissioners was held this evening in pursuance to notice

Members present Mr James Gerson Vice Chairman in the chair; Messrs Charles Davis, William Darragh, Thomas Gregory, Frank McPhail, Edward Kennedy, Peter O'Brien, Christopher Murray, Joseph McCarroll and Hugh R. McCarroll: —

Business: To confirm resolution of the 8th Instant making Rates and Assessments for the Period Ending 30th September 1899: —

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Edward Kennedy and resolved "That we hereby make the following Rates and assessments upon "all Occupiers or Owners of all premises within the Wicklow "Urban District viz: — A Wicklow Township Rate of One Shilling "and nine pence in the £1, whereof nine pence is for general "or Sanitary Expenses; nine pence half penny for the purpose "of defraying the interest necessary to be provided for money "raised through the issue of Stock, for Waterworks and Sanitary "purposes in accordance with the Public Health (Ireland) acts "1878 and 1890, and Acts incorporated therewith; one penny to "defray the costs of the working of the Irish Education Act-1892; "and three half pence to pay interest on Loan for the improvement "of Wicklow Harbour in accordance with the Wicklow Harbour Advances "Act-1897 — We further, hereby fix the 17th day of March next "as the day on and after which same shall be due and payable" —

Local Government Board
Dublin 9th February 1899

No 6. 344: 1899
Wicklow Town
Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant relative to the representation of the Urban District Council of Wicklow on the Harbour Board, and in reply I am to state that as there are 22 Members of the Harbour Board the number remaining after the deduction of the 8 Town Commissioners will be sufficient to form a quorum (5) for the present

Having regard to the terms of section 12 of the 14 and 15 Vic cap c-XXI (a copy of which was not forwarded to the Board) it would appear that the Urban district Council cannot appoint any representatives and that the local act must be amended by a provisional order during the present session of parliament

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Thomas A. Money, Sec;

F. McPhail

Proposed by Charles Davis, seconded by Thomas Gregory "That "the opinion of Counsel be obtained to know have the Representa- "tives returned by the Wicklow Urban Council on the Wicklow "Harbour Board the right to at once take their seats on the "Harbour Board" —

Amendment was proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Captain Darragh "That the Local Government Board be again written to on the "subject before taking Counsels' opinion" —

The Amendment first having been put there voted as follows 3 for and 8 against: The original resolution was then put and declared carried

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Peter O'Brien & unanimously resolved "That we the Urban District Council of Wicklow hereby protest against "the action of the Harbour Commissioners of Wicklow on yesterday, in "passing a resolution behind the backs of the representatives of the "Town of Wicklow (who through an oversight in the Local Government "(Ireland) Act are temporary disfranchised) requesting the Board "of Works to Embody in Some Act their resolution whereby the Sum "of £192 half yearly to the Baronies to be a first charge on the Harbour "Revenue Contrary to the provisions of the Wicklow Harbour "Advances Act" 1897" which was framed by the Board of "Works in accordance with the resolutions of the Baronial "Sessions and Ratepayers of Wicklow and we further direct "that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, Local "Government Board, Board of Works and the Irish Members of Parliament requesting "them to resist any attempt that may be made to deprive the people of Wicklow "of their just claims: —

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Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Hugh. R. McCarroll and resolved:

"That Messrs Joseph McCarroll, Charles Davis and
"the Vice Chairman be appointed a Committee to frame the questions
"to be submitted to Counsel"—

James P. Byrne
Chairman
6th March 1899

Town Hall Wicklow
6th March 1899

The usual monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban Council and Township Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice:

Members present Dr. James P. Byrne Chairman, Messrs Patrick Nadin, Peter O'Brien, Joseph McCarroll, David H. Haskins, Charles Davis, Hugh R. McCarroll, Gerald Byrne, Louis Carroll, James Gernon, William Darragh, Peter J. Byrne, Christopher Murray, Nicholas H. Haskins, Edward Kennedy, Peter Doolittle, Mathew McDonald and Frank McPhail:

The minutes of the former meetings were read over and ordered by the Council to be signed after which the following business was proceeded with:

No1 To consider Finance Committees Report:
2 To consider Managing Committees Report:
3 To consider Sanitary Officers Report:
4 To consider Waterworks Overseers Report:
5 To consider application from War Office for hire of Murrough for annual training of Wicklow and Dublin Artillery Militia:
6 To consider miscellaneous correspondence:
7 To consider Tender for cleaning Streets, catchpits and urinals
8. To consider Mr Nicholas H. Haskins "Notice of Motion"
"That we rescind the resolution giving the field at the
"Blackcastle to the War Office at the rent of £10 per annum
9. To consider Mr Frank McPhail's "Notice of Motion" "That I will move at the next meeting to have a concrete footpath laid down in front of the Cross Roads Cottages:
10. To consider Mr David Haskins "Notice of Motion" That I will move to have a concrete footpath laid down in Strand Street at both sides:
11. To consider Tenders for building Boundary Walls at Convent Road"
Proposed by Patrick Nadin, seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and resolved "That our Clerk make the necessary arrangements to have the commission of the peace given to our Chairman"

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Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved "That a question be asked in the House of Commons on the Order of the "Local Government Board imposing a fine on retiring Urban Councillors "and that the matter for such question be drafted by Mr Fernon "and the Town Clerk"

Town Hall Wicklow
3rd March 1899

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over Accounts, books and vouchers and found that during the past month there was lodged to your credit the following sums:

Mr William Desais	Agent	£ s. s. 0
" Francis W MacPhail	Town Clerk	2 " 7. 6
" Michael Doyle	Meter Rents	8 " 2 " 1
	Total	£ 12 . 14 . 7

Showing a Debit balance of £36 . 11 . 11

We recommend the following payments

Francis W MacPhail	One months Salary	£ 9 . 3 . 4
Same	Ordinary Petty Cash Outlay	7 " 0 . 0
Same	Petty Cash Outlay on Sewer Main St	3 . 5 . 0
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	4 . 11 . 8
Edward Connor	do do	5 . 0 . 0
Denis Briew	Sunder cleaning Streets, catchpits etc	4 . 0 . 0
Michael Connor	Acct of Road Metalling on Sewer Main St	3 . 7 . 2
	Total	£ 36 . 7 . 2

Signed Nicholas H. Hasklins
James Fernon
Peter O'Brien
Joseph McCarroll
Charles Davis

Proposed by David H. Hasklins, seconded by Patrick Padin and unanimously resolved." That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted and that we direct our Rate Collector to take immediate steps on and after the 17th Instant to collect in the Township Rate so that the Council may be in a position to discharge their liabilities before the 31st Inst in accordance with the transitory

arrangements of the Local Government Board"

Town Hall Wicklow
27th February 1899

Your Managing Committee met this day and having considered your Sub Sanitary Officers Report directed your Town Clerk to have notice served on the Owners of the premises complained of to connect their drains with new main Sewer in Main Street:— With regard to your Waterworks Overseers Report we recommend that the check valves recently purchased for the Water Meters be not put down before the Meters for the present:— Having considered Mr Charles Doyle's application we recommend that he be granted a lease of 75 years at the rent of £3 per annum, he to pay all rates and taxes, a clause to be inserted in the lease to expend on the premises a sum of £80 within two years in permanent repairs and to continue to pay the old rent until he has satisfied the Council that he has carried out the Covenants of the lease, otherwise the lease to become null and void:— Having visited Mr Samuel Kavanagh's premises we recommend that he be granted a lease of 75 years at £2 per annum, conditionally, that the Tenant pay all rates and taxes put the premises into proper Sanitary repair, yard to be concreted, closet Erected, same to be done in a proper workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the Sanitary authority within six months from this date, lease to contain a Covenant that said improvements will be carried out within the time specified otherwise the lease to become null and void" With regard to Mr Joseph O'Connors application for a lease of 75 years we recommend that he be granted said lease on his surrendering his right to a lease already granted to him:— In reference to Mr James Flanagans application we recommend that the rent be reduced to the original rent of 4/6 per month, the Tenant to Sign an Agreement to Keep the house and premises in proper Tenantable repair:— Having considered the various applications for Convent Road Cottages we recommend that the following be accepted as Tenants Messrs John Doyle, Patrick Hayden, Garret Whelan, James Murphy and James Byrne, the Tenants to Sign the usual Agreement:—

With regard to the application from the Band we recommend that they be given the use of the front portion of the Market Hall for practice three nights in the week from 7 pm to 10 pm and that the three persons signing the application hold themselves personally responsible for any damage etc that may be done, an Agreement

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to this effect to be drawn up by the Councils Clerk, we further recommend that two doors be procured so as to divide the inner and other markets the Band to have the use only of the front portion : —

We have directed your Clerk to request Mr Little to come here on Thursday next to make arrangements for building boundary walls at Convent Road Cottages :

Signed Patrick Padin, Peter O'Brien, James Jernon
Edward Kennedy, Mathew McDonald, Garrett Byrne
Frank McPhail, William Darragh.

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, seconded by Christopher Murray and resolved ; — That the Managing Committees Report be confirmed and adopted " —

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Hugh R. McCarroll and resolved
"That we advertise to Contractors for gates for Market House
"by placing a notice on the Board outside the Town Hall" —

As Medical Officer of Health for Urban District of Wicklow I hereby report to you privies and ashpits at new houses on Cross Roads they are too near the houses and I recommend that they be placed at far End of Gardens - It would be desirable to have fireplaces in bedrooms of these houses

Signed this 6th day of March 1899

James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Health

Resolved " That the Medical Officers of Healths Report be referred to the Managing Committee " —

Wicklow 6th March 1899

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month the Public Lighting of the Town was well attended : An application has been made to me relative to the drainage from the Gas premises, the only one Sewer in this neighbourhood is in Strand Street being in or about sixty yards from the premises so that it is a question for your Council to decide as to what provision you will make to accomodate them — There is a Considerable quantity of surplus material left after completing the Sewer

in Main St I await your instructions as to how I am to dispose of it :

I also want directions to have the Murrough seats and watering cart repaired and painted — The Street cleaner was attentive to his business. I made usual inspections during the month and served seven notices under the Public Health Act for Sanitary purposes — The Medical Officers attention has been directed to some Sanitary subjects.

I have the honour &c
Michael Doyle Sub San Officer

Resolved " That the Sub Sanitary Officers Report be referred to the Managing Committee and that the Surplus refuse in Fitzwilliam Square be removed to the promenade near Mr Marks Byrne's house and deposited where necessary " —

Read Waterworks Overseers Report shewing the water in Reservoir is to the top of the woodwork and that he had knocked the plugs out of the woodwork to ease the reservoir and Enumerating certain works done during the month

Proposed by Peter O'Brien seconded by Peter J. Byrne and resolved
"That the Report of the Waterworks Overseer be referred to the
"Waterworks Committee giving them power to employ Mr Pansing
"to assist them and to meet on Thursday next at 11 o'clock

Militia Trainings 1899

Barrack Office South Lr Castle yard
Dublin February 1899

Sir,

The ~~Practical~~ Preliminary Drill of the Wicklow Artillery will commence on the 13th March, and the training on the 15th May to 10th June, they will be placed under canvas on the Murrough —

The Dublin City Artillery will also be encamped on the Murrough during the period of their training from 12th June to 8th July

If the Commissioners will kindly allow the use of the Murrough will you please furnish me with the usual form of Agreement stating terms &c, also the usual Agreement for Water Supply

I am &c
L Edwards Lt 2 M.
Officer in Charge of Barracks

The Town Clerk
Wicklow

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Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Edward Kennedy and resolved
That we hereby agree to let to the War Office that portion of the Murrough usually occupied for their annual training of the Dublin and Wicklow Artillery Militia's on the same terms and conditions as heretofore, The Water Supply to be charged for as usual"

Royal Engineers Office
Dublin Castle 10 Feb 1899

Wicklow
36 Sir,

Your letter of the 9th Instant has been received and will have attention

I am your obt
C. A. Bayot
Colnel

The Town Clerk Wicklow

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Dublin Castle 25th Feb 1899

Dear Sir, Blackcastle Battery

I am instructed to ask you to be good enough to let me have a copy of the Agreement under which Mr Doolittle is in occupation of the premises proposed to be hired from your Commissioners by the War Department

Yours truly
W. J. Towers

The Town Clerk Wicklow:

Dublin Castle 1st March 1899

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 22nd ultimo, Would you please say what rent is paid by Mr Doolittle and what is the date of the commencement of his yearly tenancy

Yours truly
W. J. Towers
For Chief Crown Solicitor

P.S.

I assume from your letter that there is no written agreement between the Commissioners and Mr. Doolittle"

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Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by David H. Haskins and resolved" That the matter of field to War Office be sent to Managing Committee to consider rent"

Proposed by Nicholas A. Haskins, seconded by Hugh R. McCarroll and resolved
" That we rescind the resolution giving the field at the Blackcastle
" to the War Office at the rent of £ 10 per annum"

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Local Government Board Dublin
2nd March 1899

No 9.887
Wicklow Town
Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to the representation of the Wicklow Urban District Council on the Harbour Board; I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, that, in their opinion, having regard to the express terms of Section 6 of the Act 14 and 15 Vic Cap CXXI, the saving in the repeal of 9 George IV Cap 82 does not apply to the case of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Moreover by the operation of section 41 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, there are no longer, in Wicklow, Commissioners under the 9 Geo IV Cap 82

I am Sir,
Your obt Servant
Thomas A. Money
Secretary;

To Francis W. MacNeill Esq
Clerk to the Council.

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by David H. Haskins and resolved" That the Local Government Board be asked at once to obtain a Provisional Order for the Town Commissioners empowering representatives to the Harbour Board to take their seats as very important business in connection with the Town including building of new Breakwater is at present before the Board"

Existing Officers, Urban District Councils & Town Commissioners

In Exercise of the power given to us by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, section 124, We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, hereby order and appoint that the provisions of sections 115 to 119, inclusive, of the said Act so far as they relate to all existing Officers of Municipal Corporations, Urban District Councils, and Town Commissioners shall come into Operation on this date

Given under our Hands and Seal of Office, this

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Twenty first day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ninety nine

Signed G. W. Balfour
H. A. Robinson
T. J. Stafford
R. Bagwell

17 College Green Dublin
9th February 1899

Luscombe

Dear Sir,

We Enclose copy of a letter we have had from Messrs Collis & Ward. — You will see that they require an extra £ 35 to cover costs, including the costs of the re-conveyance of the Luscombe Mortgage. We shall be glad to know if your Commissioners are willing to agree to their proposal.

Town Clerk Wicklow

Yours faithfully
Guinness Mahon & Co

Copy

31 Dame Street Dublin
6th February 1899

Luscombe v Luscombe

Dear Sirs,

The Lord Chancellor has finally declined to consent to the Trustees investing the £ 12.000 in the Wicklow Town Commissioners Stock, but he threw out that there was no reason why the suit should not be wound up and taken out of Court, in which case the Trustees would be able, with the assent of the beneficiaries to invest the amount in the Wicklow Stock. We have consulted with Mr Luscombe, and he and the Trustees are willing to wind up the suit and to take the funds out of Court. We think, however, before Embarking in an application of this sort, which will entail a considerable amount of trouble and expense, that the Wicklow Commissioners ought to undertake to pay us a fee which would cover the costs which have been incurred in connection with the alteration of the nature of the investment of the £ 12.000 in the Commissioners hands. The Commissioners will as a matter of course have to pay for the reconveyance of the Mortgage, and we think that if the sum of £ 30 was fixed to cover all expenses including the reconveyance it would be a very reasonable amount."

Yours faithfully
Signed Collis & Ward

Messrs Guinness Mahon & Co

Proposed by Patrick Padin, Seconded by David A. Haskins and resolved
"That Messrs Guinness Mahon's letter and correspondence with
"Messrs Collis & Ward on the Subject of the Luscombe Mortgage
"be referred to the Managing Committee"

Read letters from Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Hanbury, Solicitor General, Mr. J. J. Clancy, M.P. and Mr. William Field M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Council with regard to the action of the Harbour Commissioners in Endeavouring to deprive the Town of being first recouped out of the surplus revenue of Wicklow Harbour"

Read letter from Miss Nannie Kehoe with regard to a building plot at Summer Hill which was referred to the Managing Committee"

Read letter from Mr Michael Rooney with regard to the arrangement Entered into between Mr Hamilton, Agent, and the Council in reference to the division agreed on between the two properties"

The Council declined to make any alteration in the terms already agreed on

Read letters from Michael Finlay, Elizabeth Downs, Lucy Murphy all of which were referred to the Managing Committee"

Read an application from Messrs Rutledge, Finlay, Forde, Byrne Murray & Nally for a reduction in rent of grazing cattle"

Read letter from Michael Byrne with regard to Dunbur Quarry which was referred to the Agent"

A complaint was made by Captain Darragh with regard to damp Entering his house from Market roof which was referred to the Managing Committee"

High Street Wicklow
6th March 1899

Gentlemen,

I propose to clean streets, catch pits, urinals for month of March for the sum of £ 4.

Denis Brien

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Proposed by Patrick Padin, Seconded by David H. Haskins and resolved
"That the Tender of Denis Brien ~~Tender~~ for the cleaning of
"Streets and catch pits for the sum of £4 be accepted on the
"usual Conditions

Notice of Motion

That I give notice that I will propose the appointment of a Local Engineer to this Board at the meeting first Monday in April 1899

Christopher Murray
March 6th 1899

Proposed by Patrick Padin, Seconded by Peter J. Byrne and resolved
"That the Tender for building boundary walls be referred
"to the Managing Committee"

James Gernon Vice-Chairman
April 3rd 1899

Town Hall Wicklow
3rd April 1899

The usual monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban Council and Townships Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice: —

Members present

Mr. James Gernon Vice Chairman in the chair, Messrs Charles Davis, Hugh R. McCarroll, Peter Doolittle, Peter O'Brien, Christopher Murray, Patrick Padin, William Darragh, Edward McCollins, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Kennedy, Gerald Byrne,

The minutes of the former meeting were read over and ordered by the Board to be signed after which the Finance Committees Report was read over

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Christopher Murray and resolved
"That Cheques be now signed for Officers Salaries and Petty
"Cash and that the Finance Committee meet on Friday
"Evening next at 7.30 oclock pm: —

Proposed by Hugh R. McCarroll, seconded by Charles Davis and resolved
"That this meeting be adjourned until Monday 10th
"April at 7 pm: —

James P. Byrne
Chm.
1st May '99

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Town Hall Wicklow
10th April 1899

An adjourned meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Township Commissioners was held this Evening in pursuance to notice

Members present Mr James Gernon Vice Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Peter O'Brien, William Darragh, Hugh R. McCarroll,
Louis Carroll, Peter Doolittle, Jarret Byrne, David H. Haskins,
Nicholas H. Haskins, Matthew McDonald, Thomas Gregory, Charles
Davis, Christopher Murray and Francis MacPhail;

The agenda paper contained the following business:

No 1 To consider Finance Committees Report
2 To consider Financial Statement to 31st March 1899.
3 To consider Managing Committees Reports.
4 To consider Waterworks Committees Report.
5 To consider Sub Sanitary Officers Report.
6 To Consider Waterworks Overseers Report.
7 To Consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.
8 To Consider Tender for cleaning streets, catch pits and urinal
9 To Consider Mr Christopher Murrays "Notice of Motion" That I will propose the appointment of a local Engineer to this Board, at the meeting first Monday in April"
10 To Consider Mr Peter Doolittles Notice of Motion "To rescind resolution passed by previous Board, fixing the Insurance of Dwarer's Stores (held by Messrs Haskins) at £1000"

Town Hall Wicklow
31st March 1899

Your Finance Committee met this Evening and checked over accounts, books and vouchers and found that during the past month there was lodged to your credit the following sums:—

Mr William Desaix	Agent	£	10 . 14 . 8
" Francis William MacPhail	Town Clerk		7 . 6 . 10
" Same	Amount in hands of Town Clerk to Square acct to 31st March 99		9 . 15 . 7
" Michael Doyle	Local & Water Rate		66 . 14 . 8
	Total	£	94 . 11 . 9

giving a Credit Balance of £21 . 12 . 8

We recommend the following payments

Francis W MacPhail	One months Salary	£ 9 . 3 . 4
Same	For Petty Cash purposes	10 . 0 . 0
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	4 . 11 . 8
Edward Connor	do do	5 . 0 . 0
Denis Brien	Cleaning Streets, catch pits & urinal	4 . 0 . 0
Francis W MacPhail:	School attendance Committees Expenses to 31st March 1899	12 . 4 . 6
Thomas Douglas	Income Tax	28 . 14 . 11
Joseph Darcy	Amount of Account	3 . 11 . 0
Thomas Fellettie	Insurance Town Hall	1 . 0 . 0
William White	Account of Smiths Work	1 . 19 . 6
Miss McPhail	Printing, Advertising & Stationary.	8 . 7 . 9
Wicklow Star	Advertising	2 . 4 . 0
Wicklow People	Advertising	1 . 12 . 9
	Total £	89 . 9 . 5

Pursuant to the Transitory arrangements of the Local Government Board all monies in the hands of Town accounting Officers has been lodged with the Treasurer, therefore it will be necessary to provide funds for wages during the month and we recommend that a cheque for £10 be drawn in favour of the Councils Clerk to meet the Expenditure

Mr Thomas Little has certified that a further sum of £250 is due to Mr Joseph Winn under his Contract for building Cottages at Convent Road, we recommend that Mr George Drury Stockbroker be authorised to sell as much of Dublin Corporation Stock standing in our names as will produce £250 Cash to meet above payment.

We have read a letter from Mr A. D. Price C.E. claiming balance of an account £4 . 14 . 6 stated to be due to him by the old Board in 1896:— Town Clerk produced a cheque and an account furnished at the time initialed by the Auditor settling the matter, we recommend that Mr Price be informed that the account was settled by cheque on 3rd August 1896

Signed Peter O'Brien
Thomas Gregory
Christopher Murray
Hugh R. McCarroll

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Proposed by David H. Haskins, seconded by Garret Byrne and unanimously resolved "That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted"—

Proposed by Garret Byrne, seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and resolved "That the Common Seal of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow be affixed "to power of attorney, authorising George Drury Esq, Stock Broker "to sell as much Dublin Corporation Stock standing in our names "as will produce £250 cash, fourth instalment due to Mrs Joseph "Pim in accordance with our Engineers certificate"—

James Jemon } Chairman

(Seal)

Peter O'Brien
Garret Byrne
Nicholas H. Haskins } Councillors

Dated this 10th day of April 1899 — Francis M. MacPhail Town Clerk

Proposed by David H. Haskins, seconded by Mathew McDonald and resolved "That we the Wicklow Urban Council hereby direct our Treasurers the "Hibernian Banking Co Limited Wicklow to transfer the balance standing "to our Credit in their books on the 31st March 1899 viz £21.12.8 "to the new Account now directed to be opened in accordance with the "Transitory Provisions of the Local Government Board"—

Proposed by Garret Byrne, seconded by N. H. Haskins and unanimously resolved "That a cheque be drawn in favor of Mr James McCall for the Sum of "Two pounds, Seven shillings being amount of his account for repairs "to houses in Castle Street and roof of Market House same having been "done to the Satisfaction of our Agent"—

Proposed by Christopher Murray seconded by Garret Byrne and resolved"— That "Messrs Tormey & Tormeys bill of costs be referred to the Finance Committee "with the addition of Messrs Garret Byrne, David Haskins & Peter Doolittle "giving them power to Employ Mr M Carroll to attend on taxation"—

Final Account

Account of Assets and Liabilities of Wicklow Urban Council to 31st March 1899

Assets				Liabilities			
1899							
31st March Balance in hands of Treasurer	21	12	8	Wicklow Gas Co: Balance Contract of Public Lighting to May 1898	73	14	6
				Same: Contract Public Lighting to 1st May 1899	136	19	10
				Same: Gas Town Hall	8	8	4
In respect of Rent and Arrears due to 31st March	671	8	11	Messrs Tormey: Balance taxed bill of costs	88	18	9
				Same: Bill of costs subject to taxation	76	10	6
In respect of Refund from Board of Works on Harbour Law	106	13	4	Joseph Pim: Amount of Acct pipes &c sewer Main Street	30	12	7½
				Hon. Douglas Income Tax on Property	25	14	11
				Same. Income Tax on Stock	21	1	2
				Wm Desaix Agents Fees to date	78	14	8
				School attendance Committees Expenses	12	4	6
				Officers Salaries to 31st March 1899	22	15	"
				Charles Chambers: Stock & Acct Books	8	2	4
				Miss M'Phail: Printing Advertising &c	8	7	9
				Wicklow Star: Advertising	2	4	"
				Wicklow People: Advertising	1	12	9
				Joseph Darcy: Amt of Acct	3	11	"
				Hon. Fellottie: Insurance Town Hall	1	"	"
				Messrs Haskins: Deposit on drawers Stores	5	"	"
				Thos Little: Plans specification Murrough Improvements	8	.	6
				William White: Smiths Work	1	19	6
					612	12	7½
				Balance	187	2	3½
	799	14	11	£	799.	14	11

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