residing at Gleneely are suffering from measles necessary precautions adopted ! =

The water supply of this Town has been very foul since the beginning of August I have made several reports to Urban District Council there does not appear to be any improvement in it, people are not able to use it, there is such a stinking smell from it probably caused by decaying vegetation in the pipes and the want of the pipes been scoured, the System of filtration is also defective, I would recommend the water pipes be scoured daily and new filtration beds ! = As far as I can ascertain the pipes have not been scoured since Monday 21st Inst although they are full of stinking water and there is a plentiful supply in Reservoir = There are a large number of people suffering from Diarrhea and Colic ! =

Yours &c
James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Health

I annex a letter which has appeared in Local papers from Mr E. N. Byrne who is a Civil Engineer and was formerly Chairman of Town Commissioners

Local Government Board Dublin
29th August 1899

No 318 M/1899

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to draw the attention of the Council to the terms of Section 116 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, which provide that if the duties of any existing Town Clerk of a Borough or Clerk to the Commissioners of any Town are increased, he shall receive such increase of Salary in proportion to that increase of duties as the Local Government Board may determine ! =

The Board have been applied to in a large number of instances to determine the future salaries to be paid to Town Clerks in respect of increased duties, but they have deemed it advisable to withhold their decision in all cases until such time as they are in a position to consider all claims for increase of salaries in consequence of increased work which the Officers mentioned may desire to submit

The Board will therefore be glad to receive within one month from the present date a Statement showing the Salary of the Town Clerk or Clerk to the Commissioners who is affected by the provisions of the section referred to, and who may not have arrived at an

Agreement with the Council on the subject, together with a statement as to the increase of work to be taken into account in each case ! =

Any observations which the Council may see fit to make respecting any claim put forward affecting them under the Enactment in question will receive full consideration on the part of the Board ! =

Yours &c
Thomas A. Mooney
Secretary =

To the Town Clerk of Each Borough
and
Clerk of Each Urban District Council

Resolved "That Local Government Board's letter be referred to the Managing Committee. The Town Clerk to supply information as to the increase of duties imposed on him and also a statement showing his Salary received from the Council

Local Government Board
Dublin 21st August 1899

No 47798 : 1899
Wicklow Urban District

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to be laid before the Wicklow Urban District Council the accompanying communication which they have received from Mr Daniel Byrne complaining of a nuisance in the vicinity of his premises at Strand Street in the Urban District and I am to request that the Board may be furnished with the observations of the District Council on the subject

Yours &c
H M Swaine
Assistant Secretary

The Town Clerk, Wicklow :

Strand St Wicklow 14th August 1899

To the Secretary Local Government Board

Sir,

I beg to say that I applied to the Corporation of Wicklow to have a gravel repository removed a reasonable distance from the front of my houses and it has not been done, therefore I ask your Board for protection ! = Councillors McCarroll and Darragh oppose the granting of it on the grounds that several families would lose their employment I don't know whether they include their own families or not among the number ! = However there are over two acres of unoccupied area in

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in front of my holding and yet they assert that there is no place for a repository except within a few feet of my doors, it is rather strange to harass people in their homes by the sifting, loading and unloading of this coarse material and then tell them that other people are making a living out of the annoyance Excuses like these were it not for the — might be let pass off as imbecile

As natural Justice has been denied me I hope your Board will investigate the matter = In conclusion I respectfully ask you to read a report of the Meeting which I enclose where my application was rejected ! =

Yours respectfully
Daniel Byrne

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Peter O'Brien and unanimously resolved:

"That in future no gravel be allowed to be placed within twenty "feet of Mr Byrne's house Strand Street ! =

Local Government Board
Dublin 8th August 1899

Dear Sir

I have been asked by the Local Government Board to intimate to you their desire that the Accounts of your Township should be closed and prepared for Audit up to the period Ending 30th September next, and I have accordingly to request that you will have the goodness to take the necessary steps for this purpose in due course ! =

I am dear Sir
Yours truly
C. Pelly

The Clerk to the Urban Council
Wicklow

Enniscorthy 18/8/99

Dear Sir

You can make out the Accounts for the period up to the 30th of September next, in continuation of the Accounts which you have already prepared for the 31st March last ! =

As regards the Debenture Stock Account I shall make inquiry and will let you know about it in due course ! =

Yours truly
C. Pelly

Mr Francis McPhail
Town Clerk: Wicklow !

No 47.957: 1899
Wicklow Urban District

Local Government Board
Dublin 19th August 1899

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Urban District Council of Wicklow at their meeting on the 9th Instant, respecting the claim of Mr Thomas Dowling for compensation in respect of his services as Poor Rate Collector; and I am to state that in the opinion of the Board Mr Dowling is now an Officer of the County Council and not of the Urban District Council and that the Urban District Council of Wicklow are not obliged to pay him compensation ! =

I am Sir &c
R.W. Barlas
For Secretary

The Clerk Urban District Council
Wicklow

F & H 11837

Board of Trade, 7 Whitehall Gardens London S.W. 22nd Augst 1899

Sir

With further reference to your letter of the 12th Instant upon the subject of the removal of materials from certain shore and banks at Wicklow, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners do not hold any shore on lease from this Department, although in March 1882, the site of certain Harbour Works was conveyed to them ! =

I am to add that the Board cannot admit that the Town Commissioners have any right to the foreshore below high water mark at Wicklow, such shore being prima facie the property of the Crown and under the management of the Board of Trade

I am Sir &c
Francis Hopwood

The Clerk, Town Hall, Wicklow ! =

Rathdrum Rural District
Boardroom Workhouse 28th Augst 1899

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 14th Instant on the Subject of the proposed New Cemetry for the Town and District of Wicklow, I am directed by the Council of the Rathdrum Rural District to State for the information of the Council of the Urban District of Wicklow that the following

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Rural District Councillors have been appointed to meet in Conference seven Urban District Councillors in the Town Hall Wicklow, on such day as may be arranged: viz

Mr William Byrne. Coolbeg
Mr Patrick Short. Rathnew
Mr Patrick Nadin JP. Wicklow
Mr Daniel Farrell Ballyteskin
Colonel Tottenham DL. Ballycurry.
Mr Peter Tyrrell Ballinapark
Mr Edward Cullen Barnacoyle
Mr Jarrett Byrne Ballyrattron

I am also directed to transmit for the information of the Urban Council the accompanying Copy of a resolution passed by the Rural Council at their meeting on the 14th of July last:=

(Copy)

Proposed by Colonel Tottenham, seconded by Mr D. J. Cogan and resolved
"That in reference to their letter 33099: 1899 the Clerk ask the
"Local Government Board how far the Orders made by them
"(quote dates) in respect to the area of charge for Wicklow
"Cemetry are binding on the new local authorities, and also
"whether it will be practicable for the District Council to transfer
"the arrangement of its district to a Joint Committee of the
"District and Urban Councils

P. J. Carey
14/7/99

(Reply)

Local Government Board
Dublin, 3rd August 1899

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo relating to the carrying out of the work to provide a burial ground for Wicklow District, for which a Loan of £1800 has been sanctioned, and in reply I am to state that the recent Orders as to the area of charge do not affect the Order of the 11th Feb 1897 by causing any Extension of the area but as pointed out in the Board's letter of the 4th ultimo an Agreement should be entered into between the Rathdrum Rural District Council and the Urban District Council of Wicklow as to the use of the ground, and to provide for their proper contribution towards the Expenses of the Burial Ground:= The Board do not

think that a Joint Committee formed from Members of the Urban and Rural District Councils could legally act as a Burial Board, but if the Burial ground is provided by the Rural District Council after a Contract is entered into with the Urban Council, as suggested, a Joint Board, if it is afterwards deemed necessary, could be formed by Provisional Order for the management of the Burial ground:

I am Sir &c
H. M. Swaine
For Assistant Secretary

I am Sir
Your Obd Servant
Bernard Manning
Clerk to the Council

To
The Clerk of the Urban District Council Wicklow—

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Mathew McDonald and resolved:=
That the following members of this Council be appointed
"to meet the Members of the Rural District Council in reference
"to the Wicklow Cemetry, Doctor Byrne Messrs James Gernon,
"Peter O'Brien, Frank McPhail, Jarrett Byrne, Joseph
"McCarroll, Charles Davis to meet on 25th Instant provided
"that date suits:=

Read a letter from Mr Joseph Pim acknowledging receipt of Cheque value £355. 10/- balance for erection of Artisans Dwellings and stating that he quite expected the Council would have included the £67. 16. 6 as he had furnished both Accounts together:=

Resolved = That Mr Pims letter be referred to the Managing Committee"

Read letter from Michael Finlay claiming 15/- five days work for mowing thistles on Grazing Lands: Mr Desaix stated that he declined to order payment as he was under the impression this work was included in the Agreement to pay him 10/- per month:=

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Resolved :- That Michael Finlay be paid 15/- out of Petty Cash Accnt.

Summer Hill Wicklow
4th September 1899

To the Chairman
& Urban Council

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for a plot of ground on Monkton Road, to build two houses adjoining Mr William Carrolls holding, I am prepared to commence building at once before the winter season sets in, therefore an early reply will oblige

Your Obd Servant
John Flynn

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Nicholas H Hawkins and resolved "That Mr John Flynn be leased the plot of ground he has "applied for, to build two houses on Monkton Road, rent to be "the same per foot as Mr William Carrolls holding, lease to date "from 29th September 1899 for 75 years, and plan to be subject "to the approval of Town Surveyor and Managing Committee".

Read letter from Mr Charles Toole declining to pay 14/10½ Local Rate as he had received no Lease and also that his rent had not been reduced" =

Resolved "That Mr Charles Toole's letter be referred to the Managing Committee to report at to next meeting" :-

31 Dame St Dublin
4th Sept 1899

Dear Sir

Lascombe v. Wicklow Commissioners Mortgage

Referring to previous correspondence on Mr Collis, who has charge of the above matter, has now returned from his vacation, and we find that Mr Lascombe is anxious to have this matter settled without further delay : Will you kindly let us know whether the Finance Committee of the District Council have arranged to pay the interest now due on the Mortgage and what steps the Commissioners have decided upon for having the amount of the Mortgage paid off :

Yours faithfully
Collis & Ward

F W McAthail : Town Clerk :.

17 College Green Dublin
30th August 1899

Dear Sir

We hope you are now in a position to pay us the underwriting commission on late issue of Township Stock and we shall be glad to receive cheque for same :

Yours faithfully
Guinness Mahon & Co

Clerk of Urban Council Wicklow :

Resolved "That Messrs Collis & Ward and Messrs Guinness Mahon's letters be referred to the Redeemable Stock Committee

Read letter from W R Sheane stating that he was sending in four double gates and 3 single do with 11 Ezeholts for Artizans Dwellings

Read letter from Manager Manure Co in reference to Water Supply

Read letter from National Telephone Co requesting further information as to the representations made by this Companys Officials as to the number of subscribers in Wicklow =

Resolved "That National Telephone Co letter be referred to Managing "Committee

Read letter from Parnell Statue Committee on the subject of collecting funds to erect a memorial which was adopted" =

Read resolution of Mountmelick Union with regard to the reinstatement of Evicted Tenants : =

Resolved "That we hereby adopt resolution of Mountmelick Union

Read resolutions from Irish Financial Reform League which was adopted : =

Read letter and printed notice from Secretary County Council with regard to main roads, which was referred to next quarterly meeting : =

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Resolved "That we hereby adopt the resolution of Dublin Corporation on the subject of "State Aid for the Blind" =

Resolved "That we hereby approve of the resolutions of Dublin Corporation "with reference to the present housing accomodation of the very poor "and the working and industrial classes in all cities and Towns "in Ireland" =

Proposed by Mathew McDonald seconded by Christopher Murray and resolved "That Denis Briens Tender for cleaning streets, catch pits and "urinals be accepted for the month of September at £4.10.0 "on the usual conditions

Two Tenders were received and considered for supplying 60 Tons of Quarry waste : =

Mr Jarrett Whelan, Tendered at £8.0.0
Michael Byrne Tendered at 2.6 per ton or £7.10

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Mathew McDonald and resolved "That we hereby accept Mr Michael Byrne's Tender for Supply- ing 60 tons of Quarry waste at 2/6 per ton, the Contract "to be carried out under the direction and to the Satisfaction "of our Town Surveyor

Proposed by Christopher Murray, seconded by Peter OBrien "That inasmuch as Mr Quinn has neglected or failed to "supply the Town Sergeants Uniform, we hereby accept the "next tender Mr John Maguires at £4.0.0

(Amendment)

Proposed by Mr James Jenson, seconded by Mr Charles Davis "That we re-advertise for Tenders to be considered at "next monthly meeting

The Amendment first having been put there voted as follows For Amendment : Messrs Jenson, Davis & C. H. Haskins (3) Against : Messrs Murray, OBrien, McDonald & N. H. Haskins (4), The Amendment having been defeated, the original

resolution was then put and declared carried

Proposed by Peter OBrien, seconded by Christopher Murray and resolved "That a Copy of Dr Vanstone Book on the Local Government "(Ireland) Act, be obtained for the guidance of the Council : =

Wicklow 4th September 1899

To the Chairman
& Urban Council Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I beg to report as desired on Mrs Rozanna Wall's application requesting the Council to accept the Surrender of a lease of houses and premises, situate in Castle Street Wicklow, 16 years of which are unexpired, and offering to pay an increased rent of 12½ per cent per annum : =

Before the Council can give effect to her application permission must be obtained from the Local Government Board to accept a Surrender of an original lease, pursuant to the powers vested in them under Article 24 of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898 = Should the Local Government Board give their Sanction, a legal deed of surrender must be executed by the owner of the property and possession of same in the hands of the Council before they can make a letting : = It will then be requisite to fix a fair rent subject to revision by a Valuer on behalf of the Treasury now the Local Government Board :

I do not see there can be any difficulty in acceding to Mrs Walls application, provided the above obligations are complied with

With regard to Denis Byrne's application, it is rather misleading as it would appear as if there was no lease in existence, where as a matter of fact the Counsel hold the original Lease dated 1854 to one Denis Byrne not the present Applicant

The same formality will require to be gone through as in Mrs Wall's case, but the Council must be satisfied that the Applicant is the beneficial owner of the property before any steps can be taken, otherwise the Council would leave themselves liable to serious consequences : =

I am Gentlemen &c
William Desaise
Corporate Agent =

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Mr. Desaix brought before the Council a list of Tenants owing over one years rent and requesting the authority of the Council to proceed for the recovery of same : —

No 114	: —	One and a half years rent	29th Sept	£	2 . 5 . 0
273	: —	Ditto	Ditto	"	15 . 0
278	: —	Two years Ditto	Ditto	"	8 . 10 . 0
293	: —	One and a half Ditto	Ditto	"	3 . 10 . 0
Other Tenants	11 :	— Two years Ditto	do 31st Dec	"	1 . 5 . 0
New Monthly	7 :	— One year and nine months		"	8 . 15 . 0
Grazing	8 & 19	— Over two years due		"	7 . 8 . 3
			Total	£	36 . 8 . 3

Proposed by Nicholas A Haskins, Seconded by Matthew Mc Donald and unanimously resolved : —

"That Mr Desaix be directed to proceed against the "Tenants a list of which he has furnished and that "we give him the services of Mr Joseph D'Mc Carroll "Solicitor with the exception of No 278" : —

(Notice of Motion)

I shall move at the next monthly meeting to Consider the feasibility of building Labourers Cottages at Monklow Row —

James Gernon

Sept 6/1899

James Gernon Vice Chr
Oct 2. 99

Town Hall Wicklow
18th September 1899

A Special meeting of the Wicklow Urban Council and Town Commissioners of Wicklow was held this day in pursuance to a requisition Signed by Messrs Matthew Mc Donald, Edward M Collins, Peter O'Brien, David A Haskins, Christopher Murray & Frank M'Phail to transact the following business

No 1 - To receive and consider Mr Comber's C.E. Report on Wicklow Water Supply and to take immediate steps in relation thereto : —
2 - To consider miscellaneous correspondence
3 - To consider claim by Town Clerk pursuant to Local Government Boards letter No 318 M/1899 and section 116 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 : —

Members present Mr James Gernon Vice Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Matthew Mc Donald, Frank M'Phail, Charles Davis, Edward Kennedy, Peter O'Brien, David A Haskins, Patrick Paden, Nicholas A Haskins : —

Proposed by Frank M'Phail, Seconded by Nicholas A Haskins and resolved,

"That a letter of Condolence be written by the Clerk to the "Family of the late Mr Thomas Darcy who was for many years "an active and most useful member of the Board of Commissioners "Expressing Sympathy with them in their great bereavement "and that this Board stands adjourned to Eight o'clock "this Evening" : —

James Gernon Vice-Chr
Oct 2 99

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Town Hall Wicklow
18th September 1899

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

Members present Dr J. F. Byrne, Chairman, in the Chair
Messrs Nicholas A Hoskins, Mathew McDonald, Thomas Gregory, Peter Doolittle, Frank McGrail, David A Hoskins, James Jenson, Christopher Murray, Charles Davis, Peter O'Brien and Luis Carroll,

19 Lower Leeson Street
Dublin 15th Sept 1899

The Secretary,
Wicklow Urban District Council:

(Wicklow Water Supply)

Dear Sir

1 — In accordance with your instructions I met the Waterworks Committee at the Town Hall on the 11th Instant and they informed me that Complaints had recently been made that the water had a bad colour and a somewhat offensive odour. — The Committee afterwards kindly accompanied me with Mr Pansing C.E. to the Impounding Reservoir at the head of Marlton Glen about 1½ miles from the Town.

2 — The Reservoir Covers a space at high water level of 3½ Statute acres and impounds nine million gallons of water, and its greatest depth to high water level taken on the face of the Embankment wall is 30 feet, while it is quite shallow towards the further End and both Sides. — It is also used as the service reservoir for supplying the Town. — The Gathering ground, or the area on which the rain falls supplies the Reservoir, comprises about 200 acres, and consists principally of upland pasture and meadow nearly free from population, there being only two houses on the Entire area, so that Sources of Contamination, other than regulable are nearly absent: —

3 — The filtering beds are constructed in the body of the Embankment and consist of eight filtering chambers 12 feet by 9 feet and 30 feet in depth with three clear water Chambers of the same dimensions. The three clean water Chambers are placed in the centre with four filtering Chambers on each side. And each set of Chambers has for access one manhole two feet in diameter, with cast iron frame and cover, and arched openings from one to the other. There is also a manhole directly over the overflow pipe, each filtering chamber is divided into two Spaces in the height by a floor consisting of cast iron perforated plates supported on iron girders two feet apart, at a depth of 20 feet under high water level: And on this floor is placed Sand and gravel in mass, two feet in depth, through which the water percolates from the bottom upwards and passes on to the clean water chambers. The two inlet pipes from the reservoir to the filter chambers are placed immediately under the floor plates, twenty feet under high water level. And the outlet pipe from the clean water chambers for supplying the Town is placed 30 feet under high water level. The cast iron main from the clean water chambers to the Valve House in the Town is 8 inches in diameter but it is contracted at the point of commencement in the clean water chambers to 4 inches in diameter.

4 — I found the water in the reservoir 3½ feet under high water level and slightly discoloured, but in good condition for use and without any odour. It is a common occurence after a lengthened period of hot weather that water yielded by gathering grounds is discoloured, owing to the colouring matter in the dead plants being dissolved out, just as ordinary water may be discoloured by placing in it a wisp of hay. The rains following prolonged droughts are specially affected, and means are sometimes adopted for the separation of highly coloured streams from the General supply.

5 — But the slight discolouration of the water in the reservoir itself does not account for the turbid State of the water in the mains. In Mr Pansings report to Town Board dated 21st Augst 99 he states " We then had the wash out valve at the Bridge near the Caretakers Cottage opened and the discharge from this was very much discoloured. " The date on which Mr Pansing and the Waterworks Committee saw this valve opened was on the 14th August. I had the same valve opened on the 11th of September, four weeks afterwards, and the water then

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discharged was very much discoloured. And Sir Charles Cameron states in his recent report to your Board that the water in the Reservoir is better than that in the mains: =

6 = That the water should be made worse instead of better by passing it through the filters is quite intolerable. That which was intended for the purification of the water has become a source of danger to the Public Health: =

7 = And the alleged offensive odour of the water can only be attributed to the defective filtering. It is admitted that the clean water Chambers have not been cleaned out for twelve months, and that the Sand that was placed in the filters when the works were constructed Seventeen years ago has not since been exposed to the Sunlight — The Sand had it is stated been washed from time to time from a hose, but the result shows that it did not produce the effect intended. Apparently the filters have not been worked satisfactorily for some years past. Ten years ago downward filtration was altered to filtration upwards. That alteration was made no doubt with the object of getting the filters to do better work but it did not effect the purpose! =

8 = The Reservoir has a large quantity of vegetation in the shallow water and along the sloping banks. Aquatic plants are said to help to purify the waters of gently flowing rivers, but in a small impounding Reservoir such as this it would be better to exclude all vegetation

9 = Having carefully considered the matter I beg to recommend:

I That the water for supplying the Town be taken direct from the Reservoir without passing through the filters until the latter are cleaned and purified. =

II That the filtering and clean water chambers be thoroughly cleaned out, washed with water and twice whitewashed with hot lime The filtering material to be removed and a fresh supply of Sand and gravel well washed to be laid down to the depth of two feet, which is the greatest depth available owing to the construction of the chambers. The water supplying the Town to be then passed through the filters downwards instead of upwards as at present! =

III That the weeds and other vegetable matter be removed from the Reservoir and the two small streams leading thereto, and that a spit of Earth along the sloping banks be removed between low water and one yard beyond high water line. It would advisable to increase the area of the Reservoir at the same time — The vegetable organic matter is lessed by exposure to atmospheric oxidation in lakes and reservoirs, and the larger these are in proportion to the water stream drawn from them, the purer will the water become. The capacity of the Reservoir would of course be also increased. The Consumption of water in the Town is very moderate being only 36,000 gallons daily for a summer population of about 4,000

IV That the mains throughout be well flushed through the Scour valves and hydrants when the supply is drawn from the Reservoir direct, taking care however to conserve the water for domestic use, and that a Scour valve be placed on the main at Bachelors Walk and another at the North End of the Militia Barracks: =

V. That the leak in the Embankment at the south end of the retaining wall be stopped: =

VI. And I beg further to recommend in order to prevent as far as possible any such breakdown again occuring that new filter beds be constructed between the foot of the Embankment and the Caretakers Cottage The site named will give the additional advantage of securing the greater part of the water from the springs near the foot of the slope, which at present runs to waste down the flew, In order to do this it will be necessary to lay down about 834 yards of 4 inch cast iron main along the Marlton flew to join the existing main near the Bridge on the Marlton Road, as the present main which goes round by Potash Lane is at too high a level to suit the site of the new filter beds. About 1800 yards of the present cast-iron 8 inch main would be void, and it might be taken up and disposed of towards defraying the cost of the Works! =

I Shall be happy at any time to give any further information in my power that may be desired by the Council

Yours faithfully
P. F. Comber
M. Inst C.E.

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Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Christopher Murray and unanimously resolved;

"That the report of Mr Comber C.E. on the Water Supply down to and "including paragraph five be approved and referred to the Waterworks "Committee with authority to have these works carried out immediately "that portion of paragraph three suggesting the Enlargement of the "Storage Space to be overlooked for the present" =

The following Samples of Water have been sent to Sir Charles Cameron for Analysis: =

No 1 = Reservoir
2 = Bleau water Chamber
3 = Fountain at Mr John Flynns Summer Hills
4 = Sample from Dr Halpins tap on Water Supply
5 = Fountain at Mr Desaix's Main St (Not Town Supply)
6 = Fountain at Bath Street Water Supply

City Laboratory, 17 Castle St Dublin
2nd day of September 1899

Composition of Specimens of Water Analysed for Wicklow Urban Council: =

One Imperial gallon (70.000 Grains) contains in grains

Marked	1	2	3	4
Colour looked at through a tube two feet long	Deep yellow	Bright yellow	Very deep yellow	Yellow Opague
Odour at 100° F.	none	none	none	Slight-
Suspended Particles	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
Turbidity	Slight-	None	Slight-	Considerable
Sediment	Slight-	Slight-	Considerable	
Total Solid matters including	8.700	9.800	9.800	9.800
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008	0.017	0.012	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.005	0.012	0.010	0.015
Nitrous Acid	None	Trace	Trace	Trace
Nitric Acid	None	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.789	1.689	1.888	1.789
Sulphuric Acid Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None	None	None	Trace none
Phosphoric Acid	None	Trace	None	Trace
Hardness	4°	4.5°	4.5°	4.5°.

These are all peaty waters No 1 and No 3 contain moderate numbers of micro-organisms; No 2 and No 4 rather large numbers, No 4 is rather a bad water hardly fit for use. The best is No 1 which is tolerably but not very good, No 3 comes next to No 1 and No 3 is not much Superior to No 4: =

C. A. Cameron

No 5 is a Somerhat hard, but very pure water
No 6 is a soft and bad water

Charles A. Cameron =

Read letter from National Telephone Co in reference to Agreement for Erection of poles in Wicklow Urban District: =

Resolved = "That the Telephone Co be requested to comply with Town Clerks letter when permission will be given to proceed with the work": =

30 Bath Frederick Street
Dublin 12th Sept 1899

Francis McPhail Esq
Town Clerk. Wicklow:

Dear Sir

I have been instructed by Mr Thomas Dowling late Townships Rate Collector, with reference to his claim for Compensation. Mr Dowling I am informed, has been appointed a Collector of the new Rates, but in the event of his remuneration for the new Collection being less than for the old, you will kindly take notice that it is his intention to apply, and he hereby applies, for Compensation by reason of such reduction in the amount of his Poundage: =

Yours faithfully
Thomas H. K. Craig

Proposed by James Jernon, Seconded by David H. Haskins and resolved "That a copy of letter of Local Government Board in reference "to Collector Dowling be sent to Messrs Hamilton Craig=

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Wicklow Cemetry Committee

Boardroom Workhouse
Rathdrum 9th Sept 1899

Dear Sir

With reference to your Communication of the 6th Instant relating to above Committee I have State for the information of your Council that it will suit the Members selected from the Rathdrum Rural District Council to meet the Members selected from the Wicklow Urban District Council at the time and place named in your Communication namely in the Wicklow Town Hall, on the 25th Inst at 11.30 Oclock am, has been fixed as a convenient hour for the joint Committee to meet:—

I have further to inform you that by Order of my Council I have summoned the joint Committee to meet at the time and place named

Faithfully Yours
Bernard Manning
Clerk to Rathdrum Rural District Council

Wm. F. W. MacPhail
Town Clerk &c Wicklow!

Mr Charles Davis retires in favour of Mr Christopher Murray on Committee re Cemetry Mr Bernard Manning to be informed of the change:—

Resolved) "That the Committee appointed to consider particulars with regard to Cemetry meet on Friday Evening next at 8 oclock pm

Resolved:—That the Managing Committee meet on Thursday Evening next at Four Oclock to visit Artisans Dwellings, Convent Road with a view to providing wire fence, sewerage and other matters:—

Read letter from J. Stone &c Stating they have forwarded one Kerb over flow:—
Town Surveyor was directed to have same constructed at once and to Employ the necessary labour for the purpose

Wicklow 15th September 1899

To the Chairman
& Urban District Council of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

In reference to circular letter of Local Government Board directing your attention to Section 116 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 which provides that where the duties of a Town Clerk are increased he shall receive such increase of Salary as the Local Government Board may determine, and to your request that I should prepare a Statement of my claim in the matter, I herewith attach a list of the principal Extra duties imposed on me and the value I place on my services in connection therewith:—

I also attach a Statement of my current Salary:—

I am
Gentlemen
Yours truly
Francis William MacPhail
Town Clerk.

Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898
Urban District of Wicklow
Claim for Extra Duties by the Clerk to the Council
Pursuant to Section 116 of said Act

Special	
Bringing Act into operation	£25 . 0 . 0
Annual	
Extra duties imposed in connection with levying and preparing for collection of Poor Rate and checking Poor Rate Collectors Accounts	30 . 0 . 0
Extra duties in preparing and Keeping Special "Financial Receipts", Financial Expenditure Books and other Books and Forms prescribed in Local Government Orders and which are in	

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Forward	£30 . 0 . 0
addition to ordinary Accounts heretofore Kept and also as Clerk to Road Authority	30 . 0 . 0
Extra duties as Clerk to Wicklow Borough Court	25 . 0 . 0
Extra duties under Valuation Ireland Acts	15 . 0 . 0
Increased Correspondence, minutes &c	10 . 0 . 0
Total	£110 . 0 . 0

Francis William Macphail
Town Clerk &c

Statement Showing the present Salary as Town Clerk or Clerk to the Commissioners

Salary as Town Clerk	£40. 0. 0
Salary as Executive Sanitary Officer	20. 0. 0
Salary as Registrar of Stock	50. 0. 0
Total	£110. 0. 0

Francis William Macphail
Town Clerk

15/9/99

Proposed by Christopher Murray, Seconded by Nicholas A. Haskins and resolved
"That Wm McPhail our Town Clerk having recently got an increase of £50
"per annum as Registrar of Redeemable Stock and holds the Secretaryship
"to the Wicklow Harbour Board and also Collector of Tolls, besides being
"Secretary to the School Attendance Committee we do not think he requires
"any increase of Salary at present" ==
The Chairman put the resolution with the following result: For resolution
Messrs Murray, David Haskins, Nicholas Haskins, Peter Doolette, Davis Vernon
(6) == Against the resolution Messrs O'Brien, McDonald, Dr Byrne and
McPhail (4) Messrs Hy Gregory and Louis Carroll declined to vote
The Chairman declared the resolution carried: ==

James Vernon Vice-Chr
Oct 2 99

Town Hall Wicklow
2nd October 1899

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

Members present, Wm James Vernon Vice Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Edward Kennedy, Mathew McDonald, Nicholas A Haskins,
David A Haskins, Peter O'Brien, Patrick Nadin, Frank McPhail,
Joseph McCarroll and Charles Davis

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: ==

No 1 = To receive and consider Finance Committees Report:
2 = To receive and consider Redeemable Stock Committees Report:
3 = To receive and consider Conference Committees Report in reference to the proposed New Cemetery at Bolarney:
4 = To receive and consider Town Surveyors Report:
5 = To receive and consider Sanitary Officers Reports ==
6 = To receive and consider Waterworks Overseers Report: ==
7 = To receive and consider Miscellaneous Correspondence: ==
8 = To receive and consider Tender for cleaning Streets: ==
9 = To consider Mr James Vernon's "Notice of Motion": ==
"That I will move at the next monthly meeting,
"to consider the feasibility of building Labourers
"Cottages at Monkton Row": ==

Town Hall Wicklow
29th September 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: ==

Wm William Desaix	Agent	£41. 3. 11
" Francis W Macphail	Town Clerk	27. 0. 8
" Michael Doyle	Local Rate	19. 6. 11
	Total	£87. 11. 6

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Giving a Cr Balance of £56. 14. 10

We recommend the following payments

Francis MacPhail	One months Salary	£ 9. 3. 4
Same	Petty Cash Outlay	16. 18. 7
John Fanning	One months Salary	4. 3. 4
Michael Doyle	Do Do	4. 11. 8
Edward Hannon	Do Do	5. 0. 0
Denis Brien	Tender Cleaning Streets &c	4. 10. 0
Francis MacPhail.	School Attendance Committees Expenses for quarter Ending 30th Sept 1899	13. 13. 0
Messrs Hodges & Figgis	Dr Vaustones Local Government Book	1. 1. 6
John Maguire	Town Sergeants Uniform	4. 0. 0
William Carroll	Repairs to catch-pit as per Town Surveyors Certificate	2. 17. 0
Michael Doyle.	2½ % on Collection of £468. 12 Local Rate, copying rate-book, postage &c	14. 1. 4
Same	5% on collection of miscellaneous monies, Meter Rents &c amounting to £63. 2. 1	3. 3. 2
Miss M.Phail.	Printing and Advertising from March 1899 to 30th Sept 1899	8. 4. 2
Wicklow Star Co.	Printing & Advertising from August to 30th September 1899	4. 0. 0
		£ 95. 7. 1

We have received a Certificate from Town Surveyor for amount due to Mr Richard Sheane less 10% for cash amounting to £31, 7/3 and we recommend that Same be paid out of Capital Account

We recommend that Twelve more men be employed to carry on the work at the Reservoir and that a cheque value £30 be drawn to pay their wages: —

Signed Peter O'Brien
Frank MacPhail
Charles Davis

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved
"That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed
"and adopted" —

Mr Padin obtained permission of the Council to bring forward the following resolution: —

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved
"That the Rev. B. Carey be appointed to act on the School
"Attendance Committee as the representative of Wicklow Urban
"Council in the room of Mr Thomas D'Arcy deceased" —

Proposed by James Lennon, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved
"That this Meeting Stands adjourned to Thursday Evening
"next at 7. 30 pm.

James O. Byrne Chn
6th Nov'99

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Town Hall Wicklow
5th October 1899

An adjourned meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this Evening in pursuance to notice to transact the following business: =

No 1 = To receive and consider Redeemable Stock Committees Report:
2 = To receive and consider Conference Committees Report in reference to the proposed New Cemetery at Bolarney: =
3 = To receive and consider Town Surveyors Report: =
4 = To receive and consider Sanitary Officers Reports: =
5 = To receive and consider Waterworks Overseer's Report: =
6 = To receive and consider miscellaneous correspondence:
7 = To receive and consider Tenders for cleaning Streets: =
8 = To consider Mr. James Gernon's "Notice of Motion"
"That I will move at the next monthly meeting,
"to consider the feasibility of building Labourers Cottages
"at Monkton Row": =

Members present Mr. James Gernon Vice Chairman in the chair: = Messrs Peter O'Brien, Frank McPhail, Mathew McDonald, Charles Davis and Christopher Murray: =

Town Hall Wicklow
11th September 1899

Your Redeemable Stock Committee met this Evening and have given directions to Your Town Clerk to proceed to Bray and consult with Mr. MacDonnell in reference to the correspondence in the matter of Luscombe v. Luscombe and seek Messrs Toomey & Toomey's Opinion as to the position of the Urban Council in the matter and if necessary obtain Counsel's Opinion: "=

Signed: = Peter O'Brien
Mathew McDonald
Frank McPhail

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved:
"That the Redeemable Stock Committees Report be confirmed
"and adopted": =

Report of Conference Committee of Rural and Urban Councils Rathdrum and Wicklow in reference to the proposed New Cemetery at Bolarney: =

Urban Council Office
Wicklow 25th September 1899

A Bourke
L. J. G.
Rathdrum
8/2/1900

Members present Colonel Tottenham D. L. in the Chair, Messrs Patrick Short, Patrick Nadin, Peter Tyrrell, James Gernon, Daniel Farrell, Frank McPhail, Garrett Byrne, (Wicklow) William Byrne, Peter O'Brien, Garrett Byrne (Ballyvaltrim) and Dr. Byrne: =

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by James Gernon and resolved
"That the area of charge as fixed in Order of Local Government
"Board viz: = the Electoral Division of Wicklow including
"the Urban District be approved: =

Proposed by Colonel Tottenham, seconded by Patrick Nadin and resolved
"That be directed to prepare a Contract between the
"Urban District of Wicklow and the Rural District of Rathdrum
"providing that the Urban Council of Wicklow shall collect and
"transfer to the Rural District Council the sums to be levied
"within the Urban area amounting to the common rate made
"on behalf of the Cemetery and providing that the use of
"the Burial Ground in common both to Urban and Rural
"Districts: =

Proposed by James Gernon, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved
"We recommend that a joint Committee consisting of fifteen
"Members be formed for the management of the Burial
"Ground Eight members to be appointed at Rathdrum
"and seven at Wicklow and that the Local Government
"Board be asked to promote a Provisional Order for the
"purpose when the time comes: "=

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Proposed by James Fenor, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved
"That this Council request the Rathdrum Council to take the necessary
"steps to have an Agreement signed with this Council, so that the
"work of providing a Cemetery for Wicklow can be proceeded
"with at once, on the condition that the joint Committee of management
"be the same as that agreed upon at the conference held in Wicklow
"viz 8 Members from the Rural and 7 from the Urban District
"and that the Rural Council join with the Urban Council in
"promoting a Provisional Order to give legal Effect to the foregoing":

Medical Officer of Healths Report No1

I hereby draw your attention to the very serious report received from Sir Charles Cameron relative to the Water Supply of this Town it could not be more unfavourable and I wish to point out that according to this Analysis the water contains more solid matter and is much more contaminated after passing through the filtering beds than when taken from the Reservoir direct:=

Signed this 18th day of September 1899
James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Healths

(Second Report)

I hereby report to you the filthy state of the water Channels (surface) of this Town some of them have not been swept for months and I recommend that the Sub Sanitary Officer be allowed a man and a supply of disinfectants and all sewers have disinfectants poured into them twice a week:=

Signed this 18th day of September 1899
James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Healths

Proposed by Peter O Brien, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved
"That the Town Surveyors attention be drawn to the filthy state
"of the water Channels, requesting him to compel the Road
"Contractors to comply with the Medical Officer of Healths Report
"and that the Sub Sanitary Officer be Empowered to employ a man
"a man to assist him in disinfecting the Sewers twice a week as
"recommended:"=

(Third Report)

I hereby report to you the water channel at Summer Hill and Monktown Road they are full of sewerage and I recommend that the Sub Sanitary Officer employ a man and have them swept and disinfected:=

Signed this 18th day of September 1899
James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Healths:=

The Sub Sanitary Officer stated that he had already carried out the report of the Medical Officer of Healths:=

(Fourth Report)

I hereby draw your attention to my previous reports relative to ventelating shafts for sewer in Strand Street

Signed this 18th day of September 1899
James H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Healths:=

Proposed by Mathew McDonald, Seconded by Charles Davis and resolved
"That ventilating shafts be provided for Strand St Sewer
"to be placed in such position as may be pointed out by
"the Town Surveyor:"=

(Fifth Report)

I hereby report to you the necessity of Enforcing the Dairies Act in this Town. The present system of storing milk (with one or two exceptions) is a disgrace to any civilized community:=

James. H. Halpin = 18 Sept 1899:

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Peter O Brien and resolved
"That the Medical Officer of Healths Report on the Subject
"of adopting the Dairies Act be referred to the Managing
"Committee"=

Sixth Report

I hereby report to you a house occupied by Mrs White Strand Street and I recommend roof to be repaired:=

James H. Halpin Medical Officer of Healths 2nd Oct 1899

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