

The result of the first poll was.

Wolohan 10 Rooney 7 Panton 3
Doyle 3.

In the final poll there voted for Wolohan, Councillors E. C. Walsh & P. O'Reilly Wm Osborne Michl. Byrne D. Thompson Joseph Dunne Anthony Metcalfe James Byrne Michl. Kelly Tho. Sheppard Edw. Byrne Alfred Geller. P. J. Carey + Joseph Gahan.
= 14

For Rooney, Councillors. Wm Burke Martin Langton D. J. Hogan Wm Costelloe Simon Doyle Lord Powerscourt Joseph McCarroll Wm J. Morris & Wm J. Murphy = 9

Mr Lawrence Wolohan was therefore declared elected.

The successful candidates were called in & informed that from time to time there would be a press of work in the Secretary's office, and on those occasions they would be required to work extra hours without increase of salary, to this each of the three elected expressed his consent.

The County Surveyor said he had a number of applications for the vacant post of Assistant Surveyor of which those from Messrs Gailey, Gibney, Murphy + Little appeared satisfactory.

Proposed by A Metcalfe.
Seconded by M Kelly.

That Mr Gibney be elected Assistant Surveyor to Wicklow County Council

With the exception of Councillor Thompson (who voted for Mr Gailey), the Council voted for Mr Gibney, who was therefore declared elected by 20 votes to 1

The Secretary applied for the third time to have the necessary work completed and furniture supplied to enable his clerk's office to be used. Councillor McCarroll objected to any further expense whatever being incurred for the Secretary's office.

The application was referred to the proposal & works committee.

The Quarterly Meeting then adjourned to a date of which due notice would be given.

Edward Buckley, C.M.
26th Sept 1899.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wicklow at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday the 26th. September, 1899, to transact the following business:-

For Councilors present
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- 1 To apply to the Local Government Board for leave to extend the time for collecting the First Rate.
- 2 To apply to the Local Government Board for their approval to the overdraft on the County Treasurer.
- 3 To apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation of the proposed Standing Orders.
- 4 To adopt the County Council Seal.
- 5 To appoint 12 persons on the joint-Committee of Management of the County Infirmary - 8 persons on Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital - 8 persons on Management of Newtown Fever Hospital - and one person on Management of Arklow Fever Hospital.
- 6 To consider Correspondence from Local Government Board.
- 7 To consider Committees' Reports.
- 8 To consider Secretary's and County Surveyor's Reports.
- 9 To consider Applications and Resolutions from the District Councils.
- 10 To consider General Correspondence.
- 11 Resolutions of various Bodies.

Proposed by D. J. Cogan

Seconded by M. J. Byrne

Resolved - That we hereby apply to the Local Government Board for leave to extend the time allowed for the collection of the First Rates under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, to the 31st. December, 1899.

Passed.

Proposed by E. J. Byrne
Seconded by J. St. M. Carroll

Resolved - That we the County Council for the County of Wicklow deem it expedient that the Poor Rate Collectors fortnightly Returns should be examined in the Rural District within which their several collections are made, and we therefore hereby authorize our Secretaries to appoint as his deputy for that purpose the Clerks of the several Unions in the County in accordance with County Council General Order, 18th. April, 1899, Art. 24 (4).

Passed.

Proposed by D. Norman Thompson

Seconded by A. Metcalf

Resolved - That we hereby apply to the Local Government Board for their approval of an overdraft on the Treasurers of the County Wicklow of £10,000, to meet the current expenditure of the County till the first Rates come in, and to be repaid within six months.

Passed.

Proposed by M. J. Byrne

Seconded by D. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That the Secretary be hereby directed to forward a copy of the proposed Standing Orders of this Council to the Local Government Board and request it to confirm same - first amending Rules 86 and 111, and striking out Rule 117.

Passed.

Proposed by E. C. Walsh

Seconded by D. J. Cogan

Resolved - That we the Council of the County of Wicklow at this meeting duly summoned for this and other purposes, do hereby adopt the Seal of which we direct an impression to be made hereupon, and we hereby further declare and acknowledge the

said Seal to be henceforward the Common Seal of the County Council of the County of Wicklow for all purposes for which a Seal is or shall be required.

Passed, and Seal impressed.

Letters were read from the Hon. Secretaries of the County Infirmary, and of the Wicklow and Newtownmount Kennedy Fever Hospitals, giving the names of the persons appointed by their respective Governors on the Joint-Committees of Management of said Hospitals.

The Council then appointed the following persons on the Joint-Committees of Management of the Hospitals named for the next 3 years, in pursuance of the Local Government Board's Circular of 6th. July, 1899.

= Wicklow County Infirmary. =

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| 1. Viscount Powerscourt,
Powerscourt, Enniskerry | 2 Denis J. Cogan
115 Thomas Street, Dublin |
| 3. Joseph M. Carroll,
Wicklow | 4 Rev. James Roche, P.P.,
Ashford |
| 5 The incoming ^{Carl} Parish Priest,
Wicklow | 6 Joseph Smith
Wicklow |
| 7 Peter O'Brien
Wicklow | 8 Rev. James Dunphy, P.P.,
Arklow |
| 9 Edward J. Byrne
St. Mullins, Tinahely. | 10 Patrick J. Casey, J.P.
Tomanieran, Aughrim |
| 11 William Burke
Castle Street, Little Bray. | 12 William Harrington
Cherryfield, Templeogue, Co. Dublin. |

= Wicklow Fever Hospital =

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| 1 James Gernon,
Wicklow. | 2 Dr. R. Norman Thompson
Kindlestown, Delgany. |
| 3 William Costelloe
Ordinary Tonelagee, Wicklow. | 4 William Byrne,
Coolbeg, Wicklow. |
| 5 Sylvester Delahunty
Furzeditch, Wicklow | 6 Rev. Michael Clarke, C.C.
Wicklow |
| 7 Michael J. Byrne, J.P.
Coolahug House, Tinahely | 8 William Fogarty
Aughrim. |



= Newtown Mt. Kennedy Fever Hospital. =

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| 1 Rev. Canon Walsh,
Kilquade, Greystones. | 2 William Corbett, M.P.
Springfarm, Greystones |
| 3 Rev. Walter Hurley, P.P.,
Delgany. | 4 Thomas Lawless
Delgany |
| 5 Dr. B. Norman Thompson
Kindlestown, Delgany | 6 Simon Doyle,
Delgany. |
| 7 Incoming Parish Priest of
Roundwood. | 8 W. G. Murphy
Mullinaveigue, Roundwood. |

= Arklow Fever Hospital. = Rev. James Dunphy, P.P., Arklow.

Proposed by Martin Langton
Seconded by E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That Mr. J. St. M. Carroll, Solicitor, be instructed to appear at ensuing Quarter Sessions and take all steps to protect the interests of this Council in reference to claims against said Council, and that our Solicitor have power to engage Counsel if he thinks necessary, on getting the sanction of the Chairman for so doing in writing.

Passed.

"The Secretary informed the Council that he had the Permanent Staff appointed at the previous meeting working uninterruptedly at the Rates ever since, and had taken on himself, notwithstanding the order received, to retain two of the Temporary Clerks on the work as well, but unless the Council gave him at least a dozen extra Clerks he could not possibly have the work finished till nearly Christmas."

Ordered:- That the Secretary be empowered to procure such additional help as he may require to forward the completion of Rate Books and other urgently required work

Heating apparatus. Baltinglass Courthouse -
To be submitted to the County Surveyor to report the

probable Cost of same, and method of same.

That we let the W.C. attached to the Old Bridewell in Baltinglass to the Public Benefit Company at a Rent of one shilling a year, and allow them to make necessary changes to utilise same.

Resolved - That our Secretary be required to inform the Council what Insurances are effected on the County Property
Passed.

Proposed by D. J. Cogan

Seconded by W. Osborne

Resolved - That the Naas N^o 2 District be requested to appoint a representative of their Council on the Direction of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and we hereby authorise the payment of the half-Year's Guarantee on such appointment being made and accepted by the Company, and the Naas District Council passing the payment.

Passed

The following Resolution was read from Baltinglass N^o 1 Rural District Council:-

" Proposed by W. P. P. Moran, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. M. Harbourn, and Resolved:-

That the County Council be instructed to ask Mr. Draper, County Surveyor, to report on the extra injury done by the military on the roads leading to Glen of Omaal Military Camp in order that application be made in the proper quarter for compensation."

N^o 36,784: 1899

Grand Jury.

(Copy.)

Dublin,

21st. June, 1899.

" Gentlemen,

I have Audited the Accounts of the Grand Jury of the County Wicklow following the last Spring Assizes; and I now forward herewith an Abstract

thereof in the prescribed form showing the receipts and expenditure of the Grand Jury since the previous audit.

The only point in connexion with the Audit to which it seems necessary to call attention on this occasion, is to the fact that a sum of £701. 1. 11, being the amount of two levies of County Cess, appears due by the Town Commissioners of Bray; and it becomes necessary therefore, in view of the financial adjustment about to take place under the Local Government Act, that the prompt payment of the arrears in question, by the Town Commissioners, should be insisted on."

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. Pelly.

The Secretary be requested to apply for payment without delay.

Li. N^o 52564: 1899

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

18th. September, 1899.

asking probable amount of overdraft required, and period for which the money is to be borrowed.

Li. N^o 11461-99.

Office of Public Works,
Dublin, 1st. Sept., 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that in accordance with Section 35 of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887, Mr. Carter Draper, the County Surveyor for Wicklow, has forwarded them a copy of his report (lately made to the Wicklow County Council) on an inspection of that part of the line

situated in the County of Wicklow. They observe that the County Surveyor expresses the opinion that it will soon become necessary to commence the renewal of sleepers, and that he calls attention to certain other matters which in his view it would be desirable to deal with.

Having regard to the communications which, when necessary, take place between the Board and County Authorities with reference to lines similarly circumstanced, the Board believe that it will not be out of place if they mention for the information of the County Council the provisions available to that body for the purpose of securing maintenance.

I am, therefore, by their directions to refer to Section 36 of the Order which provides for the maintenance of the line by the Company, and to Section 37 which provides for action in case of default by the Company with reference to maintenance.

It will be understood that the Board do not suggest any hurried or hasty action with regard to the subject matter of the report.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
Geo. E. Shanahan,
asst. Secretary.

The Secretary to
The Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Cir. 317. 21 / 1899.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
29th. August, 1899.

stating that the Board will be glad to receive, within three months from the present date, a statement showing the salaries of the Secretary, County Surveyors, Assistant Surveyors, and other Officers of the Council who are affected by the provisions of the sub-section referred to, and who have not made a special agreement

with the Council on the subject, together with a statement as to the increase or diminution of work to be taken into account in each case.

Any observations which the Council may see fit to make respecting the claims of their officers under the enactment in question will receive full consideration on the part of the Board.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Li. 48634-1899

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
24th. August, 1899.

Sir

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th. inst., on the subject of the appointment of assistants in the Office of the Secretary of the County Council of Wicklow, and with reference thereto I am to state that the County Council should submit for the consideration of the Board a statement of the nature and amount of the security of these officers."

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine,
acting asst. Secretary.

The Secretary of the
County Council of Wicklow.

Ordered - That security for two years' salary in each case be the sum for the Clerks in question.

Li. N^o. 39,749: 1899.

Wicklow County

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 9th. September, 1899.

Sir,

Adverting to previous Correspondence respecting the Scheme made by the Wicklow County Council for the collection of the Poor Rate in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board, Ireland, to forward herewith questions for answers respecting the persons who have been appointed Poor Rate Collectors by the Council, and, who were not "existing" officers within the meaning of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

When the questions have been duly answered, and signed, you will be good enough to transmit them to this Department.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine
acting Secretary.

The Secretary
Wicklow County Council.

Ordered - To be complied with.

Li. N^o. 331: M. 1899

Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 25th. September, 1899.

Sir,

Adverting to previous Correspondence respecting the Scheme made by the County Council for the collection of the Poor Rate in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that if particulars respecting the amount

and nature of the security proposed to be entered into by each of the Collectors employed under the scheme for the collection of rates have not yet been furnished to this Department, the requisite information on these points must be afforded with the least possible delay, together with a statement showing the amount included in the warrants of each Collector in respect of the current half-year's rate.

The Board furthermore desire me to state that if the form entered into by any Collector differs from that prescribed by the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899, it must be forwarded to this Department. If this has already been done, no second copy is required.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine
acting Secretary.

To/
The Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

Ordered - To be complied with.

Li. N^o. 52564: 1899.

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
13th. September, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Wicklow on the 17th. ultimo, relative to cases in which that Council have put into the charge of the County Surveyor certain works for which tenders had been accepted by the Rural District Council of Rathdown N^o. 2, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to call the attention of the County Council to the provisions of Article 25 (2) and (3) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt. Servant
H. M. Swaine,
acting Secretary.

The Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

Ordered - That the County Surveyor take charge of these roads only for quarter ending 31st. December, 1899.

Li. N^o. 51099:99

Wicklow County

4th. September, 1899

Read from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of a letter received from the Secretary to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Council thereon.

The Secretary was directed to furnish the Local Government Board with the facts of the case.

The Postmaster of Greystones having asked for permission to erect a Pillar Letter Box at Blacklion Cross Roads -

Permission granted to erect same in the position shown by County Surveyor on sketch of the Cross Roads.

Mr John Freeman, F.R.C.V.S. wrote asking the Council to consent to the appointment of his brother, Mr. R. B. Freeman, M.R.C.V.S., as assistant Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown N^o. 2 District, without extra salary during his illness.

Ordered - That Mr. Freeman be allowed to appoint his brother locum tenens during his indisposition, for a period ~~not~~ exceeding two months.

a Resolution from Rathdown N^o. 2 Rural District Council taking exception to the action of the County Council with regard to Contracts N^{os}. 47 and 49. marked "Read".

Mr. Denis Keenan, farmer of Stragmore was offered as Surety by Mr. John Murphy of Mullinavieque instead of Mr. John Keenan deceased - and approved by the Council.

Proposed by Martin Langton

Seconded by Powerscourt

Resolved - That Mr. John Tallon be appointed to collect all Rates for Powerscourt and Delgany District.

~~Resolved~~ Passed.

= Notice of Motion = That the approval of giving Delgany District to Mr. Sutton be rescinded. Dated 17th August 1899. Martin Langton, 26th. September, 1899

The following Resolutions from various Bodies were adopted by the Council :-

- From Castlebar Union -

Resolved :-

"That we, the Castlebar Rural District Council, at Meeting assembled on the 24th. June, 1899; respectfully request Her Majesty's Government to have the teaching of the Irish Language made one of the primary elements of Education on the programme of the Irish National School Board.

That we, in common with every Irishman who is possessed of the smallest particle of National spirit, regard the treatment of neglect to which our National Language has been subjected by the Irish Educational authorities as not alone detrimental to the progress of the Irish Language and literature, but also part of a long studied plan to trample down and bury every landmark of race and every sentiment of National feeling.

That we look upon the concession of our request as but due in common justice to the rising generations

of the Irish people, whose desire and right it is to have the Irish language taught to their Irish children in schools that are called Irish.

That we call on all the Irish National members of Parliament of every section to impress and force on the Government the justice of this request.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the

Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Member for the County and the County Councils of every County in Ireland."

= From the County Borough Council of Limerick =

"That with reference to a claim for £500 made on behalf of ex-Acting Sergeant Patrick Mullins, passed by the last Judge of Assize, this Council pass the presentment only because they are legally enforced so to do, and calls upon all public bodies in Ireland to take steps that Parliament will enact that the Royal Irish Constabulary shall take the same risks as the military or police in other parts of the Kingdom do in the ordinary discharge of their duty. That copies hereof be sent to each Borough and County Council in Ireland."

= From the Cork County Council. =

"That we, the Cork County Council, believe there is an urgent necessity for reform in the law with reference to Ground Rents and House Tenure in Cities, Towns, and Villages; that reduced ground rents would encourage capitalists to expend a larger amount in building, and thereby increase the general wealth and give more employment, as well as provide better homes at reduced rents; that excessive ground rents, short leases, and confiscation of the property on their expiration are unjust and injurious to the public welfare, and check the enterprise of capitalists;

that the taxation of ground values for the relief of the community, by whom such increased value is principally created, is simple justice; that the greater portion of additional value of building ground should go to the reduction of local taxation, and the improvement of the condition of the poor in every city, town, and village, providing happier and brighter homes, technical schools, libraries, &c.; that the law which permits individuals to extract exorbitant rents while contributing little or nothing to increased value of local taxation is a grievous wrong, and that many are absentees whose titles are frequently based on confiscation, spoliation, or public wrong; that Fruity of Tenure, Fair Rents, and Free Sale were never more necessary for Agricultural Tenants than for Town Tenants, and that we invite the active co-operation of every city, town, and village in Ireland, and the farming, labouring, and artisan classes, in agitating for these objects; that we hope for the assistance of the Press in effecting these urgent reforms, and that copies be sent to every County, Urban, and Borough Council in Ireland.

= From County Council, Limerick. =

"That we call on the Government to establish Land Banks, with power to make advances to the farming classes at the rate of 2½ per cent, to enable them to work their lands to the best advantage.

Copy to be sent to each County Council in Ireland, and to Messrs J. Redmond, J. Dillon and J. M. Healy."

= From Athy Footlaw Union. =

"That having regard to the findings of the Financial Relations Commission as to the over-taxation of Ireland, and having regard to the increased financial responsibilities imposed on the ratepayers by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, we respectfully solicit Her Majesty's Government to increase the Agricultural Grant, so that both occupiers of land and occupiers of houses in Towns (other than County Boroughs) may be relieved of a sum equal to half of the County cess both on land and buildings, as certified in the Standard Financial Year.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, J. P. Chairman.

Councillors: - R. Norman Thompson

Michael Byrne

Anthony Metcalf

Edmond C. Walsh

William Harrington

William Costello

A Zeller

William Osborne

Powerscourt

Joseph McCarron

D. J. Cogan

Martin Langton

D. Mahony

E. J. Byrne

Thomas Sheppard.

Edward P. Kelly Chairman

27/10/99

A Meeting of the County Council Specially Summoned by the Chairman was held in the Council Chamber at 11-30 A.M. on Thursday, 12th October, 1899, to consider a letter from the Local Government Board to the Chairman on the Subject of the Rates.

Present - Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, J. P. Chairman.

Councillors: - R. Norman Thompson, Milton, -

R. B. Stoughton, Thomas Lawless, E. C. Walsh

S. B. Doyle, William Burke, Joseph Dunne, -

William Costello, Powerscourt, Joseph McCarron,

James Byrne, P. J. Carey, W. B. Murphy, -

Thomas Sheppard, Thomas J. Troy, -

Mr. C. A. Sanderson, Local Government Board Inspector was also present.

The Chairman read the letter from the Local Government Board.

Mr. Sanderson in reply to the Chairman said all he could do was to suggest an increase of the Staff to complete the Rate Books with the least possible delay. He then gave the number of Clerks employed in 5 or 6 other Counties.

The Secretary read his Statement showing the orders he had been given and the steps taken to get out the Rates.

The Chairman stated the Secretary had full power to employ what Staff he thought necessary for the purpose and the Rates Books ought now to be completed in a fortnight. The Secretary undertook to do so.

Mr. Sanderson recommended the Council to appoint a fully competent accountant for a year or so, to write up the Books, make out the Account &c - Such a man could be obtained for from £3,10.0 to £4,00.0 a week; and also to empower their Secretary to employ a sufficient Staff for their Second Rate, which should be ready for striking at their next Quarterly meeting in December.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh

Seconded by Councillor S. V. Doyle

Resolved - That we empower our Secretary subject to the approval of the majority of a Committee consisting of Councillors W. Carroll, Walsh and Bourke to engage an Accountant and any further Staff that may be necessary for discharging any arrears of work that may exist, and also for the striking of the next Rate.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Lord Powerscourt

Seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Troy

Resolved - That it be understood that the Secretary, he having proper assistance granted to him by the Council, is to have the Books all ready by Monday, a fortnight from this date, for the making of the Rate

Passed unanimously.

E. P. O'Kelly Chairman
30th Oct. 1899.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court-House Wicklow at half-past eleven o'clock on Monday the 30th October, 1899 to transact the following business:-

- 1 To make and sign the Rate for half-year ending 30th September 1899.
- 2 .. Sign and Seal Poor Rate Collectors Warrants.
- 3 .. arrange for Collectors giving the requisite Bonds and to define the amount and description of Security in each case
- 4 .. Pass Standing Order N° 2 as a Special Resolution.
- 5 .. receive reports of Committees.
- 6 .. do. Secretary's and County Surveyors Reports.
- 7 .. do. Local Government Board Correspondence
- 8 .. do. General Correspondence.
- 9 .. Consider following Notice of Motion:-
That the approval of giving Delgany District to Mr. Sutton be rescinded. Dated 17th. August 1899.
(Signed) Martin Langton 26th. Sept. 1899
- 10 .. make certain payments to Veterinary and Sanitary Inspectors etc.
- 11 .. Fix the time when the "Main Road" declaration is to come into force.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor E. P. O'Kelly J.P. Chairman

Councillors — Michael Byrne

R. Norman Thompson

R. R. Drought

Anthony Metcalfe

William Burke

Michael Kelly

William Harrington

Visct. Powerscourt

W. G. Morris

Joseph W. Carroll

cont^d.

Councillors — A. J. Cogan
 W. G. Murphy
 Edward C. Walsh
 Thomas J. Troy
 E. J. Byrne
 Simon J. Doyle
 Visct. Milton
 James Byrne

Proposed by Lord Powerscourt

Seconded by James Byrne

Resolved — That the Council now make and sign the Poor Rate for the half-year ending 30th. September 1899, and affix their Seal thereto.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by A. J. Cogan

Seconded by W. G. Morris

Resolved — That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the Collections under County Councils Order, 1899, Form 33.

Passed.

The Rates were then duly signed and sealed, as were also the Warrants for the several Rate Collectors.

Proposed by R. R. Drought

Seconded by Anthony Metcalfe

Resolved — That the following sums be the amount of Security required to be provided by the Poor Rate Collectors for the several Collecting Districts according to their numbers as given

N ^o of Collecting District.	Amount of Collection.	Security.	
		Personal	Guarantee Society.
	£ s d	£	£
1	1283 .. 4 .. 7	1,000	500
2 ✓	757 .. 9 .. 6	760	400
3	638 .. 0 .. 4	600	300
4	821 .. 10 .. 8	800	400
5	363 .. 3 .. 8	400	200
6	1753 .. 3 .. 0	2,000	1,000
7	2461 .. 8 .. 0	2,000	1,000
8	996 .. 12 .. 6	1,000	500
9	2308 .. 8 .. 2	2,000	1,000
10	879 .. 16 .. 4	900	450
11	1325 .. 6 .. 1	1,000	500
12	1226 .. 11 .. 11	1,000	500
13	661 .. 9 .. 2	600	300
14	1269 .. 11 .. 10	1,000	500
15	671 .. 11 .. 6	600	300
16	1537 .. 14 .. 8	1,500	750
17	1385 .. 3 .. 9	1,000	500
18	1304 .. 3 .. 6	1,000	500
19	926 .. 2 .. 9	900	450

Passed.

Proposed by R. R. Drought

Seconded by Lord Milton

Resolved — That the various Collectors be called upon to complete and lodge with our Secretary not later than 7th. prox^o their several Bonds.

Passed unanimously

Ordered that the Secretary submit the names of the several Sureties proposed by the Rate Collectors to the Chairman of the respective District Councils for his approval on behalf of this Council

Proposed by E.C. Walsh

Seconded by Thomas J. Troy

Resolved - That every qualified person elected a Councillor shall either accept the office by making and subscribing the prescribed declaration within three months after the notice of the election, before two members of the Secretary to the Council, or before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner to administer Oaths in the Supreme Court, or in lieu thereof pay to the Council a fine of Five Pounds, or in case of a Chairman or Vice Chairman Five Pounds.

Passed.

- Report of the Finance Committee -

"We recommend a payment by the County Council of £130..17..6 to recoup the Secretary the amount advanced by him for payment of the temporary Staff to 28th. October ^{over} and above the sum allowed up to Summer Quarterly meeting. Also a further sum of £10..3..11 for Postage and freight of parcels to 30th. September, 1899. also to pass a payment of £200 in hands for temporary Staff expenses in advance, and to pay permanent Staff to 28th. October. also a Cheque for £32..17..8 to replace Grand Jury Cheque drawn in favor of the representatives of the late Mathew H. Jones."

approved.

Payment Orders for the above amounts were then signed.

Ordered - The Secretary be directed to summon the next Council meeting for the same day as the Proposal Committee on the 28th. November, 1899, and summons a meeting of the Finance Committee for the previous day, the 27th. November, at 11-30 a.m

at this stage of the meeting the following Telegram was received and read by the Chairman:-

"O Kelly Court-House Wicklow - Unanimous verdict against Council. MacDermott wont advise an appeal."

Wailes.

County Wicklow Council.

Appointment of Extra Temporary Clerks.

To The Chairman and Council of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of your Council held Thursday the 12th. inst. the following resolution was unanimously adopted: on the motion of Councillors E.C. Walsh and S.J. Doyle viz:-

Resolved - That we empower our Secretary subject to the approval of a majority of Committee composed of Councillors W. Burke, J. M. Carroll and E.C. Walsh to engage an Accountant and any further Staff that may be necessary, for discharging any arrears of work that may exist. and also so far as the striking of next rate.

Pursuant to foregoing resolution a meeting of your Committee was arranged Monday the 16th. inst. so as to expedite the work of preparation of rate books and by approving of appointments of whatever extra Clerks were required as empowered by terms of foregoing resolution. We arrived at your offices of Council at about 12 o'clock noon and were informed that Mr. Wynne, Secretary, to the Council was absent, but might be presiding in Petty Sessions Court, where he was, instead of looking after the large Staff of Clerks placed under his charge. after some time Mr. Wynne came to his office and we informed him that we desired to signify our approval of temporary Clerks whom it was necessary to appoint. But we were informed by your Secretary that we had nothing whatever to say to appointment of Clerks, but that we had something to say to the appointment

of an Accountant and Staff to be employed for striking of next rate, and that there was no necessity to go into the matter at present. After our united protest at his having appointed Clerks without our approval from date of resolution, the 12th inst., We informed Mr. Wynne that we came there at considerable inconvenience to discharge the trust imposed upon us by the Council, but as he had usurped the function entrusted to us to discharge, we should decline to have anything further to say to him on the subject. We place this report before you for your careful consideration as to the action of your Secretary in ignoring the resolution of Council, and trust such steps will be taken as may be necessary to prevent a recurrence on the part of the Secretary of such gross insubordination.

Signed William Burke
Joseph W. Carroll.
on behalf of Committee

12th. October, 1899.

The Secretary replied that so far from presiding in the Petty Sessions Court, he was at the time engaged with the Head Clerk checking the Receipt Books in the Clerks office upstairs, and met the two Councillors named on the stairs as he came down when sent for; the Court was held in a different part of the building.

He had no intimation of a meeting being arranged for that day, but showed the gentlemen a list of the names of the Clerks lying on his desk which was about to be sent to each of them; and asked them then and there to express their approval or disapproval of any Clerk and he would be replaced.

Proposed by Councillor W. Burke } Resolved - To be inserted on the Minutes.
Seconded by " J. W. Carroll }

To the County Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your instructions of 26th.

September last that I should report on a suitable method of heating Baltinglass Court-House and the probable cost of same. I beg to recommend the patent pure warm air heating apparatus of Mr. John Brundy which appears to give satisfaction wherever adopted. It has been in use in the Crown Court of the County Court-House for the last 12 years. The heating apparatus is placed in the basement and supplied with fresh air from the outside which, having become warmed in the apparatus, is discharged into the Court by a grating in the floor.

Mr. Brundy has examined the plans of the Court-House and guaranteed the success of his system. I append a copy of his estimate.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant
Carter Draper.

- marked - adjourned -
28th. October, 1899.

The County Surveyor laid before the Council Mr John Brundy's estimate amounting to £41. marked - Adjourned.

To the County Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your instructions of 26th. September last, that I should "report on the extra injury done by the Military on the roads leading to the Glen of Inaal Military Camp, in order that application may be made in the proper quarter for compensation" I beg to report as follows:-

The military traffic, especially the heavy traffic of waggons is practically confined to the road from the County Kildare bounds at Brangebeg, through Dunlavin, Whiteston and Knockarrigan to the Camp. From 22nd. of April to 1st. of August, 1899, or say for three months the troops were going along this road about 2 or 3 times

each week with waggons and horses, or on foot and sometimes with guns.

The most serious damages were done to this road on the steep hills between Whitestown Cross-roads and Castleruddery Cross-roads, and between Seskin Bridge and the Camp. At the former place about 10 perches of the surface were quite broken up by the Traction Engine, and subsequently to a less extent by heavy waggons. At the latter place the road surface is worn hollow and out of shape, and more or less cut up for a length of about 25 perches. It would take about 60 cubic yards of limestone to make the road at this place good. There is not much apparent damage to other parts of this road; but of course the extra traffic tends to wear away the surface so that more metal will be required for its maintenance.

This extra traffic also causes a quantity of mud to accumulate in wet weather which entails extra labour in scraping. It would be impossible to accurately estimate the cost of the extra maintenance required; but I should say £60 per annum would cover it, not taking into account any damage that may occur to bridges or culverts.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

^{Carter D. Paper}
- ordered - that the Secretary be requested to apply to the War Office for this amount to cover injury done by extra military traffic
October 1899.

= 6 & 7 William IV Cap. 116. =

Proposed by R. Norman Thompson

Seconded by James Byrne

Resolved - That we hereby authorise our County Surveyor to act for and on behalf of the County Council from time to time as he may consider necessary under Section 54 of the above Act, and approve of the notice he has already served under the same Section.

Passed.

Council Martin Langton's Notice of Motion - "That the approval of giving Delgany District to Mr. Sutton be rescinded dated 17th. August, 1899."
was ruled out of order by the Chairman, The Local Government Board having now by their letter of the 12th. October finally confirmed the scheme giving Powerscourt Electoral Division to Mr. Tallon, and Delgany Electoral Division to Mr. Sutton.

Transitory Order varying the terms of "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899" and "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) No. 2 Order, 1899" in the case of the
County of Wicklow

Whereas by "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899" and by "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) No. 2 Order, 1899", dated respectively, the 17th day of April, 1899, and the 6th day of June, 1899, We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, did prescribe ~~prescribe~~, amongst other things, the remuneration to be paid to the several Collectors of Poor Rate appointed by the Council of each Administrative County (not being a County Borough) as constituted under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898:

And Whereas it is provided by the said Orders that, subject to the conditions prescribed, a Collector of Poor Rate shall receive no sums by way of remuneration in respect of rates not collected and lodged within the financial half-year for the service of which the same were levied:

and whereas We deem it expedient to vary the provisions of our said Orders respecting the remuneration of Collectors of Poor Rate as regards the collection of the rate struck by the Council of the County of Wicklow for the service of the first half of the financial year ending 31st. March, 1900:

Now, Therefore, We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, do hereby Order and Direct that, anything in our

said Orders to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall be lawful for the said Council of the County of Wicklow should they see fit, to pay to each Collector of Poor Rates on all rates collected and lodged by him before the 31st. of December, 1899, such poundage rates as shall have been approved by Us.

And in all other respects We do hereby confirm the provisions of Our said Orders.

Sealed with Our Seal this Third day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and ninety nine.

(Signed)

H. A. Robinson.

J. J. Stafford.

R. Bagwell.

N^o 57,262: 1899

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 5th. October, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd. instant on the subject of the security ^{to be} given by the Clerks recently appointed in the Office of the Secretary of the County Council of Wicklow, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they approve of the amounts of such security as stated in your letter, viz: Mr. M. J. Doyle £250, Mr. Thomas Langton £160, and Mr. Lawrence Wolohan, £120.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

acting Secretary.

To The Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

N^o 57,614: 1899.

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

9th. October, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th. instant relative to the maintenance of certain roads in County Wicklow. With reference thereto I am to point out that as required by Article 25 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Orders, 1899, the County Council when dissatisfied with a tender accepted by a Rural District Council should refer back the proposal to the Rural District Council and can only put the work into the charge of the County Surveyor until such time as the proposal is ultimately approved.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

acting Secretary.

To

The Secretary
County Council of Wicklow
Court-House, Wicklow.

N^o 58,516: 1899

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 12th. October, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th. instant from which it appears that the Wicklow County Council now propose to appoint Mr. John Fallon as poor rate collector for the Electoral Divisions of Belgany and Powerscourt, and to rescind their resolution

of the 17th. August last appointing Mr. Charles Sutton as Collector for the Electoral Division of Delgany.

In reference thereto I am to state that as Mr. Sutton is an "existing" officer transferred to the County Council under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it would not be legal for the Council to dispense with his services in favour of a person who is not an "existing" officer (see Section 115, sub-section 10 of the Act).

The Board accordingly approve of the arrangement made by the County Council on the 17th. August last giving the Electoral Division of Powerscourt to Mr. Fallon and the Electoral Division of Delgany to Mr. Sutton.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. J. Mac Sheahan.

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary to the
Wicklow County Council
Court-House.
Wicklow.

N^o 61,044: 1899
Wicklow County

Local Government Board, Dublin.
25th. October, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. instant relating to the accounts of the County Council of Wicklow; and in reply I am to state that the payments to be made at the next quarterly meeting of the Council in respect of liabilities incurred to the 30th. September, 1899, must be included in the accounts of the past half-year, and the accounts should be closed for audit as soon

as may be possible after the quarterly meeting in question is held.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

Secretary.

The Secretary to the
County Council of Wicklow.
Court House, Wicklow.

N^o 61,213: 1899.

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin.
26th. October, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 23rd. instant relative to the amount of Security to be given by the poor rate Collectors employed by the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they consider that where the Security is personal it should be about equal in amount to the amount of rates to be collected, and where the security is that of a Guarantee Society, it should be at least equal to one-half the amount of the rates to be collected.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

Secretary.

The Secretary
Wicklow County Council.

N^o. 18336

Dublin Castle,
14th. October, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th. inst, and in reply to inform you that the Law Officers of the Crown cannot be called upon to advise the County Council.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
D. Harrell.

The Secretary
to the County Council
Wicklow.

Powerscourt
Enniskerry

Dear Sir,

I have already sent in my resignation to the Board of the Wicklow County Infirmary. I did so at the same time that I wrote to you saying it was quite impossible for me to undertake the duty. I hope therefore that at the Council meeting tomorrow, another Councillor will be elected in my place.

Yours faithfully
Powerscourt.

Oct. 29/99.

Resignation accepted - and D. Norman Thompson be appointed to fill the vacancy thus formed

Baltinglass,
28th. October, 1899.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the County Council of Carlow have appointed a Committee to alter the existing Polling Districts so that an Electoral Division will not be divided between two Polling Districts as at present, thereby effecting a large saving in the cost of Printing the Lists.

As a similar state of affairs exists in the County Wicklow it would be well for the County Council to take steps to amend same.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt. Servant,
J. R. Dagg.

Clerk to R. Dist. Council.

To

The Chairman
Wicklow
County Council.

Proposed by D. M. Carroll

Seconded by Lord Powerscourt

Resolved - That a Committee be appointed consisting of the whole Council to report on the various irregularities in this respect.

Passed.

Letter from Clerk of Naas N^o 2 Rural District stating that his Council would at their meeting on the 15th November appoint a Director to represent it on the Blessington Tramway Board.

Letter from Clerk of Shillelagh Union applying for remuneration for extra Services bringing in the Act.

Referred to the Rural District Council.

21 St. Andrew Street.

Dublin, 21st. October, 1899.

re Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co. Guarantee.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by the Directors of the above Company to apply for payment of the sum of £571.2.4 being the amount of 2 certificates given respectively by the Arbitrators appointed under the Act; which sum is now due to the Company and the full particulars and circumstances connected with which you are in possession of, as the correspondence which has taken place between you and the Secretary of the Company shows.

Permit us to call your attention to the fact that there is only to be a Representative for Lower Talbotstown within the County Wicklow and that the Grand Jury of Wicklow has already exercised its right and appointed an Auditor who yearly Audits the Accounts on behalf of your County Council and on this point we refer you to Clause 32 and 34 of the Company's Order of 1887 and the presentment of the Wicklow Grand Jury in part 2 of the 1st. Schedule thereto. No portion of the County Kildare is entitled to any kind of representation as it pays no portion of Guarantee

Yours faithfully,
Casey & Clay.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,

Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

ordered - To await the result of the appointment of a Director by Naas Rural District.

Richmond District Asylum.

Dublin 27th day of September, 1899.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Wicklow.

Sir,

The Dublin County Council at their meeting on the 17th. August adopted a resolution "that the Asylum Board be requested to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this Council as to the best means of providing accommodation for harmless lunatics in all Workhouses in the County".

The above resolution was communicated to the general Committee of this Asylum and by them referred to the Visiting Committee with power to invite representatives from the Louth and Wicklow Councils and the Corporation of Dublin for the purpose of a conference with the representatives of the Co. Dublin County Council and the representatives of the Asylum Board.

I have, therefore, been instructed to communicate with you with a view of requesting your County Council to nominate representatives to meet for ^{the} Conference in question, and I have been directed to acquaint you of the fact that the County of Dublin have named four representatives for this purpose.

Will you be so good as to bring the matter under the notice of your County Council and acquaint me, for the information of the Asylum Board, with the decision which they come to on the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Connolly Norman,

Resident Medical Superintendent.

ordered - That Councillors Alfred Zeller, William Osborne, William G. Morris, and Thomas Lawless be appointed.

Mr. Dollard wrote proposing to send a section of the new ledgers temporarily stitched in paper cover sufficient for the accounts of one half-year only, if the suggestion be approved of.

Approved.

To the County Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,
I beg to call your attention to the statement which is required by section 21 of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899 to be made out ^{and} as soon as may be published each half-year showing the proposals considered by you during the half-year and the manner in which they have been dealt with and all resolutions relative to other matters and to the necessity of adding to these statements lists of all amounts payable at each quarterly meeting for the ensuing half-year. This information was supplied by the Old Quay Books, and is absolutely necessary to enable County and District Councils and their officials and other parties interested to see what amounts are payable in each ensuing half-year.

I am, Gentlemen,

your obedient servant
Carter Draper

28th. October, 1899.

marked "Read".

Baltinglass Rural District Council No. 1
(Wicklow)
Clerk's Office,

11th. October, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to forward to be laid before the County Council the annexed copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Rural District Council on Saturday last.

Proposed by Mr. James Dunne
Seconded by Mr. John Rockford, and Resolved —

"That the County Council be requested to put in force the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act in the Baltinglass Rural District No. 1."

Yours faithfully,

S. B. Dagg.

R.F.B.

Marked "Read".

Resolutions forwarded by Limerick, Waterford and Quam Councils were marked "Read".

Proposed by Lord Powerscourt, K.P.
Seconded by W. G. Morris, J.P.

Resolved — That the declaration of the County Council regarding main roads come into force on and after the 1st day of April, 1900, on existing main roads.
Passed.

Proposed by D. J. Cogan

Seconded by W. G. Murphy

Resolved — That the form of Demand and Receipt for Rates be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration to report in what manner it can be amended so as to make it more intelligible to the Ratepayers, and to bring it into closer conformity with the Sections 54, 56 and 57 of the Local Government Act, 1898.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Morris

Seconded by Lord Powerscourt

Resolved — That the Secretary be ordered to communicate with each Rural District Concerning Standing Order 119.

Passed.

Proposed by Thomas J. Troy

Seconded by E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That Standing Order 34 be temporarily suspended.

Ferrybank, Arklow,
23rd. October, 1899.

= Notice of Motion. =

E. N. Wynne Esq.
Secretary, County Council
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I beg to notify you that at the next meeting of the Council I will propose the accompanying for adoption.

Faithfully Yours
Thomas J. Troy.

Proposed by Thomas J. Troy
Seconded by Lord Powerscourt
Resolved -

1. " That the fact of there not being an authorised Government Brand for cured Irish herrings is a serious detriment and drawback to the development of the fishing industry in Ireland.
2. - That the quality of the herrings caught on the Irish Coast being equal to that of Scotland and England, which have long enjoyed the privilege of a Government brand - a certificate of quality which means increased price and consequent remuneration to the fishermen - it would, in the opinion of this Council, assist most materially this most promising and useful Irish industry, which gives such large and much-needed employment, if the Irish fishermen were placed on the same footing as the Scotch

and English by being granted the privilege of a brand for Irish herrings at Dunmore, and such other large fishing stations as may be deemed useful and advisable.

- 3 That this Council most earnestly desires to impress on His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary, in the strongest possible manner, how urgently needed a brand for the Irish herrings is, and the invaluable assistance it would be to the Irish fishing industry; and further, that this Council respectfully asks His Excellency and the Chief Secretary for Ireland to use their powerful influence with the government to remove the disability under which our fishing industry has so long laboured, and grant the boon of an authorised brand to the Irish fishermen.

That Councillor Troy be authorised to communicate with the Press, Members of Parliament, and Councils asking them to use their influence with the government in securing this desirable requirement. And that the Secretary be instructed to send Copies of this Resolution to the Lord Lieutenant, and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Passed.

Edward Trevelyan Chairman
28/10/99.

A General Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, at 12 noon on Tuesday, 28th. November, 1899.

Present - Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., Chairman.

Councillors - R. Norman Thompson - D. Mahony, R. R. Drought - E. C. Walsh - A. Metcalfe - Joseph Dunne, William Costello - A. Zeller - William Osborne - Joseph M. Carroll - P. J. Carey - Martin Langton - Joseph Gahan - W. B. Murphy - E. J. Byrne - Thomas Sheppard and Thomas J. Troy.

Business:-

1. To consider the cause of delay in the appointment of an Accountant.
2. .. strike the Poor Rate for the half year ending 31st. March, 1900.
3. .. Sign Estimates and Demand Notes for Urban District Councils.
4. .. appoint Finance Committee under Standing Order 86.
5. Proposal & Works Committee.. .. 89.
6. General Purposes 117
7. .. receive Finance Committee's Report on:-
 - (a) Transitory Provisions (Nº 2) Order, Article 17 (1) Remuneration of County Officers for extra service rendered.
 - (b) Section 115 (18) of Act - Salaries of County Officers.
 - (c) apportionment of Salaries of existing Veterinary Inspectors.
 - (d) Compensation to retiring Rate Collectors and others.
 - (e) Scale of remuneration for Collection of Rates.
 - (f) Insurance of County Property.
 - (g) Form of Demand Note.
8. .. receive Secretary's and County Surveyors Reports.
9. Correspondence from Local Government Board.
10. ditto General

The Chairman informed the meeting of the correspondence that had passed between the Local Government Board and him on the subject of the delay in the appointment of an Accountant, since ~~the~~ writing to the Secretary to put the first item on the Agenda paper.

The Accountant had commenced his duties, and was now present.

Proposed by E. J. Byrne
Seconded by Thomas J. Troy

Resolved - That the Council return thanks to the Committee for having approved of appointment a competent accountant who has given the Council an undertaking that the Books will be correctly prepared in time for the next Quarterly meeting.

Passed.

The Secretary then laid his Estimate for the Rates for the second half year to 31st. March, 1900, before the Council - these were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Demand Notes for the Urban District Councils which were overlooked at last meeting were approved and signed.

Proposed by Thomas J. Troy
Seconded by Thomas Sheppard

Resolved - That the following be appointed on the undermentioned Committees viz:-

Finance Committee.

D. J. Cogan	R. R. Drought	T. J. Troy
D. Norman Thompson	E. C. Walsh	P. J. Carey
E. J. Byrne	William Burke	W. B. Murphy

Proposal Committee.

D. J. Cogan	M. Langton	T. Lawless
A. Zeller	D. Norman Thompson	E. C. Walsh
P. J. Carey	E. J. Byrne	A. Metcalfe

General Purposes Committee.

William Harrington	J. M. Carroll	D. Norman Thompson
T. J. Troy	W. B. Morris	E. C. Walsh
R. R. Drought	D. J. Cogan	W. B. Murphy

Passed.

= Wicklow County Council. =

= Secretary's Report. =

Gentlemen,

as you have now signed the Estimate for the second-half year's rate, I beg to submit for your approval the accompanying list of names as the temporary Clerks to be employed on the ratebooks; these are the men who have proved themselves most efficient in writing up the rates, and the receipts and demand notes last month, and have experience of the work. I therefore ask your authority to engage them without delay.

I have to report that your head Clerk, Mr. Doyle, has proved himself an efficient and useful assistant, the other two clerks are quite unfit for the work of the office. I have nothing whatever to say against the characters of these young men, who may show themselves to better advantage in other positions.

The advertisement for these clerks required that candidates should be quick, neat and accurate in writing and figuring, but these are slow, slovenly, and inaccurate and unreliable in their work.

To carry on efficiently business such as that of the County Office it is incumbent on the Council to appoint the best men they can obtain for the purpose at the salary fixed on, and not inexperienced lads such as these.

To get through the business with the assistance supplied I have had to work almost continuously till 9 or 10 o'clock at night for some months now, but I can do so no longer, and cannot be responsible if work then gets into arrears.

I need hardly mention that the Bray Urban Council has taken no notice whatever of the further letter asking for payment of the County Charges so long overdue by it, which the Auditor in his report, and I on several occasions drew your attention to without steps being taken to enforce payment, but I would inform you that the County has already paid £14..6..4 interest on this debt.

= List of names referred to: =

William Newman, Rathdrum, — John Abraham, Wicklow, — Albert Giff, Wicklow.
William Bond, 45th. Frederick St., Dublin, — Patrick Behan, Rathnew, — Victor Stevens, Wicklow, — James J. Reilly, 39 Grenville Terrace St. C. Road, Dublin, — George Panton, Blessington — William S. Hunter, 41 Mountjoy Square, Dublin, — George E. Hunter, 41 Mountjoy Square, Dublin — Edward J. Smith, Dunbus, Wicklow, — Reginald F. Maguire, 32 Belvidere Road, Dublin, — Andrew Kennedy, Rathdrum, — Cecil M^c. Phail, Wicklow, — Patrick Brennan, Wicklow, — Michael Mullins, Wicklow — Arthur Breen, 40 Mornington Road, Ranelagh — Joseph Fallon, Wicklow — J. H. Minchin, Wicklow, — Mrs. Maylor, Wicklow, — Mary S. J. Flynn, Wicklow — P. J. Delany, Wicklow, — John Grant, Kilbride, Wicklow.

(Signed) E. N. Wynne

Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Seconded by E. J. Byrne

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed of the following gentlemen to enquire into the matter and report. —

E. C. Walsh — A. Zeller — P. J. Carey — A. Metcalfe — E. Byrne — R. R. Drought — with Mr. O'Reilly to assist.

Passed.

= Report. =

Your Committee having met and called to their assistance Mr. O'Reilly, as well as having carefully looked over work of Clerks Langton and Wolohan are of opinion that the books are fairly well kept, and have cautioned them to be more careful in their work in future.

(Signed) R. R. Drought, Anthony Metcalfe, P. J. Carey, A. Zeller, E. C. Walsh — E. J. Byrne

Passed.

= Report of the Finance Committee. =

Your Finance Committee met at 11-30 a. m. on the 27th. November, 1899, when the following Councillors attended:—

Present — Councillor D. J. Cogan — Chairman

Councillors - E. J. Byrne - A. R. Norman Thompson - R. R. Drought - W. G. Murphy

Having taken into consideration the various matters submitted to us by County Council, We beg to submit the following Report thereon :-

Nº 1. On the Local Government Board's letter, Nº 312th, dated 9th August, 1899, regarding Remuneration for expenses incurred, and extra services rendered in bringing into operation, under Article 17(1) Transitory Provisions Order (Nº 2), 1898 - the County Surveyor agreeing - We recommend that he be paid a sum of 100 Guineas for work so done. That the Secretary be paid £ 135 for same - (increased to £ 144. 18. 0 - E. P. O'K) and that the Clerk of Baltinglass Nº 1 Union be paid £ 35 for same; this sum having been recommended by the District Council, and that the Clerk of Shillelagh Union in like manner be paid £ 35, and the Clerk of Rathdrum Union be paid £ 50.

Nº 2. On Local Government Board's letter Nº 317th, dated 29th August, 1899 - The Committee having considered Mr. Drapers and the Secretary's applications for an increase of Salary, cannot see their way to make any recommendation in the matter. With regard to the Assistant Surveyors, Messrs Boyd, Ramsay, Gibney and Pansing, the Committee cannot recommend any increase of salary at present; but recommend that an additional payment of £ 3 a year each be allowed to cover extra cost for stamps and stationery.

3 We recommend that the following Salaries be paid to the existing Veterinary Inspectors:-

Mr. Freeman	£ 56. 14. 8	per Ann.	for Rathdown Nº 2 District
" Newsome	34. 16. 7	"	" " Shillelagh "
" do	60. 0. 0	"	" " Rathdrum "
" Black	6. 2. 7	"	" " Naas Nº 2 "

These being the Co. Wicklow proportions of said Veterinary Inspectors Salaries - calculated in accordance with the valuations of their Districts - the balance of their Salaries to be paid by the Districts in the adjoining Counties.

Nº 4 In accordance with the report of the Secretary We recommend that the County Court-Keeper receive an increase of £ 12. 10. 0 per year, from 1st April last; he to be in attendance on all Committees and Council Meetings, and act as messenger and Porter generally.

5 We recommend that Sir Charles Cameron be requested to furnish an account of private analysis with the corresponding fees under the Acts, according to the terms of his Agreement, covering a period of 3 years prior to the appointed day; and state whether he intends to carry out his contract made with the Grand Jury.

6 We have carefully considered the circumstances of the several Rate Collections under the scheme, and recommend the following Poundage Rates be paid to the several Collectors:-

- District Nº -	- Name -	Be paid in the £
1	Joseph Doyle	4
2	Richard Geoghegan - new appointment	-
3	Thomas Tutty	4 1/2
4	Nicholas Byrne	3 1/2
5	Michael Kelly	6
6	George Meyler	2 1/2
7	Charles Sutton	4
8	John Tallon	do -
9	Joseph Keane	3 1/2
10	John Murphy	do -
11	Thomas Dowling	5 1/2
12	John F. Evans	4
13	George Evans	3 1/2
14	James W. Ananama	5 1/2
15	John Brennan	5
16	William Smith	5 1/2
17	Philip Doyle	4
18	Thomas Ebls	3 1/2
19	William Driver	3

N^o 7 Having considered the claims of the several Rate Collectors not continued in the scheme We recommend that the following sums be paid as compensation under the 7th. Schedule of the Act:-

Mr. George Driver £133. 14. 4

" Thomas Douglas 126. 2. 11

" James Dunn - No sealed appointment having been produced in this case the Committee cannot entertain the claim.

" H. K. Shiel 143. 9. 2

" John Neill 79. 3. 4

In the case of the Representatives of F. Buckley no particulars having been yet supplied of the Costs of his Collections, although twice applied for, the Committee adhere to their former order "That this claim be not entertained, until the costs of collection be supplied by the Representatives of Mr. Buckley as already applied for". No stamped Declaration has been lodged in this case.

" 8 Two claims for Compensation were received from local Inspectors under the Explosives Act, 1875, Messrs W. H. H. Kennedy and Patrick Martin. The Committee declined to entertain these claims as they are of opinion that they are not entitled under the Local Government Act - they not being County Officers, but under the control of the executive Government.

" 9 Dr. M^r. Cann applied for Compensation for loss sustained through the diminution of his duties as Dispensary Medical Officer of Kiltegan. The Committee recommend a pension of $\frac{5}{4}$ (four shillings) a year to be paid in this case, upon Dr. M^r. Cann producing the necessary sworn Declaration of his Emoluments.

" 10 The Secretary having according to directions reported on the various sums for which the County Court-Houses are Insured, and the amount of Premium in each case, We recommend that the Council instruct the County Surveyor to make a report on the amounts put down opposite each Court-House.

N^o 11 Several Rate Collectors - Thomas Ebbs, Philip Doyle, William Diver, William Staunton - John Brennan and William Smith - having applied for payment for revision of Voters lists and posting of Notices, We recommend that these applications be referred back to the Boards of Guardians.

" 12 The Representatives of the late O. V. Slocock, Esq., U. S. of Carlow having applied for the payment of salary due to him. We recommend the sum of £4. 2. 3 be paid said Representatives, being the proportion of Salary due by the County of Wicklow, from 25th. March to the date of his death on 30th May, 1899.

" 13 We refuse to entertain applications for refund of Train Fare to Messrs A. Baird, A. Todd and W. J. Everard, Candidates for the permanent Clerkships.

" 14 The Committee recommend that the amount viz: £992. 14. 0 as passed by the Finance Committee of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum be adopted when the proper Form of Estimate and Demand is sent to the Secretary of this Council.

(Signed) R. Norman Thompson

Proposed by E. C. Walsh

Seconded by E. J. Byrne

Resolved. That the Finance Committee's Report be adopted

Passed.

Mr. Thomas Craig, Solicitor attended before the Council to support the claims of Councillor W. B. Murphy, and Mr. William Gilbert for Compensation as rate Collector, and as deputy Cess Collector respectively.

Several Councillors raised the question whether Councillor Murphy was an existing Officer upon the "appointed day", he having resigned as rate Collector on 3rd. March, 1899.

Proposed by E. C. Walsh

Seconded by Thomas J. Troy.

Resolved - That all the facts with Mr. Murphy's case be communicated to the Local Government Board by our Secretary, and their opinion as to the validity of his claim for compensation be asked for

Passed by 12 Votes to 4.

For - Councillors - E. C. Walsh - J. J. Troy - M. Langton - St. Thompson -
 J. Dunne - W. Costello - A. Metcalfe - J. M. Carroll - R. R. Drought -
 A. Zeller - P. J. Carey - J. Gahan — 12
 Against - Councillors - W. Osborne - M. Byrne - Tho^s. Sheppard -
 E. J. Byrne ————— 4

In Mr. Gilbert's case Mr. Edward Storey's letter was called for and read; it stated that Mr. Storey had no appointed deputy, but had appointed Mr. W^m Gilbert under his hand to assist him in the collection for Spring Assizes, 1895, at 6^d in the £1 remuneration. at Mr. Craig's request - ordered that Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Storey attend our next Quarterly meeting to give evidence as to their respective claims. The Secretary to give Mr. Gilbert copy of Mr. Storey's letter.

Order in Council withdrawing "Muzzling of Dogs Order" from Counties Carlow, Cavan, Waterford, Boroughs of Waterford and Poor Law Unions of Baltinglass and Sligo.
 Read.

Applications read from several Rural Districts and Unions for payments from the County Council to their respective Treasurers. The Secretary stated that the quarterly payments would be transferred after the quarterly meeting.

The Local Government Board sent copy of Treasury minute dated 2nd. November, 1899, fixing the following rates of interest on all loans granted out of the Local Grants fund after that date.

<u>- Period of Repayment. -</u>	<u>- Rate of Interest. -</u>
Not exceeding 30 years	3 per cent
" 40 "	3 1/4 "
" 50 "	3 1/2 "

each of these rates 1/4% by Treasury minute of 18 June 1900

a memorial from Fishermen of Greystones, praying for improvement of their Harbour, postponed till the quarterly meeting. Mr. Wynne to report them on position of County with

regard to the Harbour.

appeal from Evicted Tenants Restoration Fund Committee and Resolution from Waterford County Council thereon - Read.

Notices of intention to apply for compensation for Criminal Injuries read from John Lucas for £90, Healy Earls £80, Thomas Hudson for £56, and Frank Malone £90.

Proposed by Martin Langton
 Seconded by Joseph Gahan

Resolved - That Mr. J. H. M. Carroll take steps to protect our interest in opposing all claims at next Sessions.
 Passed.

Proposed by R. R. Drought
 Seconded by M. Byrne

Resolved - We hereby approve of the appointment of the following members of the Royal Irish Constabulary as Inspectors under the Sale of Food and Drugs act of 1875:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Station.</u>
- David Connor	Sergeant	Bray
- John Conway	"	Newtown
- Charles Coalter	"	Roundwood
- John O'Leary	"	Wicklow
- Thomas Flaherty	acting "	ovoca
- Edward Barry	Sergeant	Rathdrum
- John M. Donagh	"	Sinahealy
- Michael Delany	acting "	Carnew
- Philip Reilly	Sergeant	Shillelagh
- Patrick Carroll	"	Dunlavin
- John Sullivan	"	Baltinglass
- James Knox	"	Blessington
- John Lane	"	Arklow

Passed.

Proposed by Thomas J. Troy
 Seconded by Joseph M. Carroll

Resolved - That Councillor St. Thompson's name be substituted on the County Council Central Council in lieu of

Thomas J. Troy, as one of the three representatives from this Council.
Passed.

The following names and addresses were forwarded by the Clerks of Baltinglass, Naas, Rathdown and Rathdrum Rural District Councils as those nominated by their respective Councils as their District Veterinary Committee under Standing Order N^o. 119.

- Baltinglass N^o. 1 Rural District. -

J. H. Coleman, J. P., Briffinstown, The Grange, Athy.
J. Rockford, Dunlavin
M. Harbottle, Baltinglass
W. Flintel, do.
P. P. Martin, J. P., do.

- Naas N^o. 2, Rural District. -

Alfred Zeller - Chairman, Sackan House, Blessington
James W. Grath, Cloughleagh, Kilbride
Daniel M. Evey, Ballyknockan, Blessington
James J. Dowling, Blessington
Philip Lawler, do.

- Rathdown N^o. 3 Rural District. -

Thomas Lawless, Delgany
D. B. M. Thompson, Kindlestown, Delgany
Simon J. Doyle, Killincattig, do.
William S. Morris, Windgates House, Bray.

- Rathdrum Rural District. -

Patrick J. Carey, J. P., Yomenerrin, Aughrim
William Byrne, Coolbeg, Wicklow
Edward Ellison, Corbally, Rathdrum
Martin Doyle, Ballinain, Kilbride, Wicklow.
Barnett Byrne, Ballyvalkron, Wicklow

approved and confirmed by the County Council.

Shillelagh Rural District

Edward J. Byrne, Chairman - Ballynamanogue, Tinahely.
Joseph Bagan, V. Boley, Shillelagh
Michael Fleming, Ballymullagh, Shillelagh
John Bagan, Park, Clonegall
John O'Keefe, Knocknamanna, Hackets town

N^o. 66918 : 1899

Wicklow County

Local Government Board, Dublin
24th. November, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the Staff to be employed by the County Council of Wicklow to carry on the business devolving on them under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they think it well to remind the Council of the difficulties they have already encountered in properly discharging their duties owing to the fact that a sufficient and competent staff of Clerks was not in the first instance appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the rate books and accounts, and with a view to preventing any recurrence of these difficulties it is clearly the duty of the Council to consider whether the Accountant and Clerks now engaged are sufficient in number as well as competent officers.

The Local Government would suggest that the Council should carefully inquire as to the manner in which the several Clerks heretofore engaged have carried on the work, and see that the services of any of the staff who are clearly incompetent are dispensed with. Arrangements should also be made for the employment of such a number of temporary Clerks as will ensure that the rate for the second half of the financial year, which must be collected before the 31st. March next, is in course of collection at the beginning of January, and care should be taken that no temporary officers should be engaged for this purpose who, the Council have reason to believe, are not fully capable of doing good work.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

D. J. Mac Skeahan,

Assistant Secretary.

W. E. P. O'Keefe, Esq, J. P.,

Chairman of the County Council of Wicklow.

N^o 63113 : 1899
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 2nd. November, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo, relating to the keeping of Rate Sedgers in the County of Wicklow, and, in reply, I am to state that, under the circumstances described, the Local Government Board will consent, if the County Council so desire, to the proposal to dispense with the Rate Sedgers.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
D. J. Mac Sheahan
Assistant Secretary.

To
The Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

- Approved -

N^o 63686 : 1899
Wicklow County

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 3rd. November, 1899

Sir,

With reference to the resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council on the 30th. ultimo relative to the security to be given by the poor rate Collectors appointed by the Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they approve of the amount of security proposed to be given in each case.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine

The Secretary
Wicklow County Council.

Secretary

N^o 369^m 1899
Miscellaneous

adjustments

Local Government Board
Dublin, 16th. November, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to article 8 of the County Councils' order, 1899, which requires the abstract of the accounts of a County Council to be forwarded to the Auditor appointed for the District within one month after the close of the half-year. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the abstract of the accounts for the six months ended 30th. September, 1899 should be prepared and forwarded to this office as soon as practicable after the quarterly meeting of the County Council at which payments in respect of the quarter ended on the date in question are made. The Board will then transmit the abstract to the Auditor who may be appointed to audit the accounts.

as it is very desirable that the accounts should be audited at an early date, the Local Government Board desire to impress upon you the necessity of expediting the closing of the accounts, and the preparation of the abstracts.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary
of each County Council.

N^o 377^m 1899
Miscellaneous

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 22nd. November, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the County Council, that their attention has been called to the fact that much inconvenience is caused to a number of Boards of Guardians

and Rural District Councils throughout Ireland by the delay which has taken place in satisfying the Demands of those bodies for the service of each quarter of the financial year. The dates fixed for the quarterly meetings of the County Council in many Counties fall so late in the quarter that the Guardians and Rural District Councils find themselves without funds to carry on the business of the Unions and Rural Districts during the period which elapses between the commencement of each quarter and the date on which they receive funds from the County Councils, and in these circumstances the Local Government Board would urge upon the Council the necessity of arranging in future to hold a meeting (which may be an adjournment of a quarterly meeting) in the first week of each financial quarter for the purpose of paying on the recommendation of their Finance Committee the instalments of demands due to Unions and District Councils in respect of the quarter then current.

In case the Council have not at the present time funds from which to make these advances the Local Government Board will be prepared to authorize an overdraft from the County Treasurers at reasonable interest in order that these claims may be met. Of course the Council are aware that the power to pay interest on overdrafts expires on the 31st. of March next, before which date all advances must be repaid.

I am, Sir,
 Your Obedient Servant,
 H. M. Swaine,
 Secretary.

To/
 The Secretary to
 each County Council.

N^o. 61,466-^u
 1899

Local Government Board, Dublin,
 7th. November, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit for the information of the County Council, the accompanying copy of an Order in Council, dated the 20th. October, 1899, confirming the County Stock Regulations, together with a copy of the Urban Stock Regulations referred to therein.

I am, Sir,
 Your Obedient Servant
 H. M. Swaine,
 Secretary.

To/
 The Secretary
 to each County Council.

N^o. 20584

Dublin Castle,
 11th. November, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. instant enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the County Council of Wicklow at their meeting on the 28th. ultimo, on the subject of a Herring Brand for Ireland.

I am, Sir,
 Your Obedient Servant,
 J. B. ^uDogherty.

To S. J. Purcell, Esq.,
 acting Clerk, Naas N^o. 2 Rural District Council.

Baltinglass N^o. 1 Rural Dist. Council,
 7th. November, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the above Council to inform you that they have nominated Mr. Daniel M. Ewoy, Ballyknocken as Director to represent them on the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company.

yours faithfully,
 J. R. Dagg.

Naas N^o 2 Rural District Council

17th. November, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Council of the above District to forward you the following copies of resolutions passed by them at their Quarterly meeting on the 15th. inst.:-

1. " That Mr. Daniel W. Ewoy of Ballyknockan be appointed as Director to represent the Naas N^o 2 Rural District on the Board of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company at a Salary of one Shilling per year."
2. That the sums of £129. 6. 7 and £409. 16. 4 due to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company be passed, subject to the Company accepting the appointment of Mr. W. Ewoy as Director, the payment of such sums to be withheld by the County Council until Mr. W. Ewoy's appointment has been so accepted."

I presume you will in due course communicate the above resolutions to the Company.

yours faithfully,
D. J. Purcell
acting Clerk

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,
Court House, Wicklow.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copies of the resolutions to the Secretary of the Tramway Company, and read the following reply.

Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway Co.
Terenure, 21st. November, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th. inst., and shall lay same before my Board at its next meeting.

yours faithfully,
H. O. Fisdall.
Secretary.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,
Secretary Co. Wicklow Co. Council.

Naas N^o 2 Rural District Council

11th. November, 1899.

Dear Sir,

Kindly submit to the Wicklow County Council at their next meeting the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the above district at their meeting today:-

"That the Council make application to the County Council of Wicklow in pursuance of Section 15 (2) of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and Section 74 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to apply the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, to the Naas N^o 2 Rural District, and to declare the said District to be the area of charge for all expenses that may be incurred in the matter."

Yours faithfully,
D. J. Purcell
acting Clerk.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,
Wicklow.

approved.

Wat Office,
London, S. W.
18th. November, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th. instant, which shall receive attention.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
R. H. Knox.

Printing House,
Wellington Quay,
Dublin, 6th. November, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I duly received the Seal Die made for the County Council, and have defaced same according to your instructions

Faithfully yours
E. N. Wynne Esq.,
Secretary Wicklow Co. Council.

pro Joseph Dollard
a. andrews.

1st. November, 1899.

To the High Sheriff and the County Council of the County of Wicklow —

We the regular practitioners at Quarter Sessions and assizes in the County of Wicklow beg to point out that there is no private room in the Courthouse available for the use of the Solicitors' profession only, and no place where during Sessions or assizes we can lock up our papers or interview our clients apart from the general public.

There are several rooms in the Courthouse which could be set apart for our use during these times, and we ask that one of these rooms be allocated to us, and a lock with several keys placed upon the door. Each of us could then during Sessions or assizes have the use of one of the keys which could be returned afterwards if necessary to the person in charge.

(Signed) J. K. Loomery — Thomas H. R. Craig —
J. H. M. Carroll — Francis Kennedy — Mark A. Loomery.

a Resolution from the Irish Cattle Traders and Stock-owners Association: —

"That we request the County Councils to adopt the system of managing Fairs now satisfactorily working in Carlow, Kilkenny and other places — namely — that the Seller pays the toll where leviable; and that we also request them to assist the Association in its efforts to have all Fairs held in greens instead of on the streets of towns, where cattle are subjected to great hardship."

-approved-

-Resolution from Dublin County Council.-

"We declare the present system of training and educating the Blind of the United Kingdom, known as the Voluntary system, has failed to raise them from the misery and degradation into which their affliction has plunged them, and whereas the late Royal Commission appointed

to enquire into the condition of the Blind of the United Kingdom unanimously recommended that the Blind of Ireland should at once be legislated for. We therefore pray Her Majesty's Government to carry out the recommendation of the Royal Commission, at least with regard to this already impoverished and overtaxed country, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all the County Councils in Ireland for their approval, and that a copy should be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

- Resolution from Shillelagh Rural District Council -

"That it is the opinion of this Council that the Road Contractors of this County have been placed at a most serious disadvantage owing to half the money due to them at the summer assizes being withheld from them, and that we are of opinion that to enable those men to fulfil their contracts they should be paid the Quarters pay which has been held back in addition with the Quarters now due."

Read.

- Resolution from Rathdrum Rural Dist. Council -

"That this Council urge on the County Council the necessity of making provision for payment to Road Contractors immediately that roads are certified by the County Surveyor."

Edward Whitty Chairman
14/11/99.

The General Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber at Wicklow on Thursday the 14th. December, 1899.

The following Councillors attended:-

- Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly, J. P., - Chairman.
- Councillors, M. Byrne - Dr. R. Norman Thompson - R. R. Drought.
- W. G. Morris - Visct. Powerscourt - W. Osborne - D. J. Cogan -
- Martin Langton - E. J. Byrne - Tho^s Sheppard - W^m Costello -
- Joseph Dunne - Michael Kelly - Simon J. Doyle - James Byrne -
- Joseph M. Carroll and A Zeller.

- Business as under transacted:-

- 1A To consider and sign orders for the past Quarter's payments.
- B " " the following Proposals formulated by the Proposals Committee
- 2 " pay W. H. H. Kennedy, Treasurer Wicklow County Infirmary for the support thereof £50.0.0
- 3 " pay E. M. Harding, Treasurer Wicklow Fever Hospital for the support thereof £19.4.6
- 4 " pay the Treasurer Arklow Fever Hospital for like £7.10.0
- 5 " pay Revd. J. A. Stampet, Treasurer, Newtown Mount Kennedy Fever Hospital for the like £20.0.0
- 6 " pay Dr. Thomas Lyndon, his Quarters Salary, as Surgeon to the County Infirmary £23.10.0
- 7 " pay Thomas Williams for providing Sundry articles, Cleaning &c for the County Courthouse £5.3.4
- To consider the following notices of Motion by Councillor Joseph M. Carroll:-
- 8 a Resolution to pay for certain advertising &c £6.9.7
- 9 a Resolution to pay for fuel consumed in the County Courthouse to 30th. September £5.16.3
- 10 a Resolution to pay for Gas consumed in same from January 1st. to September 30th., 1899 £11.3.5
- 11 To consider the proposals from the Five Rural Districts
- 12 The examination of Accounts and signing Financial Minutes.
- 13 To consider Reports from Finance Committee, Secretary, County Surveyor and Analyst.

14 To consider Correspondence from Local Government Board.

15 " " " " District Councils

16 " " " " General

Committee of the Whole House

" " and report on the several irregularities in existing Polling districts whereby Electoral Divisions are divided.

The Schedule of Applications for the Quarter's payments chargeable to the County at Large, duly certified by the Secretary, and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee was laid before the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Langton
Seconded by Councillor William Costello.

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the payments laid before us by the Secretary, for the County at Large, amounting to £3066.16.10.

Passed

The following proposals formulated by the Proposals Committee were considered:-

- W. H. H. Kennedy, Treasurer Wicklow County Infirmary for the support thereof - £50-
- E. M. Harding, Treasurer Wicklow Fever Hospital for the support thereof - £19.4.6-
- Treasurer Arklow Fever Hospital for like - £7.10.0-
- Rev. J. A. Stampet, Treasurer Newtown M^t. Kennedy Fever Hospital for like - £20.0.0-
- Dr. Thomas Lyndon, his Quarters Salary as Surgeon to the County Infirmary - £23.10.0-
- Thomas Williams for providing Sundry articles, Cleaning etc. of the County Courthouse - £5.3.4-

- Notices of Motion by Councillor Joseph M. Carroll:-

- Resolution to pay for certain advertising &c - £6.9.7-
- " " " " fuel consumed in County Courthouse to 30th. September - £5.16.3-
- " " to pay for Gas consumed in same from January 1st. to 30th. September, 1899. - £11.3.5-

The several amounts set forth were approved of for payment, and the Order for same signed.

Proposed by Lord Powerscourt

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne

Resolved - That we hereby approve and order to be paid the Proposals for payment sent forward by the five Rural District Councils; no question or objection having been raised on any one of same. The amounts being:-

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass Rural District N ^o . 1	824	12	5
Naas " " " 2	862	8	7
Rathdown " " " 2	431	3	2
Rathdrum " " " 2	1811	6	2
Shillelagh	580	11	0
Total £	4510	1	4

Passed.

Payment Orders were then signed.

By Order of the Council - Cheque for payment of Mr. Peter Byrne of Yarbrega to be sent to the Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District for payment.

Proposed by Councillor - D. J. Cogan

Seconded by " - Joseph W. Carroll

Resolved - That we make a payment in hands to the Secretary of One hundred and fifty Pounds for him to pay the permanent Clerks monthly, and the temporary Clerks weekly out of the payments to be laid before the Finance Committee.

Passed.

57 Dawson Street,
Dublin, 12th. December, 1899.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the order of the Queen's Bench division of the 15th. Novr. making absolute the Order for a writ of Mandamus, and directing the Coy. Council to proceed

to assess the amount of compensation to be paid to me by reason of my dismissal." I have been expecting to hear from you with particulars of the action of the County Council taken in obedience to above order, and with their adjudication on my claim, now for a considerable time before them. If you have not already done so please bring the matter before the County Council at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,
Frank Brown.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.

Secretary

Co. Wicklow, Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne.

Seconded by " Martin Langton

Resolved - That the sum of £500 (Pounds) be paid to Mr. Frank Brown in full Settlement of claims and costs against this Council.

Passed.

The following Report from the County Surveyor was submitted to the Council for consideration.

To the County Council County Wicklow
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

I beg to report to you that Parliamentary notices have been published and plans and sections lodged in connection with the proposed Bray and Enniskerry Railway.

I have examined the plans etc. and find that the principal objects to be effected are as follows -

1. To construct the following Railways. a Railway called N^o. 1. This is a branch line to the North pier of Bray Harbour wholly situate in the Bray Urban District so that you have no concern with it.
2. a Railway N^o. 2, being a branch line from the authorised Railway from a point near Troy's public house to a point near the entrance to Hollybrooke. This line, according to

the plans, is to be a tramway laid on the County road between the above points. I have made a special examination of the road and find that it is sufficiently wide to admit of the tramway on a raised siding, similar to that of the Dublin and Blessington line. Length of this branch 5 1/2 furlongs.

- 3 a Railway N° 3 being a continuation of the Authorised Railway from its termination in Enniskerry to the County bounds at the Scalp. This line will also be a tramway laid on the County road between the above points which passes by the Roman Catholic Church. From an examination of this road I find that for only about 1/2 mile would the width admit of the tramway being laid on a raised siding, so that for the remainder the rails should be level with road surface, same as an ordinary street tramway. The length of this branch is about 2 3/8 miles. I consider a tramway along this road would be inadvisable, and that at places protection fences would be necessary.
- 4 To extend the period for the construction of the authorised line of Railway.
- 5 To authorise the working of the line and branches by electricity.

Bearing in mind the past history of this railway Company and the damages done to the County roads by their works and the loss inflicted on the Ratepayers by the expensive litigation forced on the late Grand Jury in their endeavours to protect the public rights, I consider that you should give the most serious consideration to the proposed bill.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant
Carter Draper, M. Inst. C.E.
County Surveyor.

13th. December, 1899.

Read. Adjourned to next meeting.

N° 71290: 1899

Wicklow County

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 6th. December, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this day in reference to the preparation of the rate books in the County of Wicklow for the second half of the current financial year; and, in reply, I am to state that the Local Government Board are advised that the arrears of the rate in the first half of the current financial year must be carried forward into the rate for the second half of the year.

The new rate books should therefore be written up leaving the arrears and total columns blank, and the Collectors should be called upon to close their current collection with the least possible delay so that the new rate may be struck and put in course of collection by the beginning of January next.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

- ordered that the Secretary be empowered to include all arrears to 31st. December in second half year

N° 68378: 1899

Wicklow County

Local Government Board, Dublin,
28th. November, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to an entry on the minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Wicklow at a meeting held on the 30th. ultimo on the subject of the Council's declaration as to Main Roads, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that such declaration, unless suspended while an appeal is

pending, must come into operation on the date of its final adoption, or any later date specified in the declaration.

I am to add that it is not competent for a County Council to fix a date after a declaration has been made.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. J. MacSheehan

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary of the County Council of Wicklow

- ordered - that the Secretary write to the Local Government Board in explanation.

N^o 68378: 1899

dated 28th. November, 1899

pointing out that the fine payable by County Councilors failing to accept office must be filed by a By-Law drawn up by the County Council and submitted to the Lord Lieutenant for confirmation.

Proposed by S. J. Doyle

Seconded by William Costello

Resolved - That we hereby pass the following By-Law, in accordance with Article 9 (1) Application of Enactments Order, 1898, and 61 and 62 Vic. cap. 37 Sec. 16. (3 & 4 Vic. c. 188 Secs. 125-127)

That every qualified person elected a Councilor shall either accept the office by making and subscribing the prescribed declaration within three months after the notice of the election, before two members or the Secretary to the Council, or before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court, or in lieu thereof pay to the Council a fine of Five Pounds, or in case of a Chairman or Vice Chairman Five Pounds.

Passed.

County Councils (N^o 2) Order, 1899

Read.

Circular N^o 6899: 1899

Miscellaneous

dated 30th. November, 1899

enclosing letters from Inland Revenue, stating Receipts for Poor rate are exempt from Stamp Duty.

Read.

Circular N^o 57653: 99th

County Councils

dated 24th. November, 1899

on the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899

Order. Referred to Finance Committee.

Circular N^o 387th

dated 6th. December, 1899

Dealing with arrears of former Poor rate collected and lodged since 1st. April, 1899.

Order. The Secretary to communicate with the several Clerks of Unions in reference hereto.

Treasury letter, dated 30th. November, 1899.

re custody of Local Records.

Order. Postponed to next Quarterly meeting.

Baltinglass Rural District Council N^o 1 Clerk's office

5th. December, 1899.

Resolved. That as no tender has been received for Proposal N^o 137. new road etc. at Dunlavin the matter be referred to the County Council to have a contract

taken for same, or the work turned over to the County Surveyor for execution.

order. Referred to District meeting.

Letter dated 28th. November, 1899, from Coroner's Jury calling attention to unprotected state of road at Ballysmutton.

order. Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Lippetary Resolution - re incidents of Rates
Read

Limerick Resolution - on direct labour
Read.

Sligo Resolution - dated 29th. November, 1899
Corporation of Sligo
(Urban District Council)

"Resolved - that this Council call upon all the Irish members of Parliament to use their best endeavours to have a Clause in the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829 dealing with Jesuits, Friars and Monks revoked as soon as possible, as the Clause holds every Jesuit, Friar, and Monk in the Kingdom criminals in the eye of the law of England. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to all the Irish Members of Parliament, and to all the County Councils and Corporations in Ireland."

Passed - Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne
Seconded " " J. W. Carroll

Resolved - That Dr. Thompson's name be substituted for Councillor Walsh's on the central Council.
That the following be the names on the Committee:

Councillors - Edward P. O'Kelly - D. J. Cogan and
St. Norman Thompson.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by " Martin Langton

Resolved - That the Secretary get one week's holiday from Wednesday 20th. next, and the permanent staff from Friday evening 22nd. to the following Wednesday.
Passed.

Letter from Mr. A. Wailes, dated 7th. December, 1899, re James Dunn's application for remuneration was read.

ordered. That copy of letter be given him.

The Financial Reform League wrote asking the Council to appoint representatives to a joint Committee with representatives from said League, to draw up a programme for the future financial Reform movement.

The following Councillors were appointed:

Martin Langton - D. J. Cogan - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman -

[Signature]
12/11/00

The remaining Contracts for Baltinglass No 1 District No 138, 145 and 146 were approved sealed.

For Naas No 2 District proposal No 57 was given into charge of County Surveyor for the £20 granted. Contract No 60 was approved and sealed.

For Rathdown No 2 Contracts Nos 50, 51 and 52 were approved and sealed.

From Rathdown no Contracts were received, as no adjourned quarterly meeting had been held.

For Skillelagh No 98, for which there was no Contract, was referred to District Council, and No 101 was approved and sealed.

[Signature]
27/11/00

The Secretary again to request Sir Charles Cameron to furnish the Council with a list showing all analyses of food and drink made for private persons within the County during the past five years.

Report of the Finance Committee

We find that the Subsidiary Account is overdrawn £317. 19. 9, and recommend that a sum of £900 be transferred by the Council to credit of that account.

Signed R. Norman Thompson.
Approved

Proposed by D. J. Cogan
Councillor
Seconded by J. W. Carroll
Councillor

Resolved - That the above sum of £900 be transferred to Subsidiary account.
Passed.

The meeting then adjourned till 11-30 a.m. on Thursday 28th. inst.; and the Secretary was directed to put as the first item on the Agenda Paper the consideration of the future salary of the Secretary, and of the County Surveyor.

Charles Kelly Chairman 27 Jan 1900.

(- Agenda for 28th. Decr. 1899. -)

- 1 To consider future salary of the Secretary.
- 2 " " " County Surveyor.
- 3 " Sign certain payment orders for past quarter.
- 4 " Consider Report from Finance Committee
- 5 " " " County Surveyor
- 6 " " " Secretary
- 7 " " Correspondence from Local Government Board.
- 8 " " General
- 9 " " Letters from Local Records Committee, Committee of the whole House.

To consider and report on the several irregularities in existing Polling Districts.

An adjourned Autumn Quarterly meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday the 28th. December, 1899.

The following Councillors attended:-

- Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly, J. P., - Chairman,
- Councillors - Michael Byrne - R. Norman Thompson - Martin Langton - William Burke - D. J. Cogan - Anthony Metcalfe - Joseph W. Carroll - E. J. Byrne.

Business transacted:-
(See agenda paper at foot of folio 155)

The Secretary read his Statement showing the extra duties thrown on him by the Local Government, Ireland Act.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by " Wm Burke

Resolved - That the Secretary's Salary be fixed at £400 - and he to perform all the duties appertaining to his office as Secretary to the County Council, and to include his duties under the Juries and Franchise Acts, for which he is to receive no additional fees; and a salary of £100 under the Contagious Diseases of Animals, and Destructive Insects Acts, subject to the approval of the Treasury. All fees to be paid into the County fund. The Secretary to devote his whole time to the duties of his office

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary stated he could not accept the salary on the terms proposed.

The Council then considered the similar Statement of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by " Martin Langton

Resolved - That the County Surveyor be paid a salary of £650 a year, and an allowance of £50 a year for clerical and office expenses, provided he devote the whole of his time to the business of the County. Same not to apply to any works Mr. Draper

may have in hand.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Drapez thanked the Council and accepted the terms proposed.

- Wicklow County Council -

= Report of the Finance Committee =

Your Committee met on 28th. December, 1899, and having examined the Vouchers laid before it by your Secretary recommend the Council to sign the Orders for payment on the Order Sheets as submitted by the Secretary.

We recommend that the Coroners in future make their payments to medical Witnesses by Orders on the County Treasurer direct, who should charge them to the Subsidiary Account.

That the former Order awarding £143.9.2 Compensation to Mr. Skiehl be cancelled and that the correct amount £107.11.11 be substituted.

Having gone carefully into the figures and calculations in Mr. Sutton's case we find that the poundage fixed is equal to the rate fixed in every other case, giving £62.5.8 remuneration.

We recommend that Mr. Dowling get a poundage rate of 3½^d instead 4^d first recommended; this gives him £38 yearly.

That the Secretary pay to Mr. O'Reilly the 2½ days Salary he deducted from him, and Mr. O'Reilly be informed the Committee approve of the Secretary's action in the matter. They also wish to point out to Mr. O'Reilly or any other officer or Clerk if he is absent from duty he shall communicate at once to the Secretary.

Office hours to be from 10 to 5 o'clock for first five days, and from 10 to 2 on the sixth day of the week. Mr. O'Reilly to be allowed off at 12.30 on Saturdays.

Approved.

= County Surveyor's Report re County Courthouses Insurance. =

To the County Wicklow County Council,

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your instructions of 28th. ults. I have made approximate valuations of the County Court-Houses, and the furniture contained therein, and consider that they should be insured in the following amounts:-

Court-House	Buildings	Furniture.	Observations.
	£	£	
Wicklow	8,000	300	Books, papers & weights & measures not included.
Arklow	1,500	30	Books and papers not included.
Bray	900	20	do. do do.
Baltinglass	1,700	50	Books, papers & weights & measures not included.
Yinahely	1,200	20	Books and papers not included.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

Carter Drapez.

26th. December, 1899.

Proposed by Martin Langton
Councillor

Seconded by D. J. Cogan
Councillor

Resolved that the Seal of the Council be impressed on the 3 Explosives Licences for Mr. Scott, Mr. Wynne and Capt. Higgins, and upon the 2 Bonds for Thomas Doyle and Charles Broe

Passed.

Letters Nos 68375:99
 " " 68376:99
 " " 72279:99

from the Local Government Board,

approving of the appointment of Messrs
 Richard Geoghegan, John Fallon and John Murphy respectively
 as Poor Rate Collectors on the terms specified
 Read.

No 73500:1899 - 23rd. December, 1899

Miscellaneous

Regarding payment of officers of County Councils,
 Unions and District Councils for services under Registration and
 Jurors acts being chargeable to County at large.
 Read.

No 69766:1899.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

22nd. December, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland
 to transmit for the information of the County Council of Wicklow
 the accompanying copy of an Order which they have made
 dividing the Town of Wicklow into three Wards, in pursuance
 of sub-section (2) of section 41 of the Local Government (Ireland)
 Act, 1898, and providing for the representation of such Wards on the
 Urban District Council of Wicklow.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine.

Secretary.

The Secretary
 to the County Council of Wicklow.

Coroner Germaine appeared by his Solicitor Mr. Mark Dooney and argued
 against the Council's refusal to pay his past quarter's salary. The Council
 upheld its decision on account of his continued absence from his District, as
 Land Commissioners, and his neglect to lodge his account.

No 309th:99

Local Government Board's General Order, dated 11th. December, 1899
 relative to Regulating qualifications for office of Secretary to County Council
 Read.

Proposed by William Burke

Seconded by Martin Langton

Resolved - That the two Magistrates who held
 the last inquest be requested to report to the Lord Chancellor that
 Coroner Germaine has not resided in West Wicklow (his district)
 for many years. That being a Land Sub Commissioner he is
 necessarily frequently absent from his district, and we call
 upon the Lord Chancellor to declare the office vacant, and to issue
 a Writ for the election of his successor. A copy of this resolution
 to be sent to them viz: - E. J. Byrne, Esq., J.P., St. Mullin's House,
 Tinahely, J. H. Kerr, Esq., J.P., Broomfield House, Tinahely.
 Passed unanimously.

Proposed by M. J. Byrne

Seconded by A. Metcalfe

Resolved - That 15 feet of yard from Colonel
 Dennis's holding be granted to the Baltinglass Town Hall
 Company Limited, at a rent of $\frac{1}{3}$ (one shilling) per year. The Company
 to make alterations to be made subject to the approval of the County
 Surveyor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly

Seconded by A. Metcalfe

Resolved - That this Council tender its sympathy
 to Councillor William Harrington on the death of his mother, and the
 Secretary forward to him a copy of this Resolution.

Passed unanimously.

Letter dated 6th. December, 1899, from Daniel Flower, Assitant Clerk, of Rathdown Union, asking for remuneration for carrying out the Act.

Ordered. That the matter be referred to Rathdown N° 2 Rural District Council.

The following letters were read from Rate Collectors:-

From William Driver, dated 20th. December, 1899, re increase poundage.

.. Thomas Tutty, .. 23rd .. declining poundage fixed by County Council

.. John Brennan .. 26th ..

.. James M. Ananama .. 27 ..

.. Thomas Dawling .. 28 .. asking extension of time for completing Collection of Rates-

Ordered - that it be refused.

Letter from Representatives of late O. S. Slocock, U. S. Carlow, dated 20th. December, 1899, returning payment order for £4.3.2, and claiming £10 for Salary due deceased to 25th. June, 1899.

Claim refused. Above payment order being correctly calculated.

Letter from Mr. Freeman U. S., who is recovering from an operation asking for one months leave of absence.

Ordered - that three months leave of absence be granted on same terms as before.

Resolution from Dublin County Council -

"That the Secretary be directed to invite the co-operation of the County Councils and County Borough Councils of Ireland with this Council in the establishment of a National Inebriate Reformatory, under the powers conferred on Councils by the Inebriates Act, 1879 and 1898."

Read.

Resolution from the Longford County Council.

"That we, the members of the Longford County Council, having in view the important issues at stake, and brought to light by the refusal of the High Sheriffs, to permit the hoisting of the Irish Flag, on the County Court-Houses, of certain Counties in Ireland, and bearing in mind that these Court-Houses are the places of meeting of the Councils, and maintained at the expense of the Ratepayers, - desire to bring before the All Ireland Council, the necessity of giving the question of the custody of the Court-Houses, very careful consideration, and of taking such steps as may lead to the placing of the County Councils of Ireland on a more satisfactory footing, with regard to these Court-Houses.

a copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Chairman of the All Ireland Council before the 27th. inst., and to the Chairman of each County Council, at the same time, asking them to strengthen the hands of the all Ireland Council in this matter.

adopted.

The County Council having received Sir Charles A. Cameron's letter of 27th. December, 1899, agreeing to act as County Analyst upon the same terms as heretofore for the Grand Jury viz:- according to the Agreement dated 2nd. July, 1873; and further undertaking to act as 'District Analyst' under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893 without further remuneration, and to reduce his fees for all analyses of fertilisers and feeding Stuffs to the nominal sum of 2/6 (two Shillings and sixpence) per analysis. Hereby adopt the provisions of the said Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893, within the County of Wicklow, and appoint Sir Charles A. Cameron District Analyst under said Act.

The Secretary again to request Sir Charles Cameron to furnish the Council with a list showing all Analyses of Food and Drink made for private persons within the County during the past five years

Edward Whelley chairman
22 January 1900

A Special Meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, at 11-3 a.m on Monday the 22nd January, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., Chairman.

Councillors - Michael Byrne - St. Norman Thompson

- R. R. Drought - W. G. Morris - William Costello -

W. G. Murphy - James Byrne - P. J. Casey - Martin Langton

Joseph Gahan - Thomas J. Troy - E. J. Byrne - Thomas

Sheppard - Edmond C. Walsh - William Burke -

Joseph M. Carroll

- Business as undertransacted. -

- 1 To arrange for election of a Coroner for West Wicklow
- 2 Consider:— Correspondence with Local Government Board regarding Collector Dowling's failure to make fortnightly returns.
- 3 " County Surveyor's Report on proposed Bray and Enniskerry Railway.
- 4 " what alterations are advisable in existing Polling Districts.
- 5 " letters from Rate Collectors on the subject of their Poundage.
- 6 " Secretary's Report.
- 7 " County Surveyor's Report.
- 8 " Local Government Board Correspondence.
- 9 " General Correspondence.
- 10 " the fixing of scale for expenses of Elections.

Your Courts, Dublin,
4th. January, 1900

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Chancellor to forward to you the enclosed letter of Mr. John Germaine resigning his office as Coroner for Co. Wicklow.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
William G. Huband,
Private Secretary

The Secretary
County Council of Co. Wicklow.

Graney House
Baltinglass
Decr. 31. 1899

My Lord,

as I find that Mr. Murry, Coroner for East Wicklow, is unable to fulfil the office of Coroner for both divisions of Wicklow, I beg herewith to tender to your Lordship my resignation of that office. My whole time being given to the Land Commission, as assistant Commissioner

I am,
Your Lordship's faithful Servant,
John Germaine.

To
The Right Honble Lord Ashbourne
Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

Proposed by, Martin Langton
Councillor
Seconded by, James Byrne
Councillor

Resolved - That the Salary for Coroner of West Wicklow be in future £70 per year.
Lost. amendment carried.

Amendment.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson
Seconded " " William Costello

Resolved - That £50.0.0 per annum be the amount of the Salary paid to the Coroner for West Wicklow
Carried by eleven Votes to Six.

For details of Voting see page 169.

Ordered - That the Secretary write to the Lord Chancellor to extend time for election of Coroner to the 27th. February, 1900. The Secretary to

have advertisements inserted a fortnight before the meeting.

Copy of Report on Collector Dowling, and Local Government
Board Correspondence:-

Report.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

It would be well that Collector Dowling should be admonished to be more painstaking in keeping his accounts, he appears to be in the habit of entering the dates in the blocks of his rate receipts in pencil, and in many instances he does not enter any date at all.

In checking his last lodgment it was found that sums amounting to £23..0..9, collected by him were not entered in his fortnightly abstract and Advice note, and on the other hand sums amounting to £29..10..5 were entered twice. He had also entered in his abstract as collected a sum of £5-13-11 which turned out not to have been collected.

Signed - B. Manning

Clerk of the Union.

12th. December, 1899.

Board Room, Workhouse, Rathdrum.

5th. January, 1900.

Sir,

I have to inform you that Collector Dowling failed to attend here for the examination of his accounts on the 28th. ultimo. He has not attended since notwithstanding that he named two days on which he said he would attend

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours

B. Manning

Clerk of the Union

The Secretary, Co. Council, Wicklow.

Board Room Workhouse, Rathdrum

10th. January, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I hope to send you Collector Smith's abstract and advice sheets tomorrow, and Collectors M^r. Ananama's in a day or two afterwards.

as regards Collector Thos. Dowling's I cannot say when I may be able to send them as I cannot get him to attend or send in his accounts.

Faithfully yours

B. Manning.

Clerk of the District Council.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.

N^o. 1019: 1900

Rathdrum Union

Local Government Board, Dublin,

10th. January, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you for the information of the County Council of Wicklow the accompanying copy of a communication which they have received from the Clerk of the Union Rathdrum, relative to the failure of Collector Dowling to attend at the Clerk's office for the purpose of having his account checked. With reference thereto I am to request that the Collector may be informed that the failure on his part to submit his accounts for examination will render him liable to suspension and subsequent dismissal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. M. Swaine

Secretary.

Secretary to Coy. Council.

Enclosure

N^o. 1019: 1900

Rathdrum Rural District

Sir,

I beg to report that Collector Dowling of the Wicklow District failed to attend here for the examination of his accounts on the 28th. ultimo. He has not since attended although he named

Board Room, Workhouse

Rathdrum, 5th. January, 1900

two days on which he said he would attend.

I had occasion to report him to the County Council on account of the inaccurate manner in which his accounts were kept.

I am, Sir, &c.

B. Manning

Clerk of the Union.

The Secretary, Local Government Board
Dublin.

N^o 2028:1900

Wicklow County
Sir,

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 12th. Jan., 1900.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you the accompanying copy of a further communication which they have received from the Clerk of the Union, Rathdrum, relative to the failure of Collector Dowling to attend at the Clerk's Office for the purpose of having his accounts examined, and I am to request you to communicate with the Chairman of the County Council of Wicklow as to whether he deems it desirable under the circumstances to summon a special meeting for the purpose of considering whether this Collector should be suspended and the surrender of his warrant demanded.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

D. J. Mac Sheahan
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary
County Council of Wicklow.

Enclosure

N^o 2028:1900

Wicklow County
Sir,

Board Room, Workhouse,
Rathdrum, 10th. January, 1900.

I have to inform you that Collector Dowling has not yet attended for the examination of his accounts, I had a telegram from him today stating that he was unable to attend in consequence

of having been called on by the Secretary to the Council to make out a list of arrears in his Collection. Not feeling satisfied as to the validity of this excuse I went into Wicklow and saw Mr. Wynne who told me that Collector Dowling had an excuse to him that he could not attend to him in consequence of having to come to me with his accounts for examination. I deem it right that you should be made acquainted with these circumstances.

I am &c

B. Manning.

Clerk of the Union.

Copy of Letter and certificate from Collector Dowling to the
Local Government Board, forwarded by that Board:-

High Street, Wicklow,
January, 11th., 1900.

Sir

I beg most respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the County Council, complaining of me not having submitted my books for inspection. The enclosed certificate will show you I have for the past fortnight been unable for duty, I will in the course of a week be able to give the Secretary full satisfaction and beg to remain

Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas Dowling

To the Local Government Board, Dublin.

Wentworth Place, Wicklow,
11th. January, 1900.

I certify that Mr. Thos. Dowling of High Street, Wicklow, Poor Rate Collector has been under my care for the past fortnight, and unable to perform any duties, by my advice, but I expect in the course of a week he will be fairly well able to resume his work.

D. P. Byrne, M. R., C. S. Eng. &c.

The two above enclosures came under cover of the following letter.

N^o 2236:1900

Wicklow County

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 12th. January, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's letter of this day's date (N^o 2028: 1900) on the subject of the failure of Post Rate Collector Dowling to attend at the Office of the Union, Rathdrum, for the purpose of having his accounts examined, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you the accompanying communication and medical Certificate which they have received from the Collector relative to this matter.

(To be returned)

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

Secretary.

The Secretary

County Council of Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson

Seconded " William Burke.

Resolved - That Mr. Dowling be called upon to furnish his account in person to the Clerk of the Rathdrum Union, up to 31st. December, 1899, and lodge the full amount of his warrant before 3 P.M. on Thursday next, and in case of his failure to do this that his bails be proceeded against to recover the amount, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Dowling and his Sureties.

Passed unanimously.

Voting on Councillor Thompson's Amendment on the

Coroner's Salary: -

Councillors - M. Byrne - E. C. Walsh - Y. J. Troy - R. Norman Thompson - Wm Costello - Y. S. Sheppard - E. J. Byrne - R. R. Drought - W. B. Morris - P. J. Carey - Jas. Gahan

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against - Councillors E. P. O'Kelly - Wm Burke - M. Langton - Jas. Byrne - J. M. Carroll - W. B. Murphy.

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When put as a substantive Resolution it was passed on the same division.

The County Surveyor's Report on proposed Bray and Ennisterry Railway (See meeting for 14th December), which was referred to this meeting having been read. It was ordered - That the County Surveyor be directed to inform the Engineers of the proposed Bray and Ennisterry Railway and extensions that unless the Company withdraw so much of the proposed works as will be situated upon or in any public road and insert a clause to this effect the County Council for the County of Wicklow will instruct Counsel to oppose the Bill in Parliament.

Report from Clerk of Ballyglass N^o 1 Rural District Council on alterations advisable in certain Polling Districts, and letters from certain other Rural Districts in connection therewith. - Read. ordered - That it be referred to the several Rural District Councils within the County to consider and report to this Council what alterations, if any, they recommend in the compilations of the Parliamentary lists in each Polling District, and if it would not be advisable to recommend that each Electoral Division (Local Government Act) be the primary unit, and that each Parliamentary Polling District be the same as each Electoral Division, and so save a large amount annually in printing and compiling said lists.

The following letters having been read: -

Letter from Collector Wm. D. Rivers refusing to collect any more on Poundage fixed.

Letter N^o 1059: 1900 from Local Government Board, dated 4th, January, 1900, enclosing letter from Collector Rivers on same subject.

Letter from Collector B. S. Evans giving his reasons for declining to accept Poundage rate fixed.

Letter from Collector Joseph Doyle objecting to lodge full amount of his Warrant.

It was ordered that they be referred to the Finance Committee for Report.

Proposed by Councillor Norman Thompson

Seconded " " P. J. Carey.

Resolved. That our Seal be affixed to the Contracts

of Henry Grantham, Rathdown N^o 2 of Christopher Lowe, same list, and of Richard Kavanagh, same District, and to the Licences for Explosives to Thomas Scott, W. H. Wynne, and James Higgins, the former Licences to these gentlemen to be cancelled.

Passed.

County of Wicklow, Rural District of Rathdrum, Post Town of Ashford. Electoral Division of Killiskey Townland of Boleynass Lower and Boleynass Upper.

To the Secretary of Wicklow County Council

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned claim half Poor Rate and half less as our allowance out of the Agricultural Grant on the grounds of us being owners and occupiers of our farms situate in the above Townlands. We have been paying rent as purchasers to the Irish Land Commission for the last twelve years.

Signed:-

Name	Residence	Description of Property.
John Kean	Boleynass	House offices & Land.
John Doyle	"	"
Thomas Keane	"	"
John Campbell	"	"
Patrick Keane	"	"

marked - Read.

Atklow Harbour Office
January, 17th. 1900.

E. P. O'Kelly, Esq.
Chairman County Council
Sir,

At a meeting of the Atklow Harbour Board on Monday 8th. January, 1900, a discussion took place with reference to the improvement of the harbour.

For some time past the Commissioners have been

making efforts to procure the services of an Engineer to make a Survey of the Harbour. Mr. C. Draper was unable to make the survey through lack of time and, as the Board of Works will not allow the use of the Harbour Revenue for this purpose, and the Commissioners have been unable to raise the requisite amount by other means, it is impossible for them to employ Sir A. Russell.

As the proposed extension and improvement of the Harbour is of the utmost importance to the town and district and the industries pertaining thereto, they respectfully request the County Council to ask the County Surveyor to prepare the Survey which it will be necessary to lay before the Treasury when application is made to them for a grant to carry out the necessary improvements.

The Commissioners will feel much obliged if you will kindly bring this matter under the notice of your Council at their next meeting.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
James Doyle
Hr. Master & Sec.

Order - Leave hereby granted to Mr. Draper to give his assistance

The Council were proceeding to consider the scale of Expenses to be fixed for Elections when Councillor Langton drew attention to the fact that less than one-fourth of the members of the Council were present. on a count being taken it was found that only the following Councillors were present:-

E. P. O' Kelly, J.P. - Michael Byrne J.P. - Martin Langton - P. J. Casey, J.P. - James Byrne - E. J. Byrne, J.P. and Thomas Sheppard - 7.
The meeting therefore ended.

Edward Kelly
1900.

Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber at Wicklow, at 12.15 P.M. on Thursday the 8th. February, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman
 Councillors - Martin Langton - P. J. Carey - Thomas Lawless -
 Simon Y. Doyle - W. S. Murphy - James Byrne - R. R. Drought -
 R. Norman Thompson - Michael Byrne - Thomas J. Troy -
 Thomas Sheppard - Edmond C. Walsh - E. J. Byrne

Business:-

- 1 To receive Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2 .. make and Sign the Rates for the half-year ending 31st. March, 1900.
- 3 .. receive the Secretary's Report.
- 4 .. the County Surveyor's Report.
- 5 .. consider Local Government Board Correspondence.
- 6 .. General Correspondence.

The Chairman informed the meeting that having received a letter from the Secretary stating that he must decline all responsibility for the half-year's accounts made out from the books of the Council as they were at present kept, and also receiving a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of same letter from the Secretary he had at once summoned the present meeting, and had asked the Inspector, Mr. Sanderson, to attend, and he was now present.

He then read the following letter from the Local Government Board which he had just received:-

N^o 8345: 1900

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

7th. February, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the County Council of Wicklow that, having instructed their Adjusting Auditor, Mr. S. W. Drury, and their Inspector Mr. E. A. Sanderson, to visit Wicklow and inquire as to the manner in which the books of the Council are at present kept and as to the staff provided by the Council for this purpose,

they have now received the following report from these gentlemen:-

"We find that the financial business of the County has not been transacted in a satisfactory manner, and are bound to state that the present condition of the account books is such as to be useless for the purpose of preparing the half yearly Abstracts for Audit purposes.

We examined the accountant, Mr. O'Reilly, as to the reasons for the books being in such an unsatisfactory condition but he was not in a position to afford any intelligible explanation, - in fact we cannot but conclude that he does not understand the accounts orders and has not made any sustained effort to make himself conversant with them.

We therefore concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 2nd. instant that the services of Mr. O'Reilly be dispensed with as soon as possible.

The Secretary of the Council (Mr. Wynne) is not altogether free from responsibility for the behindhand condition of the County accounts, but we are bound to say that if the instructions he gave to the accountant and which Mr. O'Reilly admits he received, had been followed, matters would have been in a more advanced condition.

With regard to the future we have to report that the Secretary undertook to have the financial business of the County put on a proper basis and have the accounts promptly written up and closed if he were allowed the services of a proper accountant and clerical staff. Two of his present clerks he deems inefficient and we would strongly recommend the County Council to take advantage of this suggestion and put on the Secretary as their Chief officer, the responsibility of getting their finance business properly done. We think the Council should authorise the Secretary to employ a competent accountant at a salary of, say £400 per week, and also two clerks at salaries of not exceeding £2 per week each and the Council should then inform the Secretary that he will be held responsible for the due conduct of the Council's business to the satisfaction of the Council and of the Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board consider that, in view of the necessity of having the County business properly conducted

and the accounts duly kept and posted, the Council would do well to adopt the suggestions made by the Auditor and Inspector, and authorise their Secretary to appoint the Staff he requires, and thus throw on him the entire responsibility for having the work in his office properly carried out.

If the Council agree to follow this course they will be in a position to hold their Secretary liable if any well founded complaint is made in future with regard to the conduct of the office work, and the Local Government Board feel sure that Mr. Wynne will fully realise the necessity, both in the interest of the County and for his own sake, of selecting as Accountant and Clerks men who are capable of affording him adequate assistance in the discharge of the important duties devolving on him as the Secretary of the Council.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. J. MacSheahan.

Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman of the
County Council of Wicklow.

The Secretary was directed to read the Finance Committee's Report.

= Report of the Finance Committee. =

"Your Finance Committee met at 11-30 a.m. on Friday 2nd. February, 1900, when the following Councillors attended:-
Councillor - Michael Byrne - Presiding.
Councillors - R. R. Drought - W. G. Murphy - R. Norman
Thompson.

The Committee examined the Books kept by Mr. O'Reilly, and found them kept in a very unsatisfactory manner; and, having had an interview with Mr. O'Reilly, and finding him utterly unable to explain the manner in which the accounts were kept, decided to give Mr. O'Reilly a week's notice (which they did upon the date of the meeting) terminating his appointment. They now report the matter to the Council with the request that their

decision be confirmed.

The Secretary has been directed to take charge of the Financial Statement (Expenditure) Book, and Financial Minutes till next Council meeting.

Having carefully considered the question of the Expenses at Elections of Urban District Councillors and of Town Commissioners We recommend that the following Scale of Expenses be submitted to the Local Government Board for its approval.

= Scale for Expenses at Elections =

	£	8	d
1. Use of room or building, including lighting, and firing not exceeding	1	10	0
5. Stationery at each Polling Station not exceeding		2	6
6 Each Stamping instrument not exceeding		7	6
9 Returning officers Travelling Expenses, making arrangements for Poll, per mile each way not exceeding			6
11 Conveyance of Ballot Boxes between Polling Stations, Counting places and Returning officers' Office, per mile, not exceeding			6
13 For each Presiding officer, to include all expenses:- If a Barrister or Solicitor or any other person, not exceeding	1	11	6
14 For each Presiding officer who also acts as Deputy Returning Officer:- If a Barrister or Solicitor or any other person, not exceeding	1	11	6
15 For each Deputy Returning officer, who has not acted also as a Presiding officer:- If a Barrister or Solicitor or any other person not exceeding	1	11	6
16 For a Clerk at a Polling Station, not exceeding	1	1	0
17 For each person employed in Counting	1	1	0
18 For Legal Advice, if necessary, in Urban Districts with a population of less than 10,000, not exceeding	2	2	0
In Urban Districts with a population of more than 10,000, not exceeding	3	3	0
= <u>For Services and Expenses of Returning Officers</u> =			
Fee for conducting the Election of Urban District Councillors or Town Commissioners, including all duties of same	5	0	0
and for every 250 registered Local Government Electors		10	0
If in District or Town divided into Wards there shall be no Poll in any Ward. Fee for such Ward shall be reduced - for every 250 Electors as above to			2

If in any District or Town not divided into Wards there shall be no Poll, the above fee shall be reduced to

£	s	d
3	0	0

for £5; and for every 250 Electors as above to

-2	6	

On considering Rate Collectors' Applications the Committee recommends that in N^o 1, Joseph Doyle, the Poundage rate remain as already fixed. N^{os} 2 to 7 inclusive did not appear before us. In N^o 8, Mr. Gallon, though a new Collector, we recommend the Poundage to be raised to 6^d, as the District has been reduced. We also recommend the following: 9 - Joseph Keane 4^d, 10 - John Murphy, no change, 11 Thomas Dowling 5^d. (provided he lodges the whole of his Warrant by the Council meeting on Thursday the 8th.) 12 John F. Evans 5¹/₂^d. 13 - George Evans 4^d. 14 James W. Ananama 7^d. 15 - John Brennan 7^d, 16 - William Smith 6^d, 17 Philip Doyle 6^d, 18 - Thomas Ebbs 4¹/₂^d, 19 William Driver 4^d.

No one appeared to support the claim of Mrs. F. Buckley for Compensation for her husband - a late Cess Collector. Your Committee recommend that she be awarded a sum of £179.10.0 (one hundred and seventy nine Pounds and ten Shillings.)

Signed on behalf of the Finance Committee
Michael Byrne
Chm.

on the proposition of Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard the Finance Committee's Report was adopted.

The Local Government Board letter having been discussed at length, and Mr. Sanderson's (the Inspector's) advice on the subject heard, the Secretary stated that with an experienced accountant, if he were given two competent clerks he would undertake that the Council's business would be satisfactorily performed. Mr. Doyle or Mr. Healy could then pick up the Book-keeping from the accountant.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson
Seconded by E. C. Walsh

Resolved that the Secretary be empowered to

employ an accountant, temporary, up to the quarterly meeting in May, 1900, and also to employ Mr. Abraham to same date.

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by R. Norman Thompson
Councillor
Seconded by E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That the Secretary be directed to take up the various books from the accountant with the Paying orders; having the latter first checked over by him with the Bank-Book.

Passed.

The Secretary laid the Rate-Books and the Rate Collecting books for the second half-Year's Collection upon the table.

Councillors D. Norman Thompson and Thomas Lawless drew attention to an error whereby a sum of £1500 in excess of its requirements had been included in the Estimate sent in by Rathdown N^o 2 District last May, half of which was ~~now~~ included in the Rates now about to be signed, and asked that these Rates so far at least as that District were concerned should not be signed until the Rate books were made out again excluding this sum.

The following letter was also read:-
Rathdown Union,
Board Room.

Loughlinstown,
31st. January, 1900.

Dear Sir,

The Rathdown N^o 2 Rural District Council on consideration of your letter dated the 15th. day of January 1900 relative to the amount of agricultural Grant which has been allowed them, beg to draw your attention to the fact that a balance of £1446 lies to their credit on the estimate which I am forwarding you this day for the financial year beginning the first day of April, 1900. This arises from an estimate of £1500 being included under Special Acts which the Council at the time intended should go to pay Road Contractors (when making out last year's estimate).

The Council request that as no money is required by them from the County Council for coming Financial Year an allowance should be made in the final half of the present year by striking a rate which will give the ratepayers the full benefit of the Agricultural Grant, and not to have the amount to be allowed held over until after March next.

E. H. Wynne, Esq., J.P.
etc.

Faithfully Yours
Patrick Cunniam
Clerk of the Council.

The Council considered they could not now delay the signing and issuing the Rate books for the entire County as due notice had been published on form 29, and a copy of same sent to the Clerk of the Rathdown N^o 2 Union.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Local Government Board and enquire whether anything could be done to meet the case.

Proposed by Michael Byrne
Councillor
Seconded by E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That the Rates as made be now signed and Sealed.

Passed.

The Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the 5 Rural Districts were then signed and sealed.

N^o 1018:1900
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 12th. January, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th. instant relative to the Compensation allowed by the Wicklow County Council to "existing" officers under Section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have this day addressed a letter to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a recommendation that one-half of the amount allowed by the Council, viz: - £1517:2:0 $\frac{1}{2}$, may be recouped to them out of the Local Taxation Account.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
D. J. Mac Sheahan,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council
Wicklow

Sl. N^o 4100:1900

Local Government Board, Dublin,
26th. January, 1900.

Enclosing Copy of Notice re increase of Interest on Local Loans as follows:-

<u>- Periods of Repayment -</u>	<u>- Rates of Interest -</u>
Not exceeding 30 years.	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum.
" 40 "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
" 50 "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " "

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Treasury Chambers,
17th. January, 1900.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury Mr. Marzill's letter of the 30th. ultimo relative to a claim by the Wicklow County Council for compensation for damage by military traffic to the roads leading to Glen Innacl.

In reply I am to say that, in view of the opinion expressed by Colonel Kennedy & Colonel Beresford, my Lords sanction a grant of £60 per annum from War Office funds for three years, from the 1st. of April, 1899, on the understanding that the grant will cover all damage which may be done to the roads by extraordinary traffic during the period for which the contribution is made.

I am &c.

(Signed) Francis Rowatt

Lord Chancellor's Secretary's Office,
Four Courts Dublin
2nd. day of February, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by The Lord Chancellor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. January, and to say that pursuant to the power given him by the 14th. Section of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 he allows the time for the election by your County Council of a Coroner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John Germaine, to be extended from one month to three months from the date of the vacancy.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J Nugent Lentaigne.

Edward N. Wynne, Esq.
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Randolph Hotel, Oxford,
21st. January, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Lord Milton to inform you that he has been ordered for active service at the Cape. His lordship desires you to consult with the Chairman as to what steps should be taken to absolve him from his duties on the County Council, and to communicate with his lordship at the above address as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
C. Cowper.

ordered - Secretary to write stating that the County Council regret His Lordship's absence, and wish him a safe return.

Cherryfield, Templeogue,
Co. Dublin, 20th. January, 1900.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly convey to the members of Wicklow County Council my sincere thanks for their kind sympathy with me in my late bereavement.

I remain Yours faithfully,
William Harrington.

E. N. Wynne Esq.
Secretary County Council Wicklow.

Telegram from Lord Powerscourt received regretting that illness prevented his attending the meeting.

57 Dawson Street
Dublin, 6th. February, 1900.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 22nd. January ult. enclosing copy resolution of the County Council of the 14th. Dec. as to my compensation, I am anxious and willing to come to a friendly settlement with the Council and avoid any further litigation, which would involve going over to London, and the heavy expense of London Lawyers... to close

the matter I am ready to take £550 in full discharge of all claim for compensation &c including my costs of the recent proceedings on the understanding that this amount is paid me at the approaching Quarterly meeting. I hope the Council will consider this offer fair and reasonable in all the circumstances.

Yours faithfully,
Frank Browne.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,
Secretary County Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh

Seconded by " Martin Langton.

Resolved - That the sum offered to Mr. Browne as Compensation be increased to £550, this amount to cover all claims for Compensation and Costs in the matter.

Passed.

Rathdrum Rural District
Boardroom, Workhouse,
25th. January, 1900.

Sir,

I beg to report that Collector Thomas Dowling attended here today for the examination of his accounts. I checked 327 Ratings and found that there is a sum of £150..0..8, of the amount of his Warrant unlodged. of this sum Mr. Dowling appeared to have in his hands £106..0..7, including a sum of £7..10..7, which appeared to be collected but was not brought to account in his Abstract and Advice Sheets.

I am, Sir,
Faithfully yours
B. Manning
Clerk of the Union.

E. N. Wynne, Esq.,
Secretary Wicklow County Council.

Letter from Thomas Dowling, asking for extension of time for lodging Rates, and enclosing Telegram
Read.

The National Bank, Limited,
Wicklow, 8th. February, 1900,

The Secretary

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Thomas Dowling has not made any lodgment
since the 25th. January.

Yours faithfully

E. M. Harding

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson,

Seconded " " Martin Langton.

Resolved - That the terms of the Resolution of
January 22nd, 1900, relative to Collector Dowling be put in force,
and that Mr. W. Carroll, Solicitor, be instructed to take the necessary
steps to protect the interests of this Council.
Passed.

Letter from H. R. Hamilton - asking whether Collector Dowling
had authority to seize for Rates without Magistrate's Warrant?

Ordered - That he refer the matter to his Solicitor.

Letter from the County Inspector, R. J. C., stating that certain Sub
Standard Weights and Measures, enumerated, were not now required
for Coolkenno Barracks, and asking directions as to disposal of same.
Ordered - That the Clerk, Shillelagh District Council take tenders for
the purchase of:- 1. The Weights - 2. Beams, Scales and Anvil - 3. The
measures. The stamps to be returned to Council's Secretary's office.

Letter dated 18th. January, 1900 from Messrs O'Connor and Co. Solicitors,
regarding ex-Inspector of Explosives, P. Martin's claim for Compensation -
Ordered - That Messrs O'Connor and Co. be informed that the Council
await the result of proceedings at present pending with regard to
a similar claim before giving their final decision in the matter.

Letter of 20th. January, 1900 from Shillelagh Rural District Council
enclosing letter from Witnesses in Sawtenson's malicious injury
Case. - Ordered - That Mr. W. Carroll's attention be drawn

to the matter and he be instructed to pay reasonable expenses herein at
once.

Letter dated 6th. February, 1900, from Collector Joseph Keane asking whether
Six Day notices were required? - Directed to consult a Solicitor, as neither
the Council or its officers can be called on for legal advice.

Letter from Stephen Murray, Ballynattin, dated February 3rd, 1900, asking
how he was to recover his Rates from his landlord?
Order as in previous case.

Letter of 6th. February, 1900, from Michael Kelly, Ballymount, Blessington,
re Rating of his holding.

Directed to refer to Revising Valuator.

Letter of 29th. January, 1900 from Arklow Town Commissioners
regarding Arklow Fisheries, and enclosing Resolution anent same.

Letter from Secretary Irish County Councils General Council, enclosing
letter from Chief Secretary's Office, stating that copies of all orders
and Circulars issued under Local Government Board Act will be
forwarded for the use of the several County Councils from time to
time.

Resolutions:- 1 from Wexford County Council, 2 from Dungarvan
District Council, and 1 from Clare County Council were read.

Resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council:-

Resolved - That we the members of the Dungarvan Branch of the
Irish Land and Labour Association condemn the Local Government
(Ireland) act as regards its Rating provisions, inasmuch as it
casts on the Poor, in both Urban and Rural Districts, liability for
all Rates out of their slender and precarious means - or disfranchises
them in case they are unable to pay the Rates; - and considering that
in the past these Rates were indirectly paid in the rents of such
holdings, we consider this piece of legislation has been drafted
in the interests of Landlordism by a Government of Landlord
Capitalists, who have no sympathy with the Irish Poor, and is
a further proof of the unfitness of England to legislate for the

people of this Country" -
adopted.

Following Resolution from Cork County Council was unanimously adopted: - "That as this Country is every day getting denuded of the little timber left standing, which if allowed proceed unchecked, will materially injure the present and future prospects of the country and destroy its beauty, that we ask the Irish members of Parliament to prepare a short Bill and do all in their power to pass it at the next Session, to restrain and regulate the wholesale destruction of the woods in the country, and compel every owner, seller or purchaser to plant two or three trees for every one cut down, and give powers to the County Councils to deal with this subject, as also take steps towards the reafforesting of Ireland. That we ask all the County Councils in Ireland to press this matter on their respective countries as it is a matter of the greatest interest to all Ireland.

adopted.

Following Malicious Injury notices were read: - Martha Goodison, for burning Hay etc. £260 - Richard S. Goodison, for like £500. - William Hopkins for burning of Farming Implements £80 - Richard Griffin for burning of Hay £150 claimed. all at Carnew.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Langton

Seconded by .. P. J. Carey

Resolved - That Mr. Joseph M. Carroll be employed to look after the interests of the Council and the Ratepayers at the hearing of the Criminal Injury applications at next Quarter Sessions.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor. M. Byrne

Seconded .. W. S. Murphy

Resolved - That we the County Council for the County of Wicklow hereby apply the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892 to the Rural District of Naas N^o 2 in this County, and order that all expenses under the above Act within said District be charged to and levied off the Rural District of Naas N^o 2.

Passed.

MM

Proposed by Councillor - V. S. Troy

Seconded .. E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That it be an order to the County Treasurer, that he shall, in the case of every lodgment to credit of the County Council's Account enter the source from which the lodgment is derived, (this is not necessarily the individual lodging the amount) and the purpose for which the lodgment is made, and give the particulars in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure which he is to provide prior to each Quarterly Meeting

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson

Seconded .. V. J. Troy

Resolved - That the Clerks of the Rural District Councils be required to send in to the County Council Office with as little delay as possible, not later than the date of the Proposal Committee meeting each Quarter, Form 12, the Proposals for payment.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas J. Troy

Seconded .. R. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That upon the draft licence from the Secretary of State to Messrs Kynochs, limited, for the proposed additional Explosive factory at Arklow being received by the Secretary of this Council he be hereby authorised to fix a time and place for hearing the application and to require the applicants to publish notices in manner directed by the Act, of the time and place so appointed; and the notices must be in accordance with the order of the Secretary of State of 20th May, 1896.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. M. Carroll

Seconded .. E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That the Wicklow County Council, in common with all Ireland, rejoice at the Reunion of all the national forces under the distinguished and able leadership of John E. Redmond.

Passed.

On the application of the County Courtkeeper the County Surveyor was directed to purchase twelve new chairs for the use of the Courthouse and offices

Certified Copies of the Decrees for Compensation for Criminal Injuries in the case of Thomas Hudson, Glenealy and Francis Phillips, Rathdrum, were laid before the Council

ordered not to be paid until after money has been levied.

Mr. Maxwell, Solicitor, and Mr. Ryan, C.E., attended before the Council to ask them to withdraw their opposition to the proposed Bray and Enniskerry Railway and extensions Bill. Resolution thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson

Seconded " " W.G. Murphy.

Resolved: That subject to such clauses being embodied in the proposed act as Mr. Carter Draper and Mr. M. Carroll, the Solicitor to represent the County Council herein, may suggest, and in consultation with Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Ryan in behalf of the Company may agree, that further opposition to the Bill be withdrawn.

Passed

Edward Kelly C.M.,
27th Feb 1900.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Tuesday the 27th February, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.

Councillors - Michael Byrne - R. Norman Thompson - R. R. Drought - W. G. Morris - Edmond C. Walsh - William Osborne - Michael Kelly - William Harrington - Joseph Dunne - Wm. Costello - A. Zeller - William Burke - Thomas Lawless - James Byrne - S. J. Doyle - Martin Langton - Joseph Bagan - E. J. Byrne - Thomas Sheppard.

Business:-

- 1 To consider proposals for payment formulated by the Proposals Committee.
- 2 " " Recommendations for payment from Finance Committee
- 3 " " proposals for payment submitted to the County Council from each of the five Rural District Councils.
- 4 " sign payment orders for the above payments.
- 5 " " Transfer orders to credit of the Treasurers of each of the Rural District Councils.
- 6 " " Transfer orders to credit of the Treasurers of each Board of Guardians.
- 7 " receive the Finance Committee's Report.
- 8 " consider the Proposals for new works and for maintenance contracts from each of the 5 Rural District Councils.
- 9 " appoint a Coroner for West Wicklow at a salary of £50.
- 10 " consider the refusal of certain Rate Collectors to collect the present rate at the poundage fixed.
- 11 " consider the Secretary's Report.
- 12 " " the County Surveyor's Report
- 13 " " Local Government Board Correspondence.
- 14 " " Veterinary Departments do.
- 15 " " General Correspondence.

on the Proposals for payment formulated by the Proposals Committee being considered:-

Proposed by Councillor. U. Langton
Seconded by " E.C. Walsh

Resolved - That the sum of £496..7..0 be passed for Richmond Asylum, the Cheque to be paid upon the proper Estimate and Demand correctly signed and certified being sent in to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

This sum of £496..7..0 was then provisionally included.

Proposed by Councillor. U. J. Byrne
Seconded " " D. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment amounting to £ ? as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Passed.

The Finance Committee's Report.

The Committee met this 27th. February, 1900, and having examined the Tabulated Statement drawn up by your Secretary of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Subsidiary account for the past Quarter, and compared it with the Vouchers find it correct, and beg to lay same before the Council.

The account shows £657..4..11 expended during the Quarter and we recommend that £657..4..11 be transferred to credit of this account for the current Quarter. We would recommend that in future the interest allowed and charged on this account be credited and debited to the Main County account.

We have examined and checked the Rate Collectors lists of irrecoverable arrears and find the following sums due to the several Collectors, and recommend the payment of same, the Poundage rate thereon being first deducted.

Name	amount of arrears £ s d	Name	amount of arrears £ s d
Joseph Doyle	8..6..6	John Tallon	3..5..4
Richard Geoghegan	8..15..3	Joseph Keane	9..4..1
Francis Tuohy	3..4..0	Philip Doyle	3..12..3
Nicholas Byrne	4..16..1	John Murphy	3..1..8
Michael Kelly	3..7	Thomas Dowling	2..1..8
Charles Sutton	26..17..0	John J. Evans	1..10..2
George Evans	1..3..1	John Brennan	14..3..10
Jas M. Ananama	7..16..8	Wm Smith	5..19..9
		Wm Driver	3..6

We further recommend the Council to issue Payment Orders for the following:-

	Name.	What for.	amount.
County at Large	Frank Browne	Compensation	550 - -
Baltinglass N° 1 R.D.	Joseph Doyle	Poundage	21 7 9
"	R ^d Geoghegan	"	15 15 7
"	Nichs. Byrne	"	11 19 7
"	M. Kelly	"	9 17 8
"	Clerk of the Union	Checking Rate Accounts	8 9 8
"	J. J. Fenton	Compensation to retiring Collectors	133 14 5
"	W ^r Boothman	"	254 10 5
"	Inc. Neill	"	79 3 4
"	A. D. Symes	"	2 5 -
"	The Clerk of the Union	Bringing Act into force	35 - -
Naas N° 2	The Clerk of the Union	Checking Rate Accounts	2 5 -
"	W ^r Boothman	Compensation to retiring Collectors	305 7 6
Rathdown N° 2	Chas. Sutton	Poundage	41 0 5
"	Inc. Tallon	"	20 15 3
"	The Clerk of the Union	Checking Rate Accounts	4 5 8
"	Mrs. Isabella Buckley for Francis Buckley	Compensation to retiring Collectors	179 10 -
Rathdrum	Joseph Keane	Poundage	33 16 -
"	John Murphy	"	18 6 7
"	George Evans	"	9 12 11
"	Jas. M. Ananama	"	29 1 10
"	The Clerk of the Union	Checking Rate Accounts	18 1 8
"	Thomas Douglas	Compensation to retiring Collectors	708 3 9
"	Edward Storey	"	438 6 3
"	Rich ^d Appleby	"	305 4 2
"	A. D. Symes	"	20 14 9
"	The Clerk of the Union	Bringing act into force	50 - -
Shillelagh	Philip Doyle	Poundage	23 3 2
"	Thos Elbs	"	19 0 4
"	W ^r Driver	"	11 11 6
"	The Clerk of the Union	Checking Rate accounts	6 13 9
"	The Clerk of the Union	Bringing Act into force	35 - -
"	Joseph Hopkins	Compensation to retiring Collectors	386 10 -
"	A. D. Symes	"	32 15 3
Total . . .			£ 3821 9 2

Collectors who have not lodged in full:-

- Baltinglass N°1 Thomas Tutty
- Naas N°2 George Meylet
- Rathdrum Thomas Dowling
- " John F. Evans
- " John Brennan
- " Wm Smith

We recommend Tutty be paid £11..19..3, Brennan £13..19..10, and Smith £35..4..10, subject to their lodging the small amount of their arrears within one week.

We also recommend the following payments from the County at Large for services in connection with the Revision of Valuation Lists:-

Name	amount £ s d
William Smith	1 .. -
John Brennan	1 .. -
Philip Doyle	1 .. -
Thomas Ebbs	1 .. -
William Drives	1 .. -
J.R. Dagg	- .. 10 .. 0

our attention having been drawn to the salary fixed for Mr. Freeman, N.S. for Rathdown Union we have considered the matter, and recommend that his salary be apportioned as follows:-

Rathdown N°1	158 .. 3 .. 4
Rathdown .. 2	41 .. 16 .. 8
	£ 200 .. 0 .. 0

which is calculated on the Valuation of the Union instead of the amounts first recommended, which were calculated upon the valuation of the Rural Districts.

(Signed) R. R. Drought.
adopted.

The Proposals for payment were then submitted from the following Rural District Councils:-

- Baltinglass N°1
- Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly
- Seconded by " Michael Kelly

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £1278..12..3, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Naas N°2

- Proposed by Councillor A Zeller
- Seconded by " W. Osborne

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £617..3..4, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Rathdown N°2

- Proposed by Councillor D. Norman Thompson
- Seconded by " Tho. Lawless

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £624..16..0, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Rathdrum

- Proposed by Councillor Jas. Byrne
- Seconded by " Edward Byrne

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £3104..5..6, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Shillelagh

- Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne
- Seconded .. " Tho. Sheppard

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £1005..4..8, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Payment Orders were then signed by the Chairman, Councillors Michael Byrne, and R. Norman Thompson.

- Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought
- Seconded by " Michael Byrne

Resolved - That upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee we hereby transfer a sum of £657..4..11 to credit of the subsidiary account.

Passed.

On the Consideration of the Proposals for maintenance and New Works form from the District Councils the Secretary pointed out that, though he had supplied the Councils forms to the several District Clerks, every sort and kind of form had been sent in, some quite incorrectly filled, others only partially filled, and, in the case of Rathdown N°2, though written to, form 11 had again not been sent in at all.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Seconded by " Norman Thompson

Resolved - That the Secretary be directed to inform the Clerks of the several Rural District Councils that by order of the County Council the forms of "notice of motion", Tenders, and Contractors' Bond, as also forms 11, 12, 13 and 14, prescribed by the "Districts Accounts Order, 1899", have been prepared and are supplied free on application to the Secretary's Office. This Council will not in future entertain proposals from Rural District Councils unless made on the forms so provided, and, unless the particulars required be fully given in the several columns.

Passed

The Secretary was directed to have a form 11 filled from the tenders for Rathdown N°2 in order that the Council might proceed with the consideration of the Proposals, and it could then be sent to the Clerk for his signature.

Baltinglass N°1

on N° 164 on Register, for which there was no Tender -

Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly

Seconded by " W. Harrington

* Resolution at foot was passed.

Resolved - That the County Council hereby approve of the Proposals for New Works, and for maintenance of Works forwarded by the Rural District Council for Baltinglass N°1, as initialled and signed by the Chairman, with the modifications as shown upon the Proposal Sheet.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Seconded by " M. Kelly

* Resolved - That the road 650 p. Knockanattigant to Knockanama

between the 3 roads at Ballinabarney bridge and the bounds of the barony of South Ballinacot at Rathgorragh Lower, for which no tender was received, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor for the period from Spring assizes, 1900 to 30th June, 1900 at 9d p. p. per ann.

Passed

Naas N°2

In N°s 142 the term of the Contract was altered to read 'from Spring assizes, 1900, to 31st. March, 1905.

on N°3 - for which there was no Tender -

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Seconded by " M. Kelly

Resolved - That the rebuilding of 2 gulleys at Kippure, one at Mr. Seech's upper gate, and the other 200 yards east of it, for which £5 was allowed be placed in charge of the County Surveyor, as no Tender for received.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne

Seconded by " A. Zeller

Resolved - That the County Council hereby approve of the Proposals for New Works, and for the maintenance of Works forwarded by the Rural District Council for Naas N°2, as initialled and signed by the Chairman, with the modifications as shown upon the Proposal Sheet.

Passed.

Rathdown N°2

It having been shown that a Tender which had been properly lodged for N°54 had through some cause not been opened with the others at the District Council Quarterly meeting -

Proposed by R. Norman Thompson

Councillor }
Seconded by } W. G. Morris
Councillor }

Resolved - That the Contract entered into by the Rathdown District Council N°2 for the repair and keep of the road and footpath between Kileroney and Enniskerry 484 perches be struck out, and that the care of said road and footpath be handed over to the County Surveyor for the period from Spring assizes, 1900 to June 30th. 1900, at 3/- per perch per annum; and that a new presentment be made at the next Quarterly meeting of the District Council.

Passed - Councillors E. P. O'Kelly - M. J. Byrne

and E. C. Walsh dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson

Seconded by " Tho: Lawless

Resolved - That the County Council hereby approve of the Proposals for New Works, and for the maintenance of Works forwarded by the Rural District Council for Rathdown N^o 2 as initialled and signed by the Chairman, with the modifications as shown upon the Proposal Sheet.

Passed.

Rathdrum.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the money filled in on this Sheet was incorrect, and on checking with the Tenders sent this was found to be the case. The Secretary was therefore directed to have a new form filled and have it afterwards signed by the District Clerk.

The Chairman having marked Proposals N^{os} 74 to 78 approved -

Proposed by E. C. Walsh
Councillor
Seconded by W. Bourke
Councillor

Resolved - That the County Council hereby approve of the Proposals for new Works, and for the maintenance of Works forwarded by the Rural District Council for Rathdrum, as initialled and signed by the Chairman, with the modifications as shown upon the Proposal Sheet.

Passed.

Shillelagh

Proposed by E. C. Walsh
Councillor
Seconded by W. Burke
Councillor

Resolved - That the County Council hereby approve of the Proposals for new Works, and maintenance of Works forwarded by the Rural District Council for Shillelagh, as signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne
Seconded by E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That the Seal be now affixed to the several contracts sent forward to us from the Rural District Councils and approved by us.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Morris

Seconded by D. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That whereas the apportionment of the Salary payable to Mr. Freeman V.S. for Rathdown Union formerly proposed by this County Council was erroneously calculated upon the basis of the valuation of the Rural Districts N^{os} 1 & 2 instead of on the valuations of the Unions N^{os} 1 & 2, we hereby fix the proportionment of his salary as follows:-

For Rathdown N ^o 1 Union Co. Dublin	158.3.4
.. Rathdown N ^o 2 do Co. Wicklow	41.16.8
	£ 200.0.0

Passed.

Main Street, Baltinglass,
Co. Wicklow, 24th. February, 1900

Sir,

I beg to offer myself as Candidate for the office of Coroner for the West Division of the County Wicklow, according to the terms of your advertisement. I reside in the principal town in the most central portion of the Division. I am a magistrate of five years standing as required by the statute.

Your obt. Servant,
Thomas B. Doyle.

To Edward N. Wynne, Esq., J.J.
Secretary to the County Council
Court House, Wicklow.

Muskeagh, Tinahely,
Feb. 27. 1900.

E. N. Wynne Esq,
Sir,

I beg to offer myself for the position of Coroner for the West Division of the Co of Wicklow.

I remain
Yours truly,
E. Byrne.

on a poll being taken there voted for Mr. Thomas B. Doyle,
 J.P. ^{Councillors} E. P. O'Kelly - E. C. Walsh - W^m Osborne - W^m Burke
 M. Langton - J. Dunne - W. Costello - J. J. Doyle - M^r Kelly -
 Y. Sheppard - R. R. Drought - A. Tellei - J. Lawless - W^m G. Murphy -
 W. Harrington - 15 -

For Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P. - Councillors - M^r Byrne - D. Thompson -
 Jas. Byrne - E. J. Byrne - W^m G. Morris - Jas. Gahan - 6 -

Proposed by Councillor W^m Burke

Seconded by " M^r Kelly

Resolved - That Mr. Thomas B. Doyle, J.P. be
 appointed Coroner for the West Division of the County Wicklow
 in accordance with the terms of the advertisement.

Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
 CORONER WANTED.
 THE County Council for Wicklow will, on
 TUESDAY, the 27th of FEBRUARY, 1900,
 proceed to appoint a fit and properly qualified
 person to fill the Office of
 CORONER
 for the West Division of the County of Wicklow,
 at a salary of Fifty Pounds per annum, to include
 all fees, allowances, and mileages, and in lieu of
 all sums heretofore payable for the same.
 Applications from candidates for the appoint-
 ment to be sent to me in writing to my Office at
 or before 11 o'clock, a.m., on Tuesday, the 27th
 February, 1900.
 By order,
 EDWARD N. WYNNE,
 Secretary to the County Council.
 Court-house, Wicklow.

The Chairman declared Mr. Doyle duly appointed Coroner.
 Mr. Doyle, who was present, thanked the Council
 for his appointment.

The following letters were read from the Local
 Government Board:-

Li. N^o 70968: 1900 Local Government Board,
 Dublin, 21st. February, 1900.

Stating County Council have no power to award Mr. W.
 G. Murphy compensation, he not having been an existing officer on
 the 1st. April, 1899.

Li. N^o 10573: 1900. Local Government Board
 Dublin, 21st. February, 1900

Stating that the Board had recommended recoupment
 of £39.15.0, half the sum awarded Repts. late Francis Buckley as
 compensation.

Li. N^o 10909: 1900 Local Government Board
 Wicklow County Dublin, 21st. February, 1900.
 Enclosing letter from late Cess Collector Fenton.

Li. N^o 9074: 1900 Local Government Board
 Dublin, 14th. February, 1900.

Regarding the proposed change in the poor rate struck for
 Rathdown N^o 2 Union.

The Secretary informed the Council that immediately upon
 receipt of this letter he had sent a copy of same to the Clerk of Rathdown
 N^o 2 Union, and had issued the warrants and Collecting Books to the
 Rathdown Collectors.

Li. N^o 10574: 1900 Local Government Board
 Dublin, 17th. February, 1900

approving scale of expenses at Elections adopted by the
 County Council.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson
 Seconded by " Edmond C. Walsh

Resolved - That the scale of Expenses at Elections
 adopted by the County Council be signed and sealed.

Passed.

Li. N^o 2111. 1900 Local Government Board
 Miscellaneous Dublin, 9th. February, 1900

Submitting an amended form of Rate Book, which
 had been prepared, and intimating that the Local Government Board
 will be prepared on the application of the County Council, if they prefer
 to use this form, to assent to a departure from the terms of the County
 Council's Order so far as regards the form of Rate Book therein prescribed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne
 Seconded by " E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That this Council having read letter N^o 21
 11: 1900, of the 9th. February, current, from the Local Government Board, approve
 of the new form of Rate Book therein mentioned; and hereby apply to the
 Local Government Board to assent to a departure from the terms
 of the County Council's Order, in order to allow of the Council adopting
 this form

Passed.

N^o. 3011:1900Local Government Board
Dublin, 14th. February, 1900

Fixing latest date for recoupment of compensation to existing officers

Lr. N^o. 8636:1900
Baltinglass UnionLocal Government Board,
Dublin, 15th. February, 1900

Enclosing copy of letter addressed to Guardians of Baltinglass Union on their demand on County Council.

N^o. 6337:1900Local Government Board
Dublin, 9th. February, 1900

re qualification for the appointment of Assistant Surveyors for Counties in Ireland.

N^o. 1911:1900Local Government Board
Dublin, 3rd. February, 1900.

Enclosing copy of Annual Report for use of Council, which they suggest should be bound up for preservation and kept for reference ordered - That the Secretary have the Report bound as suggested.

N^o. 2911:1900Local Government Board,
Dublin 23rd. February, 1900Directing that the Salaries of ^{assistant} existing County Surveyors should be increased and fixed according to the Scale enclosed.

ordered that the Secretary place the subject of this letter upon the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

N^o. 13/00

dated 14th. February, 1900

From Lord Lieutenant disallowing the Bye-Law fixing fine for refusal of corporate office.

a discussion ensued, and it was finally decided to take no further step in the matter for the present.

N^o. 478:1900Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle,
8th. February, 1900

re Sheep-Scab Inspections at Fairs.

Approved, and adopted.

479:1900

Veterinary Department,
Dublin Castle, 9th. February, 1900re cleansing and Disinfection of Swine Rests.
approved, and adopted.N^o. 735:1900re Disinfection for Parasitic mange.
approved, and adopted.

Resolution from Gaelic League - Bray Branch.

"1st. That in all places where Irish is the home language pupils shall be taught to read and write Irish from their first entrance into the school; and that a knowledge of English and other useful subjects shall be imparted through the medium of Irish.

2nd. That in places where Irish is not the home language, it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject within school hours, and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it"
adopted.

Lr. dated 16th. February, 1900, from J. J. Fenton - threatening legal proceedings if not paid his compensation as Cess Collector at once.

Lr. from Sir Charles A. Cameron, dated 3rd. February, 1900, giving list of Analyses made for private persons.

Lr. dated 17th. February, 1900, from Mr. Frank Browne, acknowledging receipt of Resolution fixing £550 Compensation.

Lr. dated 19th. February, 1900, from Clerk Naas N^o. 2 Rural District Council - Submitting names of gentlemen to form the Naas District School Attendance Committee for approval. viz: - Alfred Zeller, Esq., Daniel M. Evoy, Esq., James J. Dowling, Esq., Michael Healy, Esq., Rev. Father Heffernan
Order - The names submitted approved of.

Lr. dated 22nd. February, 1900 soliciting Council's Advertisements for County Councils Gazette.

Lr. dated 24th. February, 1900, from John Germaine - re arrears of salary due to him, and enquiring as to compensation as late Coroner for West Wicklow.
Order - Application refused.

Mr. M. Carroll, Solicitor, attended, and having stated what steps had been taken regarding Bray and Enniskerry Railway Scheme - informed the Council that in order to obtain a locus standi to enforce their claims it would be necessary to lodge a petition against the Bill proposed by Mr. Norman Thompson
 Councillor
 seconded by Mr. Langton
 Councillor

Resolved - That we direct a Petition to be lodged against the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, and that our Secretary and Councillor Mr. Carroll or another Councillor be empowered to attach the Seal of the Council thereto. And we direct Mr. J. H. M. Carroll to employ the necessary Parliamentary Agent; and that a deposit of £3000 be insisted upon from the promoters of the Bill; said sum to be lodged in the name of the Chairman County Council for the time being, and any other name proposed by the Company in the National Bank, Wicklow.

Passed.

The Council then formed into a Committee of the whole house to consider Complaints received from a large number of Rate Collectors of the inadequacy of the poundage filed for their Collections.

after carefully considering the matter -
 It was proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Martin Langton and Resolved:-

That the following remuneration be in future paid to the

Several Poor rate Collectors who were "Existing Officers -

		Poundage to be deducted from arrears refund in the £1
1	Joseph Doyle - a Poundage to produce £50 per annum	25-0-0
3	Thomas Luty	12-10-0
4	Michl Byrne	12-10-0
5	Michael Kelly	15-0-0
6	Geo. Meyer	19-0-0
7	Charles Sutton	37-10-0
9	Joseph Keane	45-0-0
11	Thomas Dowling	30-0-0
12	John F. Evans	30-0-0
13	George Evans	12-10-0
14	Jas. W. Ananama	42-10-0
15	John Brennan	22-10-0

		Poundage to be deducted from arrears refund in the £1
16	William Smith - a Poundage to produce £70 per annum	35-0-0
17	Philip Doyle	37-10-0
18	Thomas Elbs	27-10-0
19	William Drives	17-10-0

Nos 2, 8 and 10 are new appointments.

Michael Byrne Ck
 March 29th / 1900

An Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd March, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-
Councillor Michael Byrne J.P., Vice Chairman - Presiding
Councillors R. R. Drought - R. Norman Thompson -
James Byrne - Joseph M. Carroll - Patrick J. Casey -
Edmond C. Walsh - Joseph Gahan - Thomas Sheppard -
Martin Langton - E. J. Byrne - Thomas J. Troy -
W. G. Morris

Business :-

- 1 To appoint a Rate Collector in room of W^r Driever, resigned.
- 2 .. sign and Seal Warrants for Collector appointed.
- 3 .. receive Finance Committee's Report.
- 4 .. Sign Orders for payments recommended in the Report.
- 5 .. consider Local Government Board Correspondence.
- 6 .. " ordinary do
- 7 .. " Reports from Council's officers.

Letter from William Driever resigning his appointment as Collector, and Letter N^o 16173:1900, dated 24th March, 1900, from Local Government Board in reference to filling the vacancy were read.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought

Seconded by Councillor James Byrne

Resolved - That Mr. Philip Doyle be temporarily appointed Rate Collector in place of Mr. Driever, resigned.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought

Seconded by Councillor James Byrne

Resolved - That the Warrants for Mr. Doyle's Collection be now signed and Sealed

Passed.

The Warrants were accordingly signed and Sealed.

Finance Committee's Report read as follows:-

"Your Committee met at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday the 15th March, 1900, when the following Councillors attended:-

Councillor - R. R. Drought - Presiding.

Councillors - W. G. Murphy - R. Norman Thompson - E. J. Byrne.

We recommend the following Payments:-		£	s	d.
To Frank M. Phail - County Printer - for printing Register according to Agreement		129	10	-
.. E. N. Wynne - 3 Quarters Salary under Diseases of animals acts		75	-	-
.. E. N. Wynne - for Cash in hands for payment of Clerks		300	-	-
.. Same - for Year's Premium on Courthouse Insurance		10	5	10
.. Same for payment of various advertisements		4	13	6
.. The Bank of Ireland for } Board of Public Works } Repayment of Baltinglass N ^o 1 proportion of Wicklow Harbour Loan		4	0	8
.. Same ditto ditto Arklow Harbour Loan		3	17	8
.. Same ditto Rathdrum proportion of Wicklow Harbour Loan		580	10	10
.. Same ditto ditto Arklow Harbour Loan		286	2	10
.. Same ditto Shillelagh proportion of Wicklow Harbour Loan		171	13	-
.. Same ditto ditto Arklow Harbour Loan		58	5	5
.. Same ditto Wicklow Urban proportion of Wicklow Harbour Loan		31	1	10
.. Same ditto ditto Arklow Harbour Loan		16	1	7
.. Same - Repayment by Rathdown Barony of half-year's instalment of Greystones Harbour Loan		34	6	9

Having considered the Circular from the Local Government Board N^o 294/1900, dated 23rd February, 1900, giving the Scale according to which the Salaries of the Assistant Surveyors should be fixed, and heard from the County Surveyor the mileage and other particulars of the several Assistant Surveyors' Districts, We find that the following are the Salaries to which the several Assistant Surveyors are

entitled:-

J. D. O. Ramsay £ 140

Campbell Boyd .. 135

John Pansing .. 120

Joseph Gibney .. 120

The Circular further directs the County Council to arrange for the payment of their Salaries upon this scale from the 1st. April last.

The Clerk of the Baltinglass Union applied for compensation for loss of emoluments consequent on the Local Government, Ireland, Act coming into force.

Of the items mentioned in his claim, we consider him entitled to compensation for loss of £10 yearly as Returning Officer, £10 under Diseases of Animals Acts, and £6..10..0 for valuation Certificates - Total £26..10..0 yearly, equal to a gratuity of £132..10..0.

Of this the proportions payable by the three Counties in which this Union is situated are as follows:-

Wicklow	£	75	18	0
Carlow		37	12	0
Kildare		19	0	0
	£	132	10	0

The Clerk of Rathdrum Union made a similar application. We consider him entitled to a gratuity of £75..0..0.

The payment of these two gratuities are recommended, subject to the loss of these emoluments not having been taken into consideration when fixing these officers present Salaries. The Secretary was authorised to apply for recoupment of half the foregoing gratuities.

A second application for compensation was laid before us from Mr. Anthony Bollard. This application was considered by the County Council on 30th. May, and 27th. June last, was referred by them to the Local Government Board who ruled against payment of compensation. We therefore decline to reopen the case.

Collector William Driver of N^o. 19 Collecting District, in Shillelagh Rural District, wrote resigning his appointment as Collector, and applying for a Superannuation or compensation. We have directed the Secretary to state the particulars of this case to the Local Government Board, Mr. Driver not having devoted his whole time to the duties of his Collection, and to obtain their instructions in the matter. We have also directed that an extension of time for the Collection of Rates in Mr. Drivers District, N^o. 19, be applied for, and that a special meeting be summoned for Thursday next as directed by the Local Government Board.

The Committee having had before them the question of the arrears due by Bray Township, amounting to the sum of £2,415..0..0, hereby recommend to the Council that they should take immediate legal steps in order to recover payment of the same before the 31st. inst.

The Committee further recommend that similar steps be taken to recover the Rate - amounting to £663..6..11 due by the Urban District Council of Wicklow.

Signed - R. R. Drought.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought,

Seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That the Finance Committee's Report be adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson

Seconded by Councillor W. G. Morris

Resolved - That Mr. W. Carroll of Wicklow be instructed on behalf of this Council to recover the amount of Rates and arrears due to this Council by the Bray Urban District Council, and Mr. Wailes for Wicklow in same manner.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Seconded by " R. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment amounting to £1979..0..1.

Passed.

The transfers to the Treasurers of the various Unions and Rural District Councils were then signed as follows:-

	£	s	d
Ballinglass N° 1 Rural Dist. Council	287	10	2
Maas N° 2	31	17	8
Rathdown N° 2	442	17	7
Rathdrum	230	5	8
Shillelagh	206	16	8
Total	£ 1199	79	£ 728 11 11

Transfer Orders to Credit of the Treasurers of Guardians:

Ballinglass Union	923	15	875	9
Maas	227	18	7	225
Rathdown	626	18	8	984
Rathdrum	2186	10	9	226
Shillelagh	984	12	6	900
Total	£ 4949	15	6	£ 5302 12 3

Letter N° 6338/1900 Local Government Board
21st. March, 1900

Pointing out necessity of holding a meeting first week in April, to transfer money to Guardians and Rural District Councils - ordered that a special meeting in conformity with this letter be summoned for Saturday 7th April, at the usual hour.

Letter N° 12575:1900 Local Government Board
Dublin, 1st. March, 1900.
Relative to Collector Dowling.
ordered. To be brought up at next meeting.

Local Government Board
Dublin, 7th. March, 1900

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 1st. instant and to the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council on the 27th. ultimo relative to the remuneration proposed to be allowed to Poor Rate Collectors who were "existing" officers within the meaning of the local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to express their approval of the poundage rates now proposed to be allowed to the Collectors with the view of affording them the annual income fixed by the County Council in each case, viz:-

Collector	£	s	d
J. Doyle	250	per annum	
J. Juby	25		
M. Byrne	25		
M. Kelly	30		
S. Meyler	38		
C. Sutton	75		
J. Keane	90		
J. Dowling	60		
J. S. Evans	60		
S. Evans	25		
J. McAnanama	85		
J. Brennan	45		
W. Smith	70		
P. Doyle	75		
J. Ellis	55		
W. D. Tives	35		

I am at the same time to call attention to the provisions of Article 1 of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) N° 2 Order, 1899, as to the lodgment of the full amount of the Collectors' Warrant before Poundage can be paid.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
D. J. MacSkehan
asst. Secretary
To the Secretary,
County Council,
Wicklow.

Lr. N° 13490:1900

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 9th. March, 1900.

assenting to Council adopting new form of
Rate Book, of 9th. February, 1900.

N° 801/1900

Veterinary Department,
Privy Council office,
Dublin Castle,
27th. February, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd. Instant,
I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you the
accompanying Certificate under the officers of Local
Authorities (Ireland) Order of 1899, authorizing the appoint-
ment of a Secretary to the Local Authority of the County of
Wicklow for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act,
1894; and I am to express His Excellency's approval of your
appointment to that post at a salary of £100 per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. B. Dougherty,

The Secretary

County Council of Wicklow.

Telegram of March 16th. 1900, from Local Government Board
declining to extend the time for Collection of Rates.

N° 16612:1900

Wicklow County

Local Government Board
Dublin, 20th. March, 1900.

Pointing out that there is no provision for recouping
Compensation to Clerks of Unions.

Letter from Department of Agricultural and
Technical Instructions informing County Council that each
Council will during month of April have the appointment of
two persons, not necessarily County Councillors, on the Board.

order - To be entered on the agenda paper for the 7th. of

April. The Secretary to send Copy of Regulations to each Councillor.

Sir Charles A. Cameron's Report was read, showing 64
analyses made during the Quarter.

Letter from Kynoch and Company, lodging Plan and Draft-
Licence for enlarged Explosives manufacturing Works.

Letter from Clerk of Naas N° 2 Rural District Council, dated
5th. March, re Demand Notes
Read.

Letter from Clerk of Rathdown N° 2 Rural District Council,
asking to have Compulsory Education Act put into force in their
District

order - Postponed for six months.

Letter from Sligo County Council asking views of Road
Contractors and County Council on half-yearly payments, and
Yearly instead of half-yearly Rating.

order - Council can give no recommendation on
the subject at present.

Copy of Petition against Bray and Enniskerry Railway
Extension Scheme was laid before the Council.

Letter from Bray Urban District Council in reply to
application for payment of arrears due.

Letters from Collectors Wm Smith, John Brennan, John
Murphy and John F. Evans - asking for extension of time for
collecting -

order - That they be informed of Local Government Board's
Telegram.

application from Freeman's Journal for Advertisements of accounts.

Resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the Irish language in Schools - was adopted.

Resolution from Irish National Teachers Association claiming increase of Salary.

order - Postponed for six months

Application from Mr. W. H. Kennedy to have his compensation fixed, and enclosing report of similar case.

order. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from Rev. Thos R. Greene dated 21st. March, 1900, claiming refund of Rates paid on Kilranelagh House, and the Secretary's letter in reply, dated 17th. March, 1900 were read.

order - Secretary's letter confirmed.

Urban District of Wicklow

Town Hall, Wicklow

20th. March, 1900

Edward P. O'Kelly Esq. J.P.

Dear Sir,

at a meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on yesterday the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr. Joseph M. Carroll our representative be requested to obtain from the County Council particulars of the Demand made on this Urban Council of County Charges, Union Charges, and Separate Charges, and that the Chairman of the County Council be informed of our application with a view to obtain the information sought for"

on receipt of particulars a cheque will be forwarded for three quarters payments now due

I am, Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant
Francis W. MacPhail.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas J. Troy

Seconded by " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved. That the Clerk of the Wicklow Urban Council be given four days to inspect the books of the County Council for the purpose of checking and verifying the Demand made upon the Wicklow Urban Council, he undertaking to pay the amount due before the 31st. Inst.

Passed

Edward P. Kelly Cllr.

25th May 1900

W. H. B. L. G. Carroll
5th March 1900

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11:30 a. m. on Saturday 7th. April, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-
Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P. - Presiding.
Councillors - Michael Byrne - R. Norman Thompson
R. R. Drought - Viscount Powerscourt - Edmond C. Walsh -
Thomas J. Troy - William Costello - D. J. Cogan -
W. G. Murphy - E. J. Byrne - Thos. Sheppard.

Business :-

- 1 To advance the amounts due on foot of Union and Rural District demands for the three months ending 30th. June next
- 2 " transfer £42..11..10 to the suspense account of the former Naas Board of Guardians, in accordance with the "adjustments order."
- 3 " elect 2 persons (not necessarily members of the County Council) to serve on the new Agricultural Council. (Copy of the Regulations for the appointment of these members will be forwarded to you next week.
- 4 " Receive Reports from Committees and from County officials.
- 5 " Consider Estimate for Rates for 1900-01
- 6 " " " Sample Regulations" for School Attendance Committees.
- 7 " sign urban District Demand notes
- 8 " consider Correspondence.

The following transfers in advance of the amounts due on foot of Union and Rural District Demands for the three months ending 30th June next were signed :-

<u>Unions</u>	£.	s.	d.
Baltinglass N° 1	875	9	9
Naas N° 2	225	5	0
Rathdown N° 2	984	18	0
Rathdrum	2316	16	0
Shillelagh	900	3	6
<u>- Rural Districts -</u>			
Baltinglass N° 1 General Charges	204	0	0
" " Separate	20	0	0
Naas N° 2 General	51	5	0
" " Separate	29	0	0
Rathdown N° 2 General	-	-	-
" " Separate	-	-	-
Rathdrum General	311	5	3
" " Separate	45	12	1
Shillelagh General	9	17	6
" " Separate	57	11	3
	£ 6,031	3	4

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne
Seconded by " R. Norman Thompson
Resolved - That the amounts due on foot of Union and Rural District Demands for the three months ending 30th. June next be advanced, amounting to £6031..3..4. and a transfer to suspense account of former Naas Board of Guardians be made.

Passed.
Transfer to the suspense account of the former Naas Board of Guardians of £42..11..10 was }
Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne }
Seconded by " Lord Powerscourt }
Resolved - That Councillors A. Metcalf and Thomas J. Troy, be appointed to represent the Council on the new Agricultural Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sheppard
Seconded by " D. J. Cogan
Resolved - That the County Surveyor advertise in

the Independent, Freeman and Irish Times for a qualified assistant to replace Mr. J. Gibney, resigned, at a salary of £125 per annum. Candidates to be in attendance at the meeting of the County Council on 24 inst, and that pending the filling of the vacancy the County Surveyor employ either the other assistants or another as occasion may require, the cost of such temporary assistance not to exceed the above salary for the time being.

Passed.

The Secretary laid before the Council his Estimate for the Rates for the first 6 months of the financial year to 30th September, 1900 for General and for Separate Charges. After considering them the Council rounded the Rates on Other Hereditaments in Baltinglass, Rathdown and Rathdrum, and on agricultural land in Rathdrum, upwards to a full penny.

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheppard

Seconded R. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That the following Estimate for the Poor-rate for General Charges for the Current half-year be approved and adopted

	Land.	Other Hereditaments
	$\frac{s}{s}$ $\frac{d}{d}$	$\frac{s}{s}$ $\frac{d}{d}$
Baltinglass N° 1	1.. 2	2.. 0
Nacass N° 2	1.. 3	2.. 0
Rathdown N° 2	. 5	1.. 2
Rathdrum	1.. 1	1.. 9
Shillelagh	1.. 3	2.. 0

Passed

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne

Seconded by .. R. R. Drought.

Resolved - That we approve of the following

Estimate for Rates for the current half-year for Separate Charges as under:-

	Sanitary Charges	
1 Baltinglass N° 1		$\frac{2}{10}$
2 Nacass .. 2	ditto	1
3 Rathdrum	ditto	$\frac{2}{10}$
4 Shillelagh	ditto	$\frac{8}{10}$
5 Arklow Harbour Loan		$1\frac{1}{10}$
6 Wicklow Harbour Loan		$1\frac{7}{10}$
7 Greystones Pier Loan		$\frac{3}{10}$
8 Blessington Tramway Guarantee		$3\frac{1}{10}$
9 Compensation for Malicious Injuries		$\frac{2}{10}$

Passed.

Li N° 56 u. 1900

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 26th. March, 1900.

re fixing date of annual meeting
order - 13th. June, 1900. fixed.

The Office of National Education Dublin under date of 28th. March, 1900, letter N° 4208 - forwarded a sample set of Regulations for School Attendance Committees, for the information of the Council, and asked to have a copy of such Regulations as the Council might finally adopt forwarded to the Commissioners of National Education for their approval.

order. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Council's Demand Notes for the Urban Districts of Bray and Wicklow were then signed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne

Seconded by .. J. Sheppard

Resolved - That we hereby appoint Messrs Stokes Brothers, of College Green, Dublin, to be auditor of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company on behalf of the County Council of this County, for the year ending 31st. March, 1901.

Passed.

Li. N° 17972/1900

Local Government Board
Dublin, 24th. March, 1900

Stating that Poor-rate Collectors manual had been published by E. Ponsonby.

Li. N° 17987:1900

Local Government Board
Dublin, 28th. March, 1900

Wicklow County
approving of Salary £50 fixed for Coroner Doyle.

N° 18707:1900

Local Government Board
Dublin, 28th. March, 1900

approving of appointment of Philip Doyle for present Collection.

N^o. 14987:1900Local Government Board,
Dublin, 3rd. April, 1900

Calling attention to procedure necessary with regard to opposing the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill.

N^o. 14290:1900

Miscellaneous

Local Government Board
Dublin, 21st. March, 1900

Stating that an account of Solicitors Costs must be furnished immediately after close of each half-year.

N^o. 66/u. 1900Local Government Board
Dublin, 5th. April, 1900

Calling attention to sums paid to Contractors contrary to County Surveyors Certificates.

order - That the original Form 14 be sent in to this Council certified by Clerk instead of Form 12.

Richmond District Asylum,
Dublin, 21st. March, 1900

Enclosing revised Estimate and Demand as requested.

L^t fromNaas N^o. 2 Rural Dist. Council
22nd. March, 1900

Enclosing resolution protesting against the Directors of Blessington Tramway being paid out of public money while the line is not self-supporting.

approved

Letter from

Naas N^o. 2 Rural Dist. Council
2nd. April, 1900

Enclosing resolution asking for an extension of the time allowed Mr. Meyles for Collection.

Letter dated 31st. March, 1900 - from Collector Thomas Juty - asking for extension of time for Collection.

Letter from

Naas N^o. 2 Rural District Council
asking whether Wicklow County Council are willingto pay Mr. Black, V.S. 13^s 11^d quarterly for visiting Fairs.

order - approved

Application from Mr. James D. Ryan for £5, one year's salary, as Inspector of Explosives.

order - The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Ryan that he held no appointment from the Council as Inspector of Explosives, no such office exists.

Letter from

Wicklow Urban District Council
3rd. April, 1900.

asking that the annual Estimate and Demand be sent them.

Petition to the County Council from Rate-payers in Ballycoogue to have Roads freed from Snow in winter.

Application from Mr. J. Hopkins for Compensation for loss of emoluments

order - Referred to Finance Committee.

on reading the letter from Dublin County Council dated 31st. March, 1900 - re levying of Rates

Proposed by Councillor E.C. Walsh

Seconded by .. Michael Byrne

Resolved - That the Local Government Board be asked to make an order enabling this Council to make one Rate each year collected in two levies instead of two Rates, and thereby save the expense of a large amount of unnecessary clerical work to the Council.
adopted unanimously.

Letter from Carlow County Council - re L^t RatingsProposed by D. J. Cogan
CouncillorSeconded by E. J. Byrne
Councillor

Resolved - That this Council request the Government to take into consideration the position of the occupiers under L^t Valuation, who are at present liable to pay Rates, and to amend the

present system of collection from them, as it entails a great hardship on the extreme poor and a serious difficulty to the Collectors in collecting the Rates from them.

adopted.

Letter from Gaelic League re Instruction in Irish in Schools
Read.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by " E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That we respectfully urge upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the necessity for the appointment, with as little delay as possible, of a Vice-Regal Commission, to inquire into and report upon the existing unsatisfactory condition of Railway and Canal communication in Ireland, and upon its injurious effect upon the trade and agricultural interests of the country. and that Your Excellency may be pleased to appoint an early day for the reception of a Deputation upon the above subject.

adopted.

Letter from Tyrone County Council re making one instead of two rates each year.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by " J. J. Troy

Resolved ~~That the Local Government Board be asked to make an Order en~~

Letter from Wm. Yomey, Sub Sheriff, returning Cheque, was read.

Order that Paying Order - be returned.

Proposed by } Thomas Sheppard
Councillor }
Seconded by } E. J. Byrne
Councillor }

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to advertise for a Rate Collector for next Quarterly Meeting in room of Mr. Drivet resigned.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by " W. B. Murphy

Resolved - That the Secretary is hereby instructed to prepare a comparative Statement showing as near as possible the total amount of rates estimated for by Union and District Charges, and County Charges for the half-year from March to September 1898, and the half-year from March to September, 1900. Also showing the allocation of the Agricultural Grant to each District

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh

Seconded by " Thomas J. Troy

Resolved - That our Secretary be directed to prepare a separate detailed statement of the expenses attached to his office, including particulars of all Salaries or wages paid to permanent and temporary Clerks engaged either in striking the rates or in any other duties attached to his office; and also to give particulars of the sums expended in bringing the Act into force and that printed copies be sent to each Councillor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm Costello

Seconded by " E. C. Walsh

Resolved - That we the Wicklow County Council endorse the policy of the United Irish League and as recommended by John E. Redmond, Esq., M. P., Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party. We suggest the formation of branches in every district throughout the County.

Carried by 9 Votes to 1.

Ordered - That the Secretary is empowered to employ 8 additional Clerks for preparing Rate Books to make 21.

Letter from Collector M. Ananama to the Chairman stating that he had taken proceedings for Rates in cases where the occupiers had changed, and had changed the name in Demand

Notes. When the Resident Magistrate had dismissed the cases, stating that the Collector had no power to change the names.

The Collector asked that legal advice be procured him in the matter.

The Council informed Mr. W. Ananama that Collectors must employ their own Solicitors.

Edward Kelly.

25 May 1900.

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24th April, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-

Councillor E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman

Councillors - Michael Byrne - R. Norman Thompson -

R. R. Drought - E. C. Walsh - Thos. J. Troy - William Burke -

Joseph Gahan - S. J. Doyle - Thomas Lawless - Joseph M. Carroll -

James Byrne - D. J. Cogan - W. G. Murphy - Martin Langton -

P. J. Carey - E. J. Byrne - Thomas Sheppard - J. H. Coleman

Business:-

- 1 To hear and consider an application from Kynoch, Limited, of Birmingham and London (of which due notice has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Explosives Act of 1875) for the Council's assent to the extension of their existing Factory for manufacture of Explosives at Ferrybank and Tinahash Arklow, in accordance with the Draft amending Licence, Plan and Specification approved by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State which have been deposited in this Office.
- 2 To appoint an Assistan Surveyor in place of Mr. Joseph Gibney, resigned.
- 3 To consider Special Correspondence.

Messrs A. J. Cocking, W. C. Sealy, and R. Johnson, Solicitor appeared to support Kynoch's, Limited, application for leave to extend their Factory for the manufacture of Explosives at Arklow. The Secretary stated that the provisions of the Act, 1875, regulating such applications had been duly complied, ^{with} and the notices published in the local papers, of the date and time of hearing, copies of which he produced. Mr. Johnson having given the Council the particulars of the application

Explosives Act 1875, amended by 61 & 62 Vic. Cap. 37.

Proposed by Councillor E.C. Walsh
Seconded by .. Thomas J. Troy

Resolved - That we the majority of the County Council of the County of Wicklow assembled at Wicklow in the County of Wicklow, being the local authority as defined by the above mentioned acts with respect to the place at which it is proposed to extend the existing factory for explosives in accordance with the terms of this draft license, having considered the application for the extension of such factory, and it having been shown to us that the requisite notices of the time and place of hearing this application were duly published as required by the act, not less than one month before the date of hearing, do hereby assent to the extension of such factory for explosive in accordance with the terms of this draft amending license, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this assent

Passed unanimously.
The County Surveyor read a number of applications received for the appointment of Assistant Surveyor in place of Mr. Joseph Gibney, deceased, the position of which was vacated by the death of Mr. Gibney, and the Council resolved on a vote being taken that the same be unanimously proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne
Seconded by .. W. Burke

Resolved - That S. G. Gallagher be appointed Assistant Surveyor in place of Mr. Joseph Gibney.
Passed unanimously.

Letter from Michael Byrne, Esq., J.P., Vice Chairman regarding date of election for Portrate Collector withdrawn
Letters dated 9th April, 1900, from Arthur G. Mailes, Esq., asking for Varying order of his Bill of Costs, and name of Solicitor to represent the County Council.
order - Varying order to be sealed, and Mr. J. H. McCarthy be appointed to attend.

Correspondence with County Inspector in reference to removal of Cement Blocks from Greystones Pier - Having been read -

COUNTY SURVEYORS ASSISTANT Wanted for the County Wicklow; must have experience in the construction and maintenance of roads and masonry, write a good hand, and be able to draw, survey, level, and make measurements, calculations, and estimates. The selected candidate will be required to pass the prescribed examination and satisfy the Local Government Board of his fitness for the position, in accordance with their order of 24th February, 1900. Salary £125 per annum. Candidates to send to Mr. Carter, Deane, County Surveyor, 26, Grosvenor Road, Rathmines, before 12th inst., two samples of their own drawings, also dimensioned hand sketches of any small bridge, say about 10 feet span, in their neighbourhood, and a working drawing to scale made from same with quantities, estimate, and specification, all certified to be their own work without help; also application in own handwriting, stating age together with copies only of not more than four most recent testimonials as to character and competency. Candidates to appear before the County Council at Wicklow Courthouse, on TUESDAY, 24th inst., at 12 o'clock.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas J. Troy
Seconded by .. R. Norman Thompson

Resolved - That the Correspondence with reference to Greystones Harbour be forwarded to the Board of Works, and that the Secretary be instructed to point out that it has evidently been sent to the Wicklow County Council in error.

Letter dated 17th April, 1900, from Ratepayers at Greystones regarding area of charge for use of Water Works.
order. Refer to District Council. Secretary answers to this effect.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne
Seconded by .. Dr. Thompson

Resolved - That an error having occurred in one of the figures of the Demand Form sent to Bray Urban Council, it be cancelled, and our Chairman do now sign the amended Demand Form, and initial the correction in the Estimate.
Passed. Councillor W. Langton dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne
Seconded by .. Mrs. Shephard

Resolved. That it be a direction to the Secretary in preparing the yearly and half-yearly Estimates for the Rates and Demand to include the cost of the permanent Staff and Accountant in the general County at large charges, but to exempt the Urban Districts from the cost of the temporary Staff employed upon the Rate Books.
Passed. Councillor W. Langton dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by .. James Byrne.

Resolved - That having observed from a public announcement made by John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party, that it is intended to hold the National Convention on Tuesday 12th June, and following

days, we beg to point out to Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party that this will be an inconvenient week, especially so, if it is intended that the County Councils will be invited to send delegates thereto, as the Annual Meetings of ^{the} County Councils for the election of Chairman etc. are fixed to be held on June 13th. We therefore respectfully suggest that the Convention should be summoned to assemble on another date than the 13th June.

That the Secretary be requested to send copy of this resolution to John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P.
Carried. - R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne
Seconded by " P. J. Carey

Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to write to the District Clerks to the effect that when filling up Form 14 for the quarter ending 30th June next that they insert in the "column" amount due to end of quarter a half year's pay for each Contractor whose contract will expire at next or any subsequent Summer Assize.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Cogan
Seconded by " James Byrne

Resolved - That the Finance Committee be requested to hold a thorough investigation into the irregularities which have occurred in the Secretary's Department, and enquire into the general working of the office, and report to the Council at its next quarterly meeting.

Passed.

Date filed for Financial Meeting,

Monday, 7th May, 1900.

Thomas Kelly

25/5/1900

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, 7th May, 1900.

The following Councillors attended: -

Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman,

Councillors - Michael Byrne - R. Norman Thompson -

R. R. Drought - Edmond C. Walsh - Joseph W. Carroll -

William Burke - James Byrne - Thomas Sheppard -

A. J. Cogan - Thomas J. Troy - E. J. Byrne.

Business.

- 1 To consider letter from Messrs Maxwell, Weldon & Co, asking whether the Council desire the Bray and Ennisterry Railway Bill to be opposed or not, and to draw up Public Notice in connection therewith.
- 2 To consider writ served by Stotsfall Destructor Company for £260. 10. 0, and Costs, for goods supplied Richmond Asylum.

The Solicitor and Engineer of the Bray and Ennisterry Railway Company attended before the Council, and having gone through the clauses proposed to be introduced into the Bill before Parliament. agreed with the Council as to the clauses to be retained or altered.

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Cogan

Seconded by " Wm Burke

Resolved - That in view of the Bray and

Ennisterry Railway Company having agreed with this Council to the clauses proposed by the County Surveyor and the Council.

This Council approves of the scheme generally and hopes to see it completed, and open for traffic at an early date, as it is a work of great public utility; and

that a copy of this resolution be sent to the promoters' Solicitors.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by .. E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That Mr. Joseph H. M. Carroll be requested to draft the notice to be inserted in the paper under 51 and 52 Vic Cap. 53. Sec. 5, and that the same be inserted prior to the Quarterly meeting on the 25th instant.

Passed. Unanimously.

The Secretary produced a Writ served by the Horsfall Destructor Company for £120 and Costs, for goods supplied to Richmond Lunatic Asylum, and informed the Council that on receipt of same he had communicated with the Chairman, and by his direction had instructed Mr. M. Carroll to enter an appearance on behalf of the County Council.

(See Mr. J. H. M. Carroll's letter after notice of motion page 228)

Proposed by Council D. J. Cogan

Seconded by .. Thomas J. Troy,

Resolved. That this question be referred to the Richmond District Asylum Committee of Management to deal with as they consider most advisable, and the Secretary to inform them that an appearance had been entered on behalf of the Wicklow County Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh

Seconded by .. Thomas J. Troy

Resolved that a site be granted the Father Murphy Monument Committee on the open space known as the parade ground, Arklow, for the proposed Monument to Father Murphy, who fell in the battle of Arklow on the 9th. June, 1798. The space not to exceed fourteen square feet, and not in any way to encroach on the public road or footpath.

Granted.

Councillor D. J. Cogan served the following notice of motion.

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution of February, 27th, 1900, proposed by Councillor Norman Thompson, directing a petition to be lodged

against the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill in so far as it directs that a deposit of £3,000 be deposited by the Company, be and is hereby rescinded, and that the Railway Company be called upon to deposit a sum of £1,000 in the National Bank to the credit of the County Council, to make good all the requirements of the Council as set forth in the clause submitted and agreed upon between the Company and the County Council; such sum to be lodged before commencing work on either Railway or Tramways outside Bray Urban District."

D. J. Cogan

7th. May, 1900

Church St. Wicklow

5th. May, 1900.

re Bray & Enniskerry Railway Bill
and Wicklow County Council

Dear Sir,

I enclose you copy draft clauses proposed by the Wicklow County Council for their protection, which you can bring before the meeting on Monday.

Horsfall Destructor Coy. Ltd.

against

Wicklow County Council.

I enclose you copy Writ served herein, together with appearance entered on the 4th, please return these to me at your convenience.

yours faithfully

J. H. M. Carroll.

E. N. W ynné Esq. J. P.

Secretary Wicklow County Council.

Edward Sheely

25th May 1900.