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VISITORS BOOK
GWEEDORE HOTEL
1856—74.

The undersigned having slept at the

Gwedore vide page 85 55 3

Machinery for working them — The Marbles are diffused in great abundance and beautiful varieties & shades — The Marble Church of Dunlooey, & the adjoining Shows that Donegall may produce as fine Statuary Marble as any imported from Italy — Muckish produces Sand to make the finest flint glass — precious Stones abound in the Lakes & Rivers as well as Salmon Trout & other Fish When these are developed and the Agriculture of the district — yet as rude imperfect & profitless, as could be found any where, excepting, on the Landlords' Demesnes — improved an encreased population, with encreased intelligence may be expected, and Towns Hamlets, with a Tradesmen, good wages, with abundance of employment & consumption for 500 times the amount of the Agricultural produce raised in the district at present will [illegible] the Moor [illegible] good [illegible] the demand little [illegible] as civil itself.

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6th March 1856

I regret that circumstances prevent my making a longer stay in this most picturesque locality, nature has gifted it with many gems but unceasing energy, industry and a desire to benefit this fine country, by its patriotic Landlord has developed its beauties, but for which it would have remained but a grand & solemn wilderness

Lawford M Burne
26th March 1856

This is now my second visit to this wild but delightful scenery, & was vile pleased with the comfort of this most excellent Hotel.

[illegible]

In travelling through this interesting district, on official business, we pa[illegible] a night at the Gweedore Hotel; and have to add, that our experience of th[illegible] excellent establishment correspon[illegible] with that of its former visitants. The Posting Department is also ex[illegible] equal if not superior to any [illegible]

The undersigned having slept at this Hotel & were delighted at finding [illegible] worthing so clean and comfortable

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Good attendance; great civility, most comfortable

R. G. ~~Long~~ Coll M. D.
10th Apl. 1856

I have spent a day & night in Gweedore Hotel. and have great pleasure in adding my testimony. as to the good fare. Great Civility & Comfortable Lodging to be had in this Establishment

Jno W Humpley Blackrock Dublin

10 April 1856

We found every thing remarkably comfortable. Attendance good and civil

April 25th 1856. Short but strict William Balfour Benton Orkneys

Jessy A Balfour
April 1856

We have stopped here on a fishing tour & have found this Hotel a perfect godsend in this wild spot. Every one connected with it, is as civil as could the house itself clean & com[illegible] & the fare good. The [illegible] little Hee[illegible] is civility itself.

[illegible]

Gweedore Hotel May 3rd 1856

After an absence of three years, I have again visitted this interesting district, accompanied by my Son, Daughter and Cousin and have much pleasure in witnessing the gradual improvement that is taking place in the appearance of the district & the continued attention & comfort of the Hotel

John Chambers
C P Chambers Bengal Army
Anna H Chambers
Martha Ellison

Right to a t
(2 to 2)

We are much pleased with the accomodation of this Hotel, for delicacy respect
May 22nd 1856 Jno Malcomson of Waterford
Joshua Pim Belfast
of Richardson Brothers

I passed one night in the Hotel & found it very comfortable
1 June 56 W Lucas Glenwood

Saturday June 14th
On my way through this County I have stayed for a day at the Gweedore Hotel & found every thing good & comfortable & the attendance most Obliging James O'Fr[illegible] Coleraine

The undersigned having slept at this Hotel & were delighted at finding everything so clean and comfortable far exceeding anything they have ever met in any other part of the Country
Monday 16 June 1856

Jon Donkey What Donny? Meath
J B ob Robert Cullwell
J. Bombian
Henry Thompson
E. F. Roberts
Leland Crosthwait

19th June 56 Every Hotel comfort, including (not the least) moderate charges.
Jas Reid. Rathmelton
Jos: Gallaher. Cumfanaghy

June 21th 1856.
We can only repeat the above namely, that every comfort is obtained at the Gweedore Hotel, & on the most reasonable terms —
Jas Murray
Isabella Murray
Wm James Patterson Manch

The accomodation & attendance very good and charges moderate W Stanbrough Lt Dorset Yeo Sta War Dept
J Rye Bk Mass

29th June 1856

I have found the Hotel very comfortable, and possessing that desideratum so frequently wanting in Hotels in Ireland — Cleanliness — The attendants civil & attentive and the charges moderate. John G. Moggridge

Mr & Mrs Alex Lindsay of Londonderry spent three days at Gweedore and were greatly pleased with the [illegible] forts of the Hotel, and the attentions they received from Mr & Mrs Cunningham and servants — 8th July 1856

I passed a day in this neighbourhood with keen enjoyment of the beauties of the fresh & original? scenery and a great appreciation of the benefit conferred by the public spirit, taste, & energy of one Individual — Though I am familiar with the scenery of most parts of Ireland, I have never seen the national landscape dressed in more lovely tints & colourings than the scenery about Gweedore & Aright.

Richd. S. Brooke. Clk Keyshore

July 9th 1856 R. Hamilton

Mytt. [illegible]

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I have visited the Gweedore Hotel on three occasions, and I have always found it clean & comfortable. R. Hamilton

Poorhouse Inspector

No!

I dined here with great pleasure with Mr Olphert & party July 9th Arthur Sinclair Brooke of Keystown

I have now visited the Gweedore Hotel four times — each time with encreased pleasure

John R Brougham —

Mr Brougham Senr — Mr John R Brougham
Miss Eliz. Rothwell — July 9. 1856

For many years I have enjoyed the advantage of the accomodation & attention of this Interesting Hotel & again record my pleasure in Connexion with Mrs T. — My Dear A. G. Caroline Taggart

M Taggart
" "

July 14 I have visited this Hotel and much pleased and surprised to see such a beautiful place in such a Mountainous and barren like district

Wm Hunter

Being my first visit here, I am much pleased with every thing that I have seen

C B Swaggon

July 14th 1856

I have visited the Hotel and very much pleased to see the attention to Stranger in such a Mountainous country

Thomas Benson

I have visited the Hotel and very much pleased with the accomodation

George Puppywell Browell

Rev. Dr Atkins, Mr Atkins and family passed a week at this Hotel and were perfectly satisfied with the attention which they received —

Mr and Mr Jellett who were of their party fully concur in this favourable opinion —

July 19 1856

Mr Mortimer Knagg well pleased. July 21st.

as if anyone cared a button!!

It is, with unqualified pleasure that I bear testimony to the very superior accommodation to be met with at the Gweedore Hotel.

J.G.
Londonderry

23 July 1856

Doctor Kavanagh of Dublin says ditto —

23 July 1856

Mr James Buchanan of Londonderry has been highly pleased with the attendance and civility experienced at the Gweedore Hotel

24th July 1856

We have been greatly pleased with the accomodation and attention we have received at Gweedore Hotel, and consider such comfortable public edifices as great comfort to Tourists and travellers

Sampson Jack Pres. Min
David McConaghy Canoy

Behold the [illegible] [illegible]

24 July 1856

We have staid here 3 or 4 days & have been highly pleased with the accommodation & the civility & attendance of every one connected with the establishment. We saw the country in all its phases of fine & wet weather & enjoyed ourselves much. The fishing was not as good as we had expected but considering all things, weather included we had very reason to be satisfied

Jacob Willink Liverpool
& Edward Taylem Liverpool

July 25. 1856 –

I have been two days in this beautifully wild place, and feel greatly gratified with the [surrounding] scenery. Nothing can be more marked than the contrast between the brown "heathery" hills in their original (native) clothing, and the green smiling fields which have yielded to man's cultivation – A visit to Dunlewey, shut in by the grey-sided Stoney Evrigal lofty & well defined, and other mountains not far less inferior would well repay the traveller – Its exquisite little marble Church is an object of peculiar interest; and the lovely residence of Mrs Russell on the margin of the placid Lake is most attractive –

I must here add my testimony to the great amount of it already borne, as to the kindness & attention combined with the comfort & quiet to be experienced at the "Gweedore Hotel"

The noble originator of such an establishment as this, has conferred a lasting benefit on travellers; and advantages no less enduring must be enjoyed by the inhabitants of this locality, while posterity in the distant future will bless the memory of him who was the patriot, who was the friend –

Thomas Glover.
Trinity College. Dublin –

Augt. 1/56

In this my third visit to the Gweedore Hotel – I have only to repeat my guardian testimony to the uniform excellence & arrangements of the establishment – the attention of its inmates, & the many comforts which it affords – nor can I omit to note – the wild romantic Lake & mountain scenery in the vicinity – particularly that of charming Dunlevey with its beautifully diversified woodland – its handsome new Church looking over the peaceful Lake, with all its tranquil associations, must be seen to be duly appreciated. –

To all these – I must say adieu

R. F. Metcalfe

August 2nd 1856

We passed two days and nights at the Gweedore Hotel, and found it the most clean, comfortable, and well kept establishment that it has been our fortune to meet with in Ireland.

W. H. M. Style } Glenmore
R. M. Style }
L. E. P. Style Brasten House Oxford
A. F. Style Merton Coll. Oxford

+ you cads putting your colleges instead of your address!!!

Geoffrey Bevington
Wandsworth Common
London

Williamson
Ballymoney
Co. Antrim

P.S. In our opinion there is nothing like Leather G. B
G. K. B.
Tomas [illegible] & Co.

Augt 31 1856

We have much pleasure in again bearing testimony to the comfort & civility experienced at Gweedore Hotel during the space of three weeks

John L Ewen (of Reydon Suff)
Wm Colvile Baylham Suffk

Augt 7. 56.

I can bear testimony to the general comfort and convenience of the Gweedore Hotel, as well as to the kindness and civility of those who are entrusted with its practical working. hoping this demonstration of kindness on behalf of his Lordship may be the means of further enlarging and extending his influence + untill this County Donegal shall attract the stranger, and occupy that place in the estimation of the tourist to which it is so worthily entitled. is the sincere wish of —— Isaac Watt. Manchester

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property Rewbones.

Joseph Rawlins Clk

August 8th '56 - Everything, as usual, in capital style -

Yellen Insp^r Nat^l Schools

This is my second visit to Gweedore & I can only say that whatever gratification I have had for my treatment as a visitor has been received in the interim. Ill Marketing of Pt Hotels.

Malahide.

I have been sojourning here with two sisters and a niece for two days, and we are of opinion that for cleanliness and comfort the Hotel is worthy of all commendation.

S Ramsay
11th August 1856 The Clube Rupture

+ How did you do it?

15 [illegible] /56

During our stay here for 4 days we have been most agreeably entertained & cannot too highly appreciate the urbanity of the host, the attention of the little maid & the general comfort of the establishment.

John Knox Gark
Mullamore
Ballymoney
Co Antrim

Geoffrey Bevington
Wandsworth Common
London

P.S. In our opinion there is nothing like Leather G B
G K B
Tomas [illegible] & Co.

21 August 1856

Mr & Mrs W. B. Caulfield have stayed here (for the third time) for some days – We are happy to find the Gweedore Hotel still remarkable for every comfort necessary to the tourist or traveller –

22 August

The Undersigned spent two days here & were satisfied with the accommodation of the Gweedore Hotel –

J: G: Wood
Castlepore

Saml Haughton
Trin: Coll: Dub:

Robt. George Montgomery
Conroy.

23rd August 1856

Having for almost the last five years, frequently at all seasons, and weathers, experienced the accommodation and comforts, the Gweedore Hotel affords, and to none more than those whose Public duties calls them to this neighbourhood, and the surrounding districts, I beg to add my testimony to the many already given in the Travellers Books,

I cannot omit mentioning the accommodation also afforded on all occasions to my Horse. "A Bit of Galway Blood" The Stables are excellent, and well regulated, with plenty of provender of every description,

The civility, attention, and willingness to oblige of Mr & Mrs Cunningham and their clever, able, and attentive assistant, cannot in my Humble opinion be surpassed,

[illegible]

26th August 1856.

We have been here since the 17th Inst and have much reason to be satisfied with the general arrangements of the hotel. The attendance is better than in any hotel we have ever visited.

Patrick J. Keenan
Head Inspector of
Nat. Schools.

[illegible] Dist Insp. Nat. Schools

Aug 27th 1856

J'ai passé deux jours ici plus a mon gout Que j'ai jamais passé dans des Hotels du Paris, Londres Marseille, Caracas ou Les Colonies occidentelles, il est mon opinion, Que les Irlandais et Les Etrangers venant ici, doit une dette de reconnaissance a Lord George Hill fort difficille a lui repayer

Thos Neilson MD My MRC Lond

My second visit to the Hotel has confirmed my impression of its Humbliness. I concur with the opinions of my Kinsman

Thomas Neilson Underwood.
10 Farrars Buildings Temple

30 Augt 1856

Mr & Mrs Stewart of Longhveagh House & Dr Cannon spent a day here and were much pleased with the accomodation

P Cannon has a good action against his writing master

P Cannon Sober
R [illegible]
× × !!!

1st Sept 1856

My Daughters and I spent a few days in this Hotel and were much pleased with the scenery around and greatly gratified by the kindness and attention of all connected with the establishment which is conducted with care and great cleanliness

Ralph Scott
Manor Highgate
Co Fermgh

Septr 5th 1856

I have experienced every attention from the landlord & domestics of this Hotel, & can bear witness to the cleanliness & comfort which seems to peroade the same.

J. F. Baillie - Devonshire

I passed 6 nights at the Gweedore Hotel and I must say I was never better attended. I have seen the principle places and think I never saw a place better worth seeing

J W Taylor London

5 Sept 1856

Visited this Locality & remained at the Gweedore Hotel. Which we found comfortable - proprietor & domestics most obliging & attentive.

C Graham
R Harvey

Stayed one night at the Gweedore Hotel, found it very comfortable

T. Rothwell Sep. 1856

Septr 9th '56.

J. F. McCaw and G. K. Smith Belfast on a tour through the West spent a few hours in this locality. They were well pleased with the arrangements of the Gweedore Hotel.

Septr 16 56 September 16th

We have passed Two nights at the Gweedore Hotel found everything most comfortable nothing can exceed the attention of all connected with this establishment

× Gone poor fellow! "to that bourne whence no Traveller returns"

× J. W. Doherty Seneschal
Ennishowen

J B Falkiner is benevolent
Disformerly

September 17th 1856 —

Being on a Tour through these wild regions, we have been delighted beyond measure on coming to the "Gweedore Hotel," which may be truly denominated an "Oasis in the desert". To find all the comforts and luxuries of civilisation on it's very confines is surely most gratifying, and they are found here, in connexion with excellent attendance on the part of the servants, and the utmost kindness and civility from the hostess and manager. The bedrooms are very clean, most comfortable & well aired; — the cooking is excellent — and everything in fact is unexceptionable; whilst the prices are unusually low; proving — as all else does here, the liberality of the truly noble proprietor; whose condescending affability crowns with a princely grace the many pleasing features of this wonderful place. It would be superfluous to speak of all that Lord George Hill has done on his property here and at Bunbeg, his Lordship's seaport which we visited, for it is appreciated every where over the United Kingdom, though it can only be perfectly known & understood by personally visiting the scene of so much great hearted benevolence and extraordinary perseverance in carrying out an arduous & most expensive undertaking under circumstances extremely unfavourable in every respect. Would that his Lordship had many imitators!

We leave "Gweedore with sincere regret for the present, but it shall 2y will ever be to us a source of much reflection, and [illegible] agreeable reminiscences. —

Chas Charles Hurst, M.D. Proprietor of the Imperial Hotel — at Belfast. & a

[illegible] Dyke — Belfast. C.O.d

or system —

Geo. Wilkinson. Nov 8/56

Sept 4th 1856 12345

Gweedore Hotel December 23rd 1856

This is the first time I have impossible the Gweedore Hotel, and at of Mrs. J. F. Close my I never was impending such a comfortable Hotel, and such Civilization in a hot surrounded by such Natural wildness —

As to the comforts of the Hotel, they have exceeded any we have experienced since we left our own Home, and we leave this beautiful romantic neighbourhood, with a Hope that we may again be permitted to return, and Explore its many beauties —

J. F. Close

Morne Rectory Kilkeel

Sep 19. 1856

This 2 years since I was at Gweedore, and my delight and surprise at the wonders Lord George Hill has achieved are as great when I first saw the place. The blessing of God has attended his unremitting exertion to benefit his fellow creatures, and he has my earnest prayers for a long continuance of health & opportunity to continue his benevolent works. the Hotel furnishes, as formerly [illegible]

I have stopped two nights at this Hotel
the accommodations are excellent, and
both Landlord, Housemaid, Cook-house
and all whom I have seen are exceedingly
attentive & obliging —

Thomas Montague
from Glasgow

Gordon Hotel 10 Feby 1857

comfortable room
the servants, and
from the hostess and manag
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& agreeable reminiscences. —

Rev Charles Hurst, M.D. Proprietor of the Imperial
Hotel at Belfast. & a
1 4 1 Pipe — Belfast. C.C.d

God help each & have endeavour —

Having heard, for many years past, of the
great and unceasing Exertions of Lord George Hill
to improve the condition of the native population
of these wilds and Romantic Regions, it had
been my intention to visit them: this opportu-
nity has just been afforded, and it is impossible
to describe my surprise and that of Mrs. J. F. Close
and Miss Hallowell at finding such a com-
fortable Hotel, and such Comfortations in a
Spot surrounded by such Natural wildness —

As to the Comforts of the Hotel, they have ex-
ceeded any we have Experienced since we left
our own Home, and we have this be an Hospi-
table Romantic Neighbourhood, with a Hope that
we may again be permitted hereto, and
Explore its many beauties —

J. F. Close
Monaincha Rectory Roscrea

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to benefit his fellow creatures, and he has the
earnest prayers for a long continuance of
health & opportunity to continue his benev-
work. The Hotel furnishes as grand

Septr 30th

This is the fourth time I have visited the Gweedore Hotel, and each time it has grown higher in my estimation, especially the wild scenary presenting itself around [illegible] gives a more beautiful appearance to the site of the House. The attendance cannot be surpassed every thing in good order and tender exceedingly to the credit of Mr & Mrs Cunningham Miss Cunningham the awaling creature there

G. Sproule
Londonderry

I know the Gweedore hotel well, and greatly delight in being at it. I should consider it only place to say anything of the proprietor - but I bear my willing testimony to the great attention and excellent conduct of the manager & servants -

[illegible]
Sewerger. Co. P.O.

After a fortnight's stay at the Gweedore Hotel Mrs Power and myself [illegible] happy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enjoyed every possible comfort and attention.

We shall have much pleasure in revisiting Gweedore where the Hotel combines every comfort ~~and advantage~~ of a private dwelling with the other [illegible]

[illegible]

God help each trave endeavour!
On them a blessing power
Will be the prayer for ever
If "a Wanderer at Gweedore"!

M. A. Feby 1857

A very good Hotel, but a very stupid place to be spend three days at, one is quite enough for [illegible] to

A Jackass. A Fool.

Feby 1857

The accommodations of this Hotel are such that the expense must be met by the liberality of the proprietor rather than by the profits

Robt Bowie

A clerical meeting was held in this Hotel, Feby 18th 1857.
Present. Rev Fred. Corfield, Rector of Templecrone
Rev Meryn Archdall, Curate of Templecrone
Rev Alexander Stewart, Rector of Tullaghobegly
Rev Henry Maturin, Rector of Gartan
Rev John R Brougham, Rector of Raymunterdoney

A clerical meeting held here March 19th. present
Rev F. Corfield - Rev M. Archdall - Rev Alex Stewart
Rev J R Brougham - Rev W. Allman - Rev C. Stewart

Nothing can surpass the accomodation to be got at the Gweedore Hotel, ~~and~~ coupling the attention of the respectable family which has it in charge, adds much to its

I have stopped a day and a night in this Hotel the accomodations are better than in any Hotel I visitted in this part of the Country likewise I find the Charges very Moderate

A M P Campbell

April 13/57

I have been a week at the Gwendore Hotel I have been well attended & well taken care of I never was more comfortable at any Hotel in Europe

× P W Gilligan R C bishop

April 8th/57

During my stay here for 9 days I have received every attention & civility

W Col Hamilton
Capt H.P. 88th Regt

Mr & Mrs Rich Titsiptor are much pleased with the comfort of this Hotel and the attention they have received at it. The charming Scenery is only to be surpassed by Beautious Killarney

Gwendore 2 June 1857.

and

and any day

and

× public, what do the "public" care for such apes?

The following [illegible]

Capt J D Beresford Adjt 2 deny Militia
Capt. Beresford Knox ~~late~~ 2 deny Militia
Mr C. E. Webber Lieut Boyl Engrs
feel that it is due to the public to express their feelings with reference to this Hotel, which they consider without any exception to be the best hotel in Ireland, and that excellent person Mary to be the neatest & most cheerful specimen of a parlour maid, they have come across during many years experience — At the same time they wish to warn the enthusiastic disciples of Isaac Walton, that they may occasionally be disappointed [illegible]

12 June 1857

~~During four days for which I with several members of family was at this Hotel every thing was most comfortable & satisfactory~~

June 13th 1857 ~~Thomas [illegible]~~

I with several members of my family was at this Hotel for four days during which time every thing was most comfortable & satisfactory

June 13th 1857 Thomas Patterson

June 16th 1857.

I have spent a fortnight at this Hotel, found it very clean and comfortable and have experienced the greatest civility, and attention. Allen Walsh

Ballykilcavan

Stradbally Queens Co.

June 17th/57

The Hotel is every thing to be desired with very great attention; after one week's experience

John Rodgett

Darwen Bank

Mt Preston

Lancashire

Ise com here an foun ery thing nice an comforting this vue of aragalle is well be an nice foshing on this river bonus domus — J. P. Phillips - 47th reg.

We the undersigned being on a tour of Confirmation thro the Diocese of Raphoe have much pleasure in recording our approbation of the comfort, convenience and civility experienced in this Hotel.

William Derry Raphoe.

Gweedore

19. June 1857. W. Edwards. Domestic Chaplain —

The undersigned have again after the lapse of a few years, spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel, & they have much pleasure in expressing their appreciation of the cleanliness, quiet, & excellence of the establishment, & the civility & attention which they met with. The Hotel is if possible, improved since our last visit

Alexander Knox

Henrietta Knox

June 20th 1857.

We have been stopping in this Hotel for the last two nights & have greatly enjoyed its comforts. we have found the greatest attention & cordiality from all connected with the Establishment

Henry Clarkson for self & party

25th June 1857

Gweedore Hotel 26th June 1857

It is with much pleasure that our party (consisting of Mr & Mrs Thompson Captn & Mrs Stuart Captn & Mrs Cole Hamilton & myself) can add one more to the many testimonials which this Book affords as to the comforts & enjoyments which we have experienced during a sojourn of three very pleasant days here. In no Hotel could we have recd more kindness & attention from Mr & Mrs Cunningham & Mary, having discovered this retreat from the Cares of the World there can be no doubt but that we shall again avail ourselves of it if not collectively at least individually should the opportunity occur. It is with extreme regret that we now say to Gweedore its Hotel Mountains & Shores Ke Lad Wood adieu

Nat Ellis

Have met with civility & attention with moderate charges & good accomodation with cleanliness & very fair eating & drinking during my day at the Gweedore Hotel & that is saying something for Ireland since from Dublin to Belgrave & from there to Gweedore I have not met with any where else.

Francis Francis
Special Correspondent of the Field

Mr Hornes Francis
A Tremendously
Greedy Pumping day
A good specimen of England

During a short stay of 2 days at the Gweedore Hotel, I met with the greatest civility & attention from the whole establishment. Contrasted with most Hotels in this country of much greater pretension, the accommodation, feeding & cleanliness are every thing that could be desired.

J. E. Dyer

This has been my fourth visit. What more need be said.
Wm Peard.

We remained one night at the Gweedore Hotel & were much pleased with the treatment & cleanliness of this establishment. The Hendan also was very good.

Wm Anderson
Henrietta A. Linden

Wm Anderson should have given some thing whose Spicery whose Wm

Chas. B. Stevenson found this a true Oasis after the Desert from Glenties
July 14th 57

The most comfortable House Shore stopped at 15 July 1857
Prof Gerald

I Coleman Stokes, London & Bath
July 3rd to 17th 57
Pleased with everything but the Fishing

July 15th 1857

Stopped a night here & found everything satisfactory

A Fitzmaurice
Carlow

W. Du Re H.
Rupertstown Fort
Carlow

I have spent three very pleasant days here & found every thing very clean & comfortable

Ad Jos Hamilton

July 23rd 1857 — Beltrim Omagh Co Tyrone

July 28th 1857

You are welcome

Having spent five days with my family at The Gweedore Hotel I beg to say I have experienced every comfort and attention The fare was very good and no London Hotel could I am sure have the advantage of a more ready quiet and obliging waiter than our attendant — James O'Hara

Henry S O'Hara

The more frequently you visit this Model Hotel the more will you appreciate its worth — thanks to the care and attention of its kind and obliging hostess Hostess and to the excellent attendance of Mary

2 August 1857

A B O D

Otherwise

J. F. K.

August 3rd 57 — Edwd Hammond
13 Bedford Place
Kensington

Spent 3 agreeable days here.

August 5th

Spotted a night here & found everything satisfactory

M Maley
Sutton

Charges reasonable — very — Many obliging & attentive — particularly Edibles admirably well got up — To these necessary items in the good character of an hotel we can subscribe our names & yet not without first recommending an improvement in the cigar department —

Edr of Dy Journal Cum D.I.E. and Sec d

Gweedore Hotel and the view from the top of Erigal are, each in its way, perfect.

August 10th 1857.

W. A. Porter Lincoln's Inn London
Wm Simms Whiteabbey Belfast
P. G. Tait, Pet: Coll: Cant
Queen's University.

+ for Irish Grammar

August 12th 1857. My daughters & I slept here last night, and found every thing very comfortable; all good, except the Sea which is a very bad one. Thos W. Wilson

That is a common complaint

Fulford, nr York.

14 August

I came here with pleasure
I leave it with regret

J Meachale Major

Visited this Hotel accompanied by Dr Atkins & Mr Tillett & found every comfort which a Hotel can bestow - mutton very good & Mary most excellent - every thing else in keeping -

£2-2-0
Rd.

James A Lawson
15th August 1857

We have spent a very comfortable afternoon and night at this Hotel, which is everything a tourist could wish for -

James Mason
S. Carson } Bespeth

August 17th 1857 left the Gweedore Hotel which was much crowded but in spite of ~~the~~ this we were made very comfortable in the "Tap" excellent beds -

R Redmond
Wm Irving

18th Augt. During my residence in the Gweedore Hotel, I have found every thing clean, comfortable, & well arranged - Ithenoah Colonel

Remained here last night & though the house was full - here as I have always been here, very comfortable -

Wheatly
Conway - Aug 20 -

23rd August 1857
Henry Jenkins

We have much pleasure in confirming in all respects our former reports (Last, Page 14)

24 Aug. 57.

Wm Colvile
J L Ewen } Suffolk

John B H Berkeley
Marble Hill
Dunfanaghey

We came to Gweedore in the clouds of night,
We're met at the entrance by Molly,
Quoth she: "~~when~~ ever you come to Gweedore you should write
For otherwise coming is folly."

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"The house is quite full, & you cant have a bed,
But ~~you'll~~ shake you down sheets on the floor,
And one on the sofa may lay down his head,
It was foolish to come to Gweedore."

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We laid us about thro' the room as we might,

Continuation.

And tried for refreshing repose,
Got up with the earliest glimmer of light,
And washed at the pump when we rose.

It ~~cannot~~ could not be helped by; they did all that they'd,
(We have stopped at worse places before);
They blackened our boots & gave us our food,
So we will not complain of Gweedore.

Aug 26/57 Quatuor Viatores

I have spent a very pleasant long and comfortable night at this Hotel and am much pleased with the attention I received and the comfort and cleanliness of the place

Augt 27th 1857 C. Wilson

I have spent six days at this Hotel, every person most attentive & obliging, every thing very comfortable, and attendance excellent

R. Faupet.

We spent Ten days at this Hotel and were highly pleased with the cleanliness of the house the attention and obliging manners of the parties generally to whom the Premises are entrusted what added much to our comfort while staying here,

Gweedore 3 September 1857. Danl & Grace

Thos Smith Sub Inst Cal J. S. Murphy Tom Cunia

People must be very fastidious indeed, who are not well satisfied with the attention they receive, & with the general arrangements, at the Gweedore Hôtel.

Sepr 5th 1857. Wm Green. Londonderry
Wm Green Junr Southampton
Fred^k Green London

I have been delighted with the substantial reception & attention I have received at the Gweedore Hotel

Septr 10th 1857 Joseph Scott
Belfast

Mr & Mrs Mannsell enjoyed their visit to the Gweedore exceedingly & found every thing most clean & comfortable & the attendance most civil & obliging

September 12th 1857.

Gweedore Hotel. Sep 15. 1857

My Eleventh visit to Gweedore, I find each year the place more enchanting, I leave it with sincere [illegible]

James Hawes
40 & 41 Poultry London

18 Sept 1857 —

We have great pleasure in adding our testimony in favour of this Hotel, in which we have been well accomodated & attended to — W. Wistop Clarke
1 New Square Lincoln's Inn
London —
Geo. Clarke M.D.
Kingston R.N.

18 Sept 1857

I have been delighted with the scenery of Gweedore & its improvements. Long life to Lord George Hill! Nothing could exceed the comforts & attention at the Hotel.

Andrew Crawford
Belfast

September 18th 1857.

I have great pleasure in recording the delight. I have have had in visiting Gweedor Hotel, the scenery is exquisite, the comfort, and attention received in the Hotel exceeded my utmost expectations.

May every blessing attend Lord G. A. Hill

James Morton
Northumberland

Anne B. Harte
September 23rd 1857

Gweedore Hotel
October 1st 1857

We drove over here from Dunfanaghy yesterday and put up at this hotel for the night — We have found the accomodation good & comfortable

John H. Singer
Hanthaunsfield

Gweedore Hotel
Oct 9 1857 —

I am weathered last night and am highly delighted with the attention Mr Cunningham says which visitors

A Stewart

I have stayed two nights in this hotel & am much pleased Geo. Home Drummond
Oct. 19. 1857 Ardoch
Scotland

November 23rd 1857

Henry R Taggart

Gweedore Hotel March 10th 1858.
This has been my first visit to this Hotel & I found it very Comfortable James Gale
Lett

Gweedore Hotel 3d Dec 1857.

For the last two years I have been stopping here on my way from Dunglow to Dunfanaghy. All I can say is that I have never been in any Hotel (even in England) that is kept so tidy & clean & where one finds themselves so much at home.

John S. Lindsay
of Londonderry

Gweedore Hotel 7th December 1857.

We have spent two days at this place and are much pleased with it. The Accomodation is excellent, the servants very attentive, and the charges very moderate

F. A. Wilson & Wm Ryley, Inland Revenue
S.G. Ctrs.

Gweedore Hotel 7th December 1857.

For sheep-destruction, landlord rule, and comfort "rich and rare"
Gweedore is famed through Erin's isle, this note-book doth declare;
But tenant slaves are crouching here, beneath their tyrant's sway,
And grimly curse the hour their moors became the Scotchman's prey:
And though the traveller must confess, Lord George has striven well
To make his stay right pleasant here — at this his own Hotel —
Yet truth will urge the candid man to speak his feelings free
And cry against the power he wields against his tenantry: —
And justice every man should prompt his strong protest to place
On record, in this "traveller's book," against this wrong of race —
of race" it surely is, when Scotia's sons are brought
the land the Irish tilled — for which their fathers fought. —
"Shawn"

Postscript. —

Lest critics may blame me and ruffians defame me
For letting my feelings outpour;
I once more declare I've had excellent fare
While I stopped at this famous Gweedore! —

The servants are cleanly, and nothing is meanly,
But good things are furnished galore: —
Oh! bless the sweet lassie that gave me "my glassie"
Of right warm punch when I came to Gweedore!

Is "Shawn" Irish for Snob?

Shawn.

Dec 21st 1857. Lewis

It is needless to recapitulate the many excellent comforts the Gweedore Hotel has afforded us. Both as regards good attendance and excellent accommodation —

Richard Egan Wm
John Cornwell Coroner

I have much pleasure in bearing my most favorable testimony to the superior accommodation good order and prompt attendance I have experienced at this hotel

Kannas 21 1858

Wm Martin
Ramelton

1858

Gweedore [illegible] March 8th 1858.
James Gallagher a wandering Draper &c.

9th March

I have much pleasure in saying that this Hotel far surpasses any thing I could have expected to have met with in this part of the Country

Jm Monaghan

" Jm

"Everything good in its Kind — Many attentive obliging respectful and respectable.

Jas Williams

Dublin Evening Post

10 March 1858

Needless to repeat the oft inscribed tale of Traveller's testimony upon this page — of all that is provided here — to comfort and to cheer but who that has clambered up the steep sides of Angle (alias Errigal) enjoyed its magnificent prospects and thence appetite stimulated for the lower creature comforts has not smiled on attentive mary bearing in all that is needful to lay the grim ghost of Greedose starvation rising within you?

Subscribed — after personal experience

Henry Brown

College green Dublin

March 22nd 1858 —

"Shawn" on last page — is amusing — as to his outpourings of Tenant slaves — crouching humanity &c but for "facts" versus "poetry" — "the moors" becoming "a prey" when a very small "fraction" of vast wastes unemployed + useless — by his industrious + noble race — has alone been seized by hardy scotia's sons

H.B.

5th April 1858

[illegible]

6th April 1858

this is the second time at the hotell which i think is a Dealight Place in the Summer season when the blue bells is in blosom found Every thing Magnificent

William Williams

Mr. Billy Williams is decidedly a poetic, but at the same time an infernally ignorant man.

"A Schoolmaster"

I decidedly agree with the Schoolmaster

After a stay of nearly eight months at the Gweedore Hotel with my wife, we leave it with the greatest regret —
During the whole time we met with the utmost attention from the whole establishment, nothing could surpass the anxiety of Mr & Mr Cunningham to make us in every way comfortable & it was difficult to conceive that we were not staying in a private house, so well was everything conducted —
Of Mary it is needless to speak; her renown is almost National — We shall look forward to a future visit with the greatest satisfaction.

J. E. Dyer Capt.

8th April 1858.

Mary Ann

Well Done Buzz — !!!

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Observations on Paddy Hobarts eulogistic remarks in Page 16 of this Book

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Paddy wisely draws attention to the good Blood running in the veins of his horse — for the snuffling beast has none himself to boast of

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Paddy when alone at an hotel might suck his thumbs & feed at ease — but when thrown into the society of others particularly ladies — thought resembled that unique beast "a bear in a Tub.

JG

Signed — A Policeman.

Gweedore Hotel

In 1846. I visited this district with a large Party spending the day in admiring its Sublime Scenery, and afterward enjoying the Comforts provided for Travellers in a Wild desert by the indefatigable Exertions of a true Patriot, and sanguinely hoping that his humane exertions to meliorate the Condition of a people sunk in the lowest grade of Ignorance and Poverty, would before this time have raised them to the Rank in civilized life, which their intellect and natural talents, if fairly directed, could not under a merciful providence have failed to effect — alas, how have benevolent intentions, been counteracted! how has a fair promise been blighted! how have the Streams of Charity been poisoned! how has their best friend, who has spent his all to benefit this unhappy Tenantry, been held up for Execration, and for the Assassins Victim! may God protect him! may he not be discouraged, from continuing to go on in his good Work, hoping even beyond Hope, that this misled people may at last be brought to open their Eyes to see who are their true benefactors —

15 May 1858 John Irwin Barnhill

We have staged two nights at this hotel and found everything very clean and comfortable. Chas Hooks here arid master, impetuous as the [illegible]

"Sally" appears likely to prove a worthy successor to the famous Mary – the English language affords no higher praise – May the last –

Mr. Sweeney is still labouring under the delusion that the districts of Gweedore & Clonmanally are improving. The present generation is far in advance of the people who were youngsters 18 years ago when C.H.S. first came into the district: This day exhibited the natives in what might be called a false light as they were turned out in their "very best" to attend Chapel, And certainly have got themselves well and comfortably clothed

There are a few items which cannot however be fairly credited to the labours of the "Relief Committee" by "Flash Jewelry" in the shape of rings Brooches pins &c and Gloves & Silk handkerchiefs of all which a great quantity was this day displayed.

The circumstance may be accounted for by the presence of a number of itinerant Pedlars who are now trading in the Country – What do they get in Exchange for finery & Hair oil ?!!

Certainly not Money?

Hope as it ever was all right.

acc.t of you were behaving yourself ye wicked sparks as above

June 3 1858 is written by a low grained blackguard

Yes – by Gr-

day Black

Sweeney yer own

[illegible] "strongly resolved" [illegible]

JC

heart" a bear in a Pet.

Signed – A Policeman

Gweedore Hotel

10 June 1858.

When Man was first created, he was placed in the garden of Eden, already richly planted and decked with fruits & flowers; but soon falling from his primeval destiny, he was condemned to toil in the sweat of his brows, and was driven an outcast over the wide & desolate face of the earth. This contrast of Man's first estate, and of Nature's original form, cannot be more strongly marked than amidst the wild & sublime scenery, where stands the Hotel of Gweedore, and Erigle lifts his rugged height.

Here we may witness how the hand of industry can reclaim the barren waste, and the arts of civilization can improve the human mind. As the shades of night recede before the orb of Day, as the wreathing mist roll along the mountain's side, so beneath the efforts of human toil is the rugged heath turned into the smiling landscape, and ignorance & prejudice dissolve away beneath the rays of truth, and the message of the Gospel. When ideas have been more deeply impressed upon us, from reading the [illegible] written in a preceding page under the signature of Shamus

Not more fatal was the temptation of the Serpent into the unsuspecting ears of our first Parents than would be such maxims if now instilled into the struggling hearts of the poor people, of whose rights we here see so treacherous an advocate.

Under his counsels the blighted heart of man would still be hard as the stony rock, sterile as the arid waste, impetuous as the foaming torrent,

and rugged as the mountain chasm.

Rather let the Sons of Erin, to whom Shawn addresses his friendish appeal, hail as their best friend and most generous benefactor, the noble specimen whom they have found in the present Proprietor of these wild domains. Let us hope that the baneful influence, attempted to be diffused by such men as Shawn may soon be stiffled, and that Lord George Hill may witness ere long the complete triumph of his humanizing efforts in the lasting improvement, & permanent peace of his happy and contented tenantry under his fostering care.

Having given ~~a~~ vent to the above effusion which may be excused under these exciting scenes, few and plain words ~~[illegible]~~ will suffice to record our testimony to the general feeling of satisfaction experienced by every visitor to this well appointed Hotel, & truly noble establishment.

James Donelan Collector of Customs
Londonderry

Emma Donelan

remark on above

Mr Donelan deduces this Hotel from the Creation of the world — but I would suggest to that learned & able sampler of cards &c &c that a visitors book is a slightly queer spot for a moral essay — the good quality of the wines may account for it — I hope

Gweedore Hotel 11/6/58 —
A wellspring in the wilderness —
Belfast — Thomas Malcomson —

grocer &c

It is delightful to find such a comfortable home among the wilds of Donegall.
11/6 Month 1858. John Pim Sr.
Belfast

a walking man. Belfast is pim

The man who chose the site for this Hotel deserves a pension.
Belfast
6/11/1858 James Malcomson

The old Story.
11 6/58. Wakefield Pim

June 12. 1858
Everything seems, if possible, improving in the comfort & attention here
J W Irwin

June 12th 1858.

Everything that could be desired found at this Hotel —
Tudor Edwardes

[illegible] could get

Wm Anderson — Liverpool
Henry Graham — 70 p

Gweedore I visit thee with pleasure, leave thee with regret.

W E Talbot

Gweedore thou art an oasis in a desert — the accomodation is every thing that can be desired by the traveller with charges very moderate.

Patrick Padin
Inland Revenue

St. John's Eve 1858.

The Gweedore Hotel seems well situated for the sportsman & its cleanliness & Comfort must recommend it to all comers. The surrounding country is wild in the extreme & comparatively uncultivated, but a better days seems about to dawn, when the efforts of Lord G. A. Hill for the amelioration of his people shall have been rewarded. I was very much gratified to see by the appearance of the peasantry (as they stood around their St. John's fires this night, healthy & happy looking) that a great deal of what has been said about their destitution is untrue & mere twaddle. May they prosper & deserve it.

Sam. Craig
Strabane

I wish every success to the Gweedore Hotel. — Civility, punctuality, cleanliness and moderate charges are the recommendations to the house, while a wild rocky country, three good lakes, and splendid trout and salmon water tempt the angler to seek his fortune here. — Happy he who is here during a fresh in the river, which unfortunately is just now very low. — The people in the district around appear every where well to do, and in comfortable and prosperous circumstances, at least if we may judge by their outward appearance. The women especially are well and warmly clothed. If the evidence of an eyewitness will at all assist the cause of Lord Hill, I shall be most happy to tender my evidence to the Committee, and Dr. Brady now in London for this purpose has only to let me know if it would be desirable for me to attend. With every good wish for the prosperity of the Hotel.

William Richardson
21 June 1858 London

23rd June 1858.

Having passed through the north of Donegal the country seems to be well cultivated & people industrious till Gweedore is reached, when a market change seems to hover over the spirit of their land, but whether owing to the the Barreness of the soil, the sloth of the people or the languidness which the sea breezes often produces, remains to be discovered, but if facts are to be taken as evidence of the comfort of the people, here are a few. At present only one pauper is in the union at Dunfanaghe. £2200 of police & other taxes just collected a new & very extensive Roman Catholic Chapel being built

in place of one said to have been maliciously burnt. the clothing of the people being warm & comfortable their looks stout & happy & more than all the present evidence before the House of Commons. Why the people that subscribed their hard earned money to build a Splendid Chapel are & have been the greatest gulls I have heard of for a length of time only one hundred & fifty pounds of food & clothing having as yet been distributed out of thousands of pounds collected!!!!

Geo Walker otherwise "Hookey Walker"

a little more attention to Grammar George - from Zephyr R H of Belfast

Belfast.

Stayed five days at this Hotel — everything most comfortable — great civility & readiness to oblige — charges most reasonable —

Alfred Snell
Trinity College
Cambridge.

Mr. Thos. F. Goold accompanied Mr Snell and found everything most comfortable
June 26th

June 29th 1858.

Mr. John P. Prendergast, barrister, and son passed the evening and morning of 28 and 29th here; and found the food & lodging excellent. They were also much pleased with the attention and civility of every one about the Establishment

John P. Prendergast

June 30th 1858

The Dean of Clonfert and his son Rev. Henry L. Kennedy spent some days in this Hotel and were greatly pleased with the order, neatness and superior accommodation of the establishment as well as with the extreme civility and anxiety to please exhibited by the Attendant

July 3rd

Capt. & Mrs Cole Hamilton have much pleasure in stating that they have they have met with every civility & attention during their stay at the Hotel

Dr. & Mrs Ardagh of Rathmullen. Miss Cust of same place. Miss McDowell of Belfast, Revd. Andrew Cleland of Dundonald, Dr Johnston of Ramelton & Mr & Mrs Robert Cassidy of Belfast stayed a night & part of a day here & were very much pleased with the comfort of this "Traveller's Home in the wilderness." They find everything connected with the Hotel deserving of their warmest commendation and consider Lord George Hill to be a benefactor of his country and deserving of every praise for his noble efforts to civilize this remote and lovely district.

7 July 1858

15.7.58.

Dr. Likely &c. feel pleasure in bearing their testimony to the comforts attendance &c. of Gweedore Hotel.

16th July 1858

We have this day visited the Gweedore Hotel and have great pleasure in recording our high approbation of the manner in which its affairs are conducted, its general appearance, and that of the district as far as Bunbeg, strongly evinces the great desire of the Noble Proprietor, to advance the comforts of his tenantry, as well as those of the visitors to this far famed district,

David Bond Ramelton
Alex Mitchell Do
John A White
Catherine Mitchell

We cannot speak too highly of Gweedore and its comfortable Hotel

Francis A Mehan
John Mehan
26th July 1858 James Mehan
Margaret Mehan
Ellen Macnamara
Henry Blackburne
James Blackburne
Alex. H Steen
S Reigoneil

Belfast Derry

I have often visited this Hotel & distant but never with greater pleasure than on the present occasion. The Hotel keeps up its well known character for cleanliness, comfort & civility. The district seems much improved and I have looked, but looked in vain for the 800 families supposed to be living in this district on Seaweed & cockle

July 26, 1858. Thos Olpherts N. L. Vaughn
C. L. Derry

We have much ~~[illegible]~~ pleasure in again repeating our former Report of the excellent accomodation and civility experienced at this Hotel

July 26 1858. —
Suffolk — { J L Ewen —
Wm Colvile (5th visit)
F. Ewen

July 26th 1858.
Colonel Gambier. Royal Horse Artillery
Captain Westmacott. Royal Engineers
Captain Moody Do
Captain Wilmot Royal Navy.

an excellent dinner — good beds — and every attention and civility.

Having spent some days at this Hotel, I have much pleasure in stating that for cleanliness, comfort, civility, and attention I have found it in every respect answering the description generally entertained respecting it.

Henry Stigintotham,
Gweedore Hotel July 31st 1858.

C Barrow, Lancaster
A Comfortable Hotel
3/8/58

Frances LaTouche — Leitis
J. A. LaTouche Baltimore 4th Aug 58.
Stopped two nights at the Gweedore Hotel and found the accommodation in every respect excellent —
8th Augt 58 80 clock A.M.

"Ex uno disce omnes"
Bene Bis bene contentus sum
Dr Mitchell Strabane
Mgd

Dont you see it is a prescription.
Mr Mitchell ought not to write Latin here. It puzzles me unleaned folks, W.A.B. Scotia

Thos Craig 8th Augt 1854
We have sp

We have much pleasure in concurring with every favourable opinion expressed in this book, regarding the Gweedore Hotel.
Anna Murphy Seaview Cork
Catherine Coyne Bann Mitchell Strabane

Rev William Craig Mr Craig
Mr Gilmore & Mr Gregg } Londonderry
Spent the night and part of two days at the Gweedore Hotel & found the accommodation excellent in every way
August 11/1858.

17th August Lt Genl Lord Sandys.
Nothing can exceed the comfort & attention we have received in this very excellent Hotel
20th Augt 1858.
Hugh Simpson
Ant. John Cunyhe
F. H. Moore
Monkstown Co Dublin

B H Johnson Clk stopped for 3 days at this hotel & found it as comfortable clean & well appointed as any house he has stopped either on England or the Continent 12th Pelcor Hill Dublin

Gweedore 24th Augt. 1858

It is with very great satisfaction that I bear my testimony, in common with that recorded on every page of "the travellers book" to the way in which this Establishment is kept, so creditable to those concerned.
Having witnessed this day some of the fruits of Lord George Hills praiseworthy Exertions to better the condition of the inhabitants of the district of Gweedore I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of them. Springing as they do from the highest & purest motives, and with every one who loves his Country I pray he may be long spared, both through Evil report and good report, to go on and prosper
Espiritte to Phil: IV Chap: 3th V.

[illegible] Kitty
Scarvagh House
Co Down

Mr. Tomlinson of Liverpool 24/Aug/58

J. F. Sommerville, Bristol 25/Aug/58.—

We are both very much pleased with the Kindness & attention we met with at this Hotel

A Forster 28th Augt. /58
Fredk. Green.

Was das Feuer ist für's Eisen,
Das ist Widerspruch dem Weisen.

"Im engsten Zusammenhang mit den Dingen, ist ihr Gegentheil"
Vergleiche Seite 209 des ersten Buchs für Reisende, vom 14ten Juny 1850.
Vorwärts in alter Weise. R. E. Plattnauer

Gweedore Hotel am 2ten September 1858.

I have spent a day & Night at the Gweedore Hotel, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony as to its comfort, cleanliness and the Civility experienced here, Excellent fare and Moderate charges.

2 Sept. 1858

Wm. B. Gr[illegible]
Capt. R. Mr.
Plymouth

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John S. Collins, Dublin
T. Rothwell, Rockfield, Co Meath

We spent more than a fortnight here, and found everything most comfortable, and everybody most attentive. — If we were to suggest anything it would be two or three sponge baths, as an addition to the Hotel furniture. —

Sep. 6. 1858.

We have visited Gweedore this day — and Bunbeg, where we witnessed a large sale of Stockings to a gentleman from London, and have had a well-supplied, and attended lunch at the Hotel, and strongly recommend it which? The lunch or the hotel or the sale

W. F. Byng, Ards
H. H. McCausland Madras Horse Marine Artillery
Ballyconnell House.

Alex R Stewart — Cards House —
Wm Ellis Elphant Ballyconnell House

I came to this hotel tired and hungry I received every accommodation that could be desired Neatness. Taste, Order, Good cookery. Promptness of attendance. Extremely moderate charge. An omen ~~and I am assured~~ a likely ~~[illegible]~~ rapid perhaps ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ an electric one of our country's future greatness.

Charles Allen

If Mr Allen had learnt to write better and had given more attention to grammar he might perhaps have given the public a much higher opinion of the [illegible]

On this my fourth visit we have enjoyed every comfort possibly desirable in a hotel during a delightful but too short a stay of eight days.

Gweedore
17 Sepr 1858

W. H. Caulfield
Poplar, Middlesex

W. J. Caulfield

Thos H. Black, Melbourne

Sepr 17th 1858

It is 14 years since my first visit to the Hotel. This being my 12th ramble to this romantic and delightful place. There is that comfort in the Hotel that an Englishman enjoys

James Haines 40 & 41 Poultry
A Sojourn of 11 days. — London

Sept. 20th, 1858

We have been stopping at the Gweedore Hotel for the last five weeks and cannot leave it without expressing our satisfaction as to the way we have been entertained we have never stopped in a better Hotel. Clean Comfortable and Moderate) the waiting department under the direction of Sally cant be surpassed

Cosby S Leonard
T H Leonard
Clermont Co. Wicklow

Sept 20th 1858

Gweedore Hotel. Under the immediate superintendence of Mr & Mrs Cunningham, is in every way as comfortable, as the most fastidious could desire; A Hotel is not perfect if the attendance is faulty; As long as Sally remains waiteress, no complaint can be made on that score –

Francis B Leonard –
Clermont – Co Wicklow

Mrs & Miss Butler Stoney
Portland
Co Tipperary
Septr 22d 1858

Hotel good & known to obliging
John Lynch PP Ballymena
Mrs O'Hagan SC Dublin
Jas McNair Derry
Mrs S McNair Dublin

Mr Drewry (Burton upon Trent) and parts after 11 days residence in this Hotel have much pleasure in expressing their full appreciation of the home comforts and attention they have experienced during their stay – 27th September 1858 –

It affords me great pleasure in adding my testimony to what has been hitherto said in favour of this Hotel and the Scenery of the surrounding district –

This is my fourth visit to Gweedore and on each occasion I have experienced the greatest solicitude on the part of Mr and Mrs Cunningham in providing for my comforts during my stay –

5th November 1858 Saml Butler
Civil Staff R.E. Dept

This Hotel, is a second Paradise, for a Traveller, "to enter," – whom chance drives to this wild locality.
Octr 18th 1858 P. Dooly Mlr Rev

I have found this a comfortable Hotel
Alex Black
Octr 25/58 Londonderry

Octr 26 – 1858

Four years since my first visit – I have much pleasure in bearing testimony as to the comforts cleanliness and the civility of all all concerned

Gweedore Hotel
Thos Montague
from Glasgow

Sept. 20th 1858

Gweedore Hotel. Under the immediate superintendence of Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham, is in every way as comfortable as the most fastidious could desire; A Hotel is not perfect if the attendance is faulty; As long as Sally remains waiteress, no complaint can be made on that score –

Francis B Leonard –
Clermont – Co Wicklow

As a pilgrim to Gweedore, may I say a few words – For the Hotel, its fare is unexceptionable, its plates of the hottest, its cookery the nicest, its attendants the civillest, and above all everything of the cleanliest – For the neighboring country, its hills are the highest, its inhabitants the lowest, its moors the barest, its roads the crookedest, its scenery the grandest, its sheep the lankiest, and its kine the leanest, I have as yet encountered in Ireland –

5th Novr. 58 – T. P. White
Royal Engineers

It affords me great pleasure in adding my testimony to what has been hitherto said in favour of this Hotel and the Scenery of the surrounding district. –

This is my fourth visit to Gweedore and on each occasion I have experienced the greatest solicitude on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham in providing for my comforts during my stay –

5th November 1858 Saml. Butler
Civil Staff R. E. Dept.

Being unexpectedly called to visit this very romantic spot in "Ould Ireland" I have much pleasure in adding my testimony (to the many here recorded) in praise of the comforts and accomodation of the "Gweedore Hotel" may every success attend the enterprising proprietor

17th Novr. 1858 Davidson. J. R.

1858 Novr. 23rd. I visited Gweedore Hotel and have much pleasure in recording my having experienced the deserved fame of this well conducted establishment for superior accommodation, civility, and moderate charges.

James Davidson
Londonderry

Could anyone who knew Jeanny Davidson ever suspect him of writing the above? No: No: I could not

Gweedore Hotel

I have much pleasure in adding this to the many other testimonials of the character of this Hotel I have been here for eight days and I must say that I have never [illegible] more comfort and attention in any house of the kind. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham and "Sally."

Crosbie M Harvey

Having spent a day and night at this Hotel I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to its excellence J. Barnes

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H B Macartney, born in Cork. [illegible] in Australia being educated in Trinity College. Dublin, & recruiting in Donegal, passed two most comfortable night in the Gweedore Hotel. Dec 22. 1858.

We beg to offer our sincere thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for their kind attention to us during a stay at this Hotel of several days.

John R & F M. Bingham

Myra Rectory. Decr 22. 1858

I have much pleasure in being able to stop a day in this wild part of Donegal and must say that I have found every comfort at this Hotel

25th Decbr 1858 David Craig

J. Dunn

Having stopped at the Gweedore Hotel I found much pleasure with the accommodation and attention I received.

February 11th 1859. [illegible] J. Rynne J.R.

I am much pleased, as I have been on former occasions, with the Gweedore Hotel.

Thomas Kirkpatrick M.D.

25th February, 1859

I have [illegible] much pleasure in bearing my testimony to the comfort of the arrangements in this Hotel

Percy Dancer - Ok

9th April 1859

I am happy to say that I have got safe too the Hotel where my thing is so very comfortable, I had a my pleasant Runner with Studing sails below and a loft with the Main Tack on Board, I have moored in the Inner harbor with Tory light from the Port Boow bearing mostly East one half East distance 15 meters the first took my notice was a pretty gurrl attending kindaly too the Kettle hagbords, in about 40 minutes I all snug with Sails Stowed

Braced up Bit Stopers all fast, had I a Reef or two Mor my my Spanker with fore and Main Stay sails Sect I would give you a better idea of my voyage

Jack Tar

April 14th 1859

We Commiss of the Ballast Board of Dublin being upon an Inspection of the Coast of Ireland and on our way to visit Aranmore Isl. had occasion to stop at the Gweedore Hotel and we most fully concur in the commendations so often bestowed on that Establishment having experienced every comfort & convenience during our Stay of two days at the Hotel

We could not but rejoice to see the evident improvement in the cleanly appearance and condition of the people since our last visit and we had the gratification in meeting & making the acquaintance of Mr Dillon the Resident Magistrate Magistrate under whose firm, just and impartial administration of the law we have the strongest grounds for believing that quietness order and good feeling will in future be [illegible] restablished

P. Dombrain Chairman
James Power Bart
Robert Caldwell
Giorgio Coe

Dombrain - Did you visit Dunzeny? where you made so much - Potteen - when Officer of Coast Guards in charge of a Revenue Cutter —

Hampson
Hardy

I have had much satisfaction in experiencing the comfort and order of the Gweedore Hotel and in observing the improvement effected in the neighbouring district.

George Halpin C.E.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

May 1859.

I fully agree with the above
W. Coe

May 1859

Spent two nights in this hotel & found it all that could be desired

T. H. Russell Lancaster
W. K. Dover, Keswick Cumberland

June 1st 1859 Saml Ashworth Finnemore Co Wicklow

St Patrick was a gentleman says the Old song — Lord Hill is another — says "Square toes"

Square toes your a cod

J. E. Pinser - Corbetstown Co Westmeath
E. Pinser, Dublin - June 3rd & 4th 1859

Having spent a night at Gweedore we feel it incumbent upon us to express our satisfaction with every thing in the Establishment, & only regret that time will not permit us to enjoy the quiet comfort which it affords for a longer period.

W & C. Marshall
Belfast

6 June 1859

Much as I had heard respecting Gweedore and Dunbeg, what I have seen far surpasses it, and I regret not having an opportunity of enjoying the Comforts of the Hotel a few days longer —

Thomas Jackson
Carthage House
Caldaly.

June 8th 1859 —

A cheerful man & no mistake

I fully concur with the above and regret that I cannot enjoy the Hospitality of the House for some days longer

Gaul Scott
Derry 8/6/59

It gives me great pleasure to state that I have spent a very pleasant time at Gweedore Hotel which is most comfortable +

+ Jeffery Whitehead
Muswell Hill
London

13 June 1859

+ Jeffery forgot a shirt collar

I most comfortable & Cleanly Hotel I am bound to express my warm thanks to Mr. Cunningham for the great attention & civility I have experienced from him — But I wont like the weather. Fredk J Sidney
Herbert Dublin

13 June 1859

Martin Morris Belfast
July 1st W Ch Lecky Trin Coll Dublin
One of the best hotels I know in Ireland

I have staid a week at the Gweedore Hotel. I found it unexcellent in every respect — unbought I to omit to mention the attention of the attendants
Sarah McCrich
Windsor. N.2

July 9th/59

I have remained two nights at this Hotel and found the cleanliness attention and comfort all that could be desired

Wm Orme
17 Merrion Sq. South
Dublin

Gweedore Hotel 16 July 1859

I have spent four nights at this Hotel & with pleasure record my entire satisfaction & approbation in every respect

Geo Berry
Portobello near Edinburgh

N.2 — Does not know how to spell — Twig the third word of the first line —

S Crutator

We spent a night at Gweedore Hotel & were much pleased with the attendance & accomodation Ipstinson — Holywood Mr Belfast
W. Atkinson Mullertown House. Kilkell

Gweedore 7th July 1859

20 July 1859

Maurice Maude
+ Col: C. A: Maude D.S.G.

+ (Why damn it man you'r only a Lieutenant Colonel —
I have read much nonsense from travellers in this book & little sense — many fancies & few facts — I would therefore briefly remark as briefly as possible — 1st that I have seldom visited a more delightful district than that of Gweedore & its adjacent party — 2nd for the two great classes of travellers, Eaters & Thinkers, I have seldom met any place more satisfactory & likely to please — as the latter are sure to carry away lifelong memories while calculated to awaken reflection & supply mental aliment & the former will no where so full satisfaction & delight as in the Gweedore Hotel — its suppliers of food are of the first class & amply supplied with not a particle of stinginess or the usual Hotel stinginess — its rooms are comfortable — its attendance must

deserving of marked notice by reasons of its instantaneous & satisfying punctuality — while a cleanness, neatness & order marks the entire establishment while Cosmopolitan travellers will seldom have found elsewhere — Last, not least, I notice that the Proprietor of the Gweedore Hotel is not ashamed to acknowledge the "Worship God" — the lettiers or thinking dwellers being sure to find in its sitting rooms & Bed rooms many a copy of the Holy Bible —

Robert Peel Wadsworth —

The Above was written by a fellow traveller and Companion — in addition ~~to the above~~ I would say that this Hotel should have ~~Special~~ Advertisement in the Summer Season, from its position being, I think, specially adopted to those seeking a renewal of health —

Thomas D. Finucane
~~[illegible]~~ L.A. L.S.A.

Spent a very pleasant evening and retired to rest at 3 P.M. perfectly satisfied with ourselves and everybody else

Wm J. Kincaid
Ballyholy
Geo E Campbell 9 Sim Coll Dub

P.S. The Ballyholy Secret fully ~~[illegible]~~ discovered —
Kindade or ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~
23rd July 1859
~~[illegible]~~

Oh Sally Sally your'e my darling
You give good grog both night & morning
I would rather have you without a farthing
Than Lusy Gallagher and her Cabbage garden

(God Save the Queen)

a crack hand at mutre

Notice

Sir John Webb said a word to Swallow
Notice in the 19th Earls Room was received -
He begs to make the remark -
The Ladies wrote in the letter did not
Sleep in the Room with the Gentlemen
Nor the Gentlemen with the Ladies
Nor Ladies with Ladies
Nor Gentlemen with Gentlemen
Nor Ladies with Gentlemen
Nor Gentlemen with

Then farewell to Lord George & his Chamber Maid Sally
(Being all very sorry we no longer could ~~tarry~~ dally)
We left the Hotel our hearts were so sad —
We heartily wished for a horse and a pad
The miles were so long and we were so tired
If the "Tin" had been plenty we'd a post car have hired
But ere long we intend to visit once more
The Gweedore Hotel and Isle "Innismore"

P. S.

We hope that next summer
We'll be able to tell,
That the sheep are not killed; (maliciously)
And the Natives live well,
And that neither England Scotland nor Wales
Of our misguided countrymen can tell such tales
Then good luck to "Ould Ireland" and long may she be
First flower of the Ocean first gem of the sea
The prayers of us four she always will have
For every one knows she's the land of the brave.

Gweedore Hotel 25th July 1859

B R Chambers.
Bengal Army.
W R Humfrey J P
Alex B Barker
Bednaxela Yeemoztnom Bialenis
H P

Revisited 5th Septr 99 B R Chambers

* true for false —

Tuesday 26 July 1859.
Gweedore in Roman Catholic darkness lay; —
— Uprose George Hill, & dawned a brighter day.
A. J. G.

July 27th 1859.
Well Pleased with every thing
and every one.
Butler M Given.
Frank S Gulston
George A S Gulston.
Alan James Gulston.

August 1st 1859
A passing call made today
by
Chas H Swiney
Jane Swiney
Dan X his Swiney
Dan Mr Swine
also
Swiney

Agent to
Myrtle Hill —

[illegible] the wild country of this
part of Ireland it brushes up
one like a Casino in the
Desert John Smith
of Uxbridge Middx
August 10th 1859

'Midst scenes of river, lake, and fell
Man's hand has built Guidon Hotel,
And changed what was a howling waste
Into a monument of taste.

The writer hopes that gentle peace
Will, with returning sense, release
This district from the odious brand
Placed on it by a ~~[illegible]~~ landlord* band.
Oh! Crikey, isn't this grand!

Meantime, while wayfarers confess
That man has made this wilderness
A little Eden; all who stay,
Even for a night, should always pray

That when life's toil and cares are o'er
They may enjoy for evermore
In heaven those pure, ecstatic joys
Untainted by this world's alloys.

Samuel Martin, who has a great swallow.
Clk. Milford

[illegible] devilish hand some fellow - his best feature being the NOSE - God forgive me for belying him

2nd August 1859

[illegible] Bengal Army

[illegible] Septr 99
[illegible] Chambers

W. R. Humfrey J.P.
Alex B. Barker
Bednaxela Gu mag tuom Bialonis
H. P.

*true for false -

Being out at Bunbeg on duty we arrived at the Hotel at four oclock where we lunched, Punched and took our departure at five, highly pleased and gratified with the good entertainment we received and especially with the kind attention of the attendant Sally

7th August 1859

Mr. Thompson is not an M. D. being merely a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons a very different thing - WE presume he was merely trying the effect of it - before taking his degree =

A Beaufoy Thompson M.D.
Newproads
W. W. Gibson. Edinburgh

Gweedore I must say exceeds any thing I expected among the wild Hills of Donegal & I can truly say the treatment I have received has been firstrate

Wm Heatley
Alnwick
Northumberland

Augst 9th 1859.

J. P. White as comfortable as usual - 10 Augst 1859

On this my first visit to Ireland I have been particularly pleased with the excellent arrangement of everything in & about this [illegible] (especially the beer, first [illegible] after travelling many miles [illegible] the wild country of this part of Ireland it bursts upon one like an Oasis in the desert

John Smith
of Uxbridge Middx
August 10th 1859

Sir C. Nightingale
Passed three days at this Hotel
found everything most comfortable +
Augt 15th 1859.

+ with the exception of a Curry Comb & Brush for my Beard.

R. Braine, A. B. Bannatyne and John Farie, from Scotland, stayed a night at the Greedore Hôtel, and have much pleasure in recording their satisfaction with all the arrangements - It is one of the clearest and most comfortable Hôtels they have met with as yet in Ireland —
Friday, August 19th 1859.

Having had occasion to remain at this Hotel for a week, we feel much pleasure in stating that nothing could exceed the attention we have experienced - Great first rate - lush excellent - especially the beer.

Edw. P. Coffey
J. T. Murphy

22d August 1859.

Greedore Hotel
Augt 27th/59

We have spent the last 9 days at this hotel during which time we have received the greatest comfort & attention from both Mr & Mrs Cunningham. & the attendance of "Sally" cannot be surpassed. We strongly recommend any travellers (or excursionists) in Donegal to put up here for a whole if it is only for the fresh rate fishing & Bother Beer.

A. T. Hewell 11th Regt
John Henry Leonard H. S.
+ James Maingay ~~H. E. I. C. S. Thomas~~ Capt
+ Inspector of Weights & Measures Co Wicklow
see Thoms Almanack

Remained here several days, well satisfied with the fare, & the careful & attentive attendance

C. Graham.
5/9/59

John Stainton
Thos Stainton } Septr 7th 1859

The undersigned have been at the Gweedore Hotel for more than 3 Weeks. They have much pleasure in recording their testimony to the manner in which the Hotel is conducted by Mr. Cunningham, and the civility and attention shewn them by all the domestics of the Estab.t especially by Sally and Fanny —

They leave Gweedore with great regret and hope to revisit the place next Year —

Charles Hawker
Adolphus Hawker
Charles Hope.

19th Sept 1859.

Appearance of Mess.rs Hawkers & Hope on their first coming to Gweedore —

Appearance of Mess.rs Hawkers & Hope on their leaving Gweedore —

+ With all respect to Hawker & Hope I beg to offer a substitute for the word undersigned, & say the gentlemen illuminated beneath

Sept.r 25. 1859. We have spent two nights here very happily & comfortably. Yesterday we went to Dunlewy Lake, ascended Aright; & on our return visited Bunbeg.

John Hutchinson Bury
Arthur Hutchinson Radcliffe

The Gweedore Hotel is as all before me have found it clean & comfortable may Mr & Mrs Cunningham and the invaluable Sally long live to keep it so —

C G Hill
Oct.r 1st 1859 Henbury Bristol

Oct.r 11th 1859. Robert Truell, Capt. Wicklow, Rifle
J. Gaspard Le M. Carey, M.A. Harvey, Essex

The Traveller forlorn and weary
And tired of viewing Mountains dreary
Finds at Gweedore in his distress,
An Oasis in the wilderness:
Where he can every Comfort find,
And meet a Host and Hostess kind
Who strive the wishes to fulfill
Of Noble hearted Lord George Hill

Robert Young
"The Fermanagh True Blue"
Gweedore October 18 - 1859 Adamned bad hue

See Page 67 for Recapitulation of comforts ..... & I may add, never eat I such an unreasonably reasonable tea. chops, eggs & bacon, ad infin. for the sum of one shilling - I wish the Hotel joy of any profits accruing from

Do Do J. P. White
Saml Baker R. Engr. 11 Nov./59
11/11/59 Londonderry

N.B. When the scenery is so lavishly sublime & the human comforts so superabundant, why, cannot a decent quill pen be kept for travellers -
J.P.W.

Two Persons, one from the County of Antrim, the other from the County of Down, the former a proprietor of affluent Means, the other engaged for a long life time in Manufacturing, and Agricultural pursuits, have visited Lord Geo Hills Gweedore Estate and partaken of the comforts and good arrangement of the Gweedore Hotel, which would be in their estimation further promoted by the use of fine spring Water, and in wet weather the addition of a Billiard Table would be a considerable advantage to many visitors - They have been much gratified to be eye witnesses to the first efforts of L. G. Hill

to establish a New Colony in a district, where to this day, evident marks remain of its having been a desolate wilderness. The substantial Buildings which every where meet the eye, Churches, schools, Stores, Mills, and shops, will be lasting proofs of the desire of the proprietor to do his part to direct the exertions of the people into a useful Channel by which their own exertions may contribute to increase their comforts, and promote their prosperity -

Great difficulties must present themselves in the commencement of improvements in a new district, and here the outlay for draining, fencing, and planting, the Oak on rockey, and fir on bog ground, must be the work of the Proprietor, if he aims at quick improvement and the establishment of larger farms, which ultimately must tend to the interest of both Tenant, and Proprietor, and prevent the perpetuation of a pauper Tenantry, and in time of distress, or famine, prevent in a great degree misery and desolation.

A large tract of ground sums capable of improvement for the produce of Barley, Oats, flax, and Potatoes, and most green Crops. - Gweedore: Saturday 17 November 1859.

An Exceedingly Clean Comfortable & well Managed Hotel I do not know any in Ireland to excel it Everything done well
12th March 1860 BS

Having had the privilege of Stopping at this Hotel for abt. 10 Years occasionally Still find every attention & Civility on the increase

Belfast 16th April 1860 M. Taggart
Commercial Traveller

Annie & C Taggart

May 3, 1860. — An exceedingly clean and comfortable hotel in an exceedingly unclean and uncomfortable district — Mr. Laughlin,
Editor, "Derry Journal.

"

I am exceedingly well pleased with this Hotel. The Host kind & attentive and "Lally" all smiles & good natured by guardian & good Irish girls —

J. W. McDermott

May 13th 1860

Every Comfort Convenience and attention to be expected at an Hotel is furnished here, with plenty of the genuine beverage from the native Sheaf"

Wm. Martin

May 25th 1860

Passed a very pleasant day here

Wm. Butler Stoney
Pres. Portland Co. Ry

9th July 1860

The Gweedore is an excellent Hotel. If Lord George Hill, would open the river and permit the Salmon and Sea trout, to get into the lakes in quantity, the Accommodation at this Hotel, would not be sufficient for the losses of the gentle art, who would frequent this district in the fishing season, a hint to his Lordship on this subject might induce him not to renew the fishing lease drafting with covenants to attain this object —

The old Adage of "Where there's a will there's a way" is exemplified in the management of the Gweedore Hotel, tho' situated in the wildest & most remote part of Ireland, every comfort awaits the weary traveller, & every attention is shown to the wants of the most fastidious sojourner — I wish all connected with the Hotel Health, Happiness & Prosperity

J. P. Baker
Capt. H. P. Roy Engineers

13th July 1860

Mr. & Mrs. Porter having driven through the wilds of Genties & Ropes were agreeably surprised to find such comfortable quarters for "man & horse" at the Gweedore Hotel. Every attention is paid by Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham who manage the establishment which is an example for cleanliness & comfort

14th July 1860

Having had the privilege of Stopping at this Hotel for abt. 10 Years occasionally Still find every attention & Civility on the increase

Belfast - 16th April 1860 M. Taggart
Commercial Travell

Annie & C Taggart

May 3, 1860. — An exceedingly

After spending two days here I feel that the Hotel is well and Comfortably managed, and such as to make any reasonable person Satisfied —

Gweedore July 14/60 R Harding

We have spent part of three days at the Gweedore Hotel & have only to say that we can add our testimony to most if not all that is written in this volume in favor of this house & its inmates —

Edw Bannister
Selina Brerington } Co Wicklow

July 16 - 1860 Thos Hyrolite Co Armagh

After a stay of three nights I leave highly pleased with this Hotel, its management, the civility of the Servants & the moderation of the Charges — It just requires a public Coffee room to make this the perfection of a Tourists Hotel

Jno Wilson
Londonderry

17 July 1860

The Gweedore is an excellent Hotel. If Lord George Hill, would open the river and permit the Salmon and Sea trout, to get into the lakes in quantity, the accommodation at this Hotel, would not be sufficient for the losses of the gentle art, who would frequent this district in the fishing season, a hint to his Lordship on this subject might induce him not to renew the fishing lease & rather with covenants to attain this object —

20th July 1860. Gilbert Mullyan
Parkmount

Having dined at the Gweedore Hotel I can bear testimony to the excellency of the fare the kindness of the Proprietor and the attention of Sally

22 July 1860 Tom Gray

The undersigned has great pleasure in endorsing all the commendations contained in this book — At the same time he regrets that the distance makes it so inaccessible to those who like himself live on the other side of the Channel

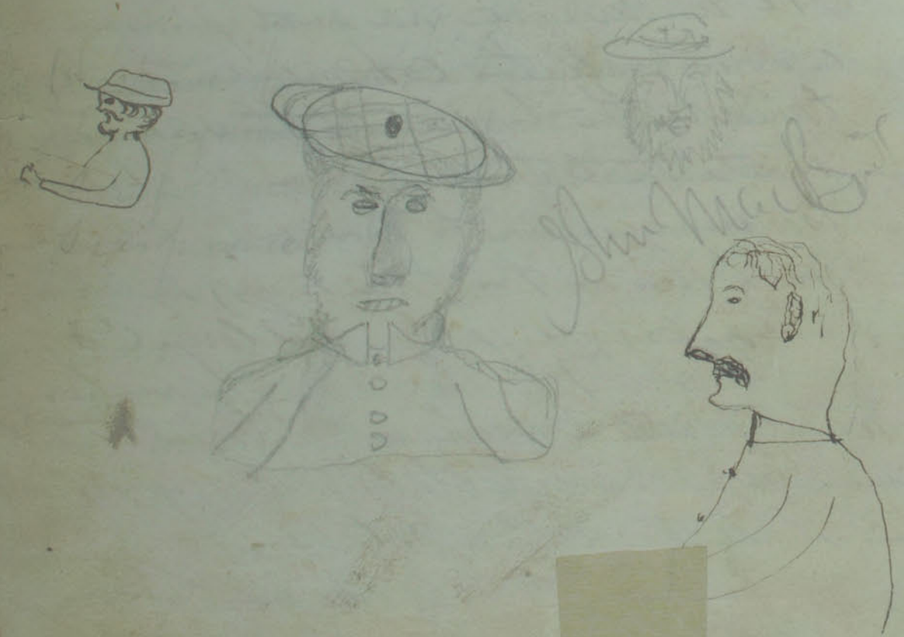
22nd July 1860 Geo. Corner
Liverpool

We have passed a week in this Gweedore Hotel and have pleasure in stating that never were we made more Comfortable —

Liverpool { William Bower
James H. Macrae
H. A. Bower.

A SNOB AND A DUFFER

~~[illegible]~~ — by
one English Chap



The cleanest, most comfortable, and best kept hotel in Donegal.

Very Negative praise

John T. Boyle
Schuylkill County
Pennsylvania
U.S.

July 30th 1860

We have stayed a fortnight at the Gweedore Hotel and have been very much gratified by the civility and attention of landlord servants i.e. Lally and boatmen (especially Paddy Call who is a Brick): this is my first and the Governors eleventh visit to Gweedore.

U. J. Signed
R. R. Jenkins
a Cheltonian & C.O.D

I have lunched here and everything has been good the servant being pretty and obliging.

James H. Dick
Royal Navy

Gweedore Hotel. A benevolent designe successfully carried out "An Oasis" in a Wilderness a rest for the weary Traveler which by the kind attentions and good fare sends him on his way rejoicing.

Wm Richmond

Sermon Vale Ramellow
8 Aug 1860

Spent a very jolly week here fishing in August 1860

D. Fitz Gerald -

Tom Fitz Gerald

L. McFitz Gerald

We have spent two days here, and were it possible to add to the many high expressions of satisfaction recorded in the preceding pages we would gladly do so, but we cannot "paint the lily". We endorse every thing said in favor of the Hotel & its noble proprietor & the assistant has so successfully [illegible]

Wm Penning

14 Aug 1860 J. Joe L. Penning

~~[illegible]~~ our Rooms are 4 and 5. We thought better to take a note of it for fear of getting screwed

Wm Richmond W. I. R.

April 27th 61

Gweedore Hotel.

August 14th 1860

A fastidious angler must be he who, like myself, has fished, and fed &c at this most comfortable Hotel, without complete satisfaction.

A word to the Stranger.

Say, do you want a handy man?
Be sure you take O Donnell Dan;
He'll guide you well up Ergal's steep
Or show you where the bright fins sweep.

Clericus, Author of the Troubles & Recollections of a Fly-fisher

Presbyter Anglicanus cuilibet huic erraeti S. P. D.
Commorabar hic biduum:
Iuverant me herus, here, ancilla, tota domus.
Quid plura?
Datum ex Hospitio vulgo dicto Gweedore.
13 Kal. Sept. A. G. 1860

our party visited the Hotel and although crowded found all the arrangements perfect and every thing neat clean and comfortable the charges very moderate and the attendance excellent

15th August 1860 — A brace of price-men { Robert Wilson Strabane, David McConaghy

~~15th Aug 1860~~

A. S. Hart FTCD and family found this hotel remarkably comfortable. 16th August 1860

The Archdeacon of Raphoe, Mr J. W. Field, Philadelphia U.S., Miss. C. Wynne & Miss E Goold. remained here for one night & have every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation & civility they received at the Ewadore Hotel. — August 16th 1860

We have only to repeat the above observations with regard to this Hotel, but in addition have to state our extreme satisfaction at the attention civility and [illegible] of little Sally

a note of [illegible] Polyphonic Anything & revealed

[illegible] and W. J. R. [illegible] Porter.

Every thing original having been previously exhausted, I will content myself by adding that this is a fine Hotel & fore Heaven the Drinks is more excellent than the other

George Magee

Belfast 18 Aug 1860.

Clear potatoes

Gwedore Hotel

The above gentleman being my "companion du voyage" I can corroborate all he says, especially the latter part of his brief remarks

William Gribben

Saturday night 18 Aug 1860 Belfast

Dr. Disney Winchester

Lord Ribblesdale

Rev Wm Warburton Aug 13-20

In the establishment, sustainment, and encouragement of this most excellent and comfortable hotel, the noble Proprietor has exhibited a solicitude for the comfort and a desire for the good report of strangers, which I, as one of those thus favoured, can but wish, in the interests of humanity, were exhibited towards the wretched inhabitants of the district through which I have passed travelling hither from Dunfanaghy. It needed the sight of this cheerful little hotel to banish in some measure the harrowing gloom of mind brought on by a sight of the homes of the miserable & unfortunate people, doomed to a life which, having visited the slave district of America, any tourist must pronounce a thousand degrees below the social condition of the Negro race. Offering my testimony to all that has been conferred on strangers like myself in establishing this hotel for our convenience, I invite my fellow visitors to put in with me an appeal for an extension of this encouragement comfort security, cleanliness & prosperity amongst the hovels of the population.

Bravo!

Alexander M. Sullivan
6 Lower Abbey
Dublin

24th Aug 1860

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the numerous expressions of approval contained in this Book. Nothing could exceed the attention of Mr Cunningham. & the civility of the servants of the Establishment. And I much regret that I cannot longer remain to enjoy the comforts of the Hotel. & the delightful scenery of this neighbourhood. —

W. Foott Ennis Killen

Good ruiff or sneesheen

Gweedore Hotel
28th Aug. 1860

Being in company with the above gentleman I have very great pleasure in countersigning his expressions of admiration of every thing connected with the Gweedore Hotel and of the surrounding scenery. . . .

Edward Westerman
Elton, Bury, Lancashire

Tim. S. Powell
Henbury near Bristol

August 31st 1860

We have remained at the Gweedore Hotel for our week which we pronounced "the best at all"

Gilbert Mulligan
Hugh Watson

Sept.r 11th 1860

A most comfortable clean and moderate Hotel — I wish that Irish Hotels generally resembled it.

R. C. Rotmans Clk
Charles Rolfe Clerk
Wm Rolfe

I spent a day at Gweedore Hotel and think it a very well regulated Hotel. I had a very good dinner to which I did Justice — as I think the air of Gweedore is calculated to give one an appetite. the attendance was first rate

Lord Tallowfat M.P.

As a friend of Lord Tallowfat I quite agree with the above statement

Charles Stoney
County Tipp.

I can corroborate the above statement everything is got up in the first style and [illegible] with the exception [illegible] Department which is [illegible] [illegible] much

[illegible]

I dined at Gweedore today. Capital dinner — the best still rubarb champagne I ever tasted. — made by the hostess herself — and mistaken by one of the greatest connoisseurs for pale sherry

Charles Cocktails Esq

I visited the Gweedore Hotel in company with a party of friends, all of whom were much pleased with the attention paid to them

William his mark Anderson
witness Myrn.
Wm Olphert

Mr & Mrs Smyth — Artagavan & Mr Mease — Kingstown — ~~[illegible]~~ have great pleasure in acknowledging the comfort, & clean lines & excellent accomodation which they or their party have found at the Guidore Hotel & the civility and attention which they have received from the Servants at present in the establishment

13 Sept.r 1860

David Smyth — Mr C. Smyth
Elizabeth Smyth — Annie Smyth
Robert Mease — Bessie Smyth

Septr 14th 1860

Mr & Mrs Dickson. Gilford Co Down
D Haughton do do
Brandon Mozley Liverpool
Thos G Blain do &c

The accommodation of this Hotel here has been most comfortable and satisfactory.

17 Sept. 1860.

We the undersigned lunched at Gweedore & found everything supplied of first rate quality & the charges exceedingly moderate if it was only better known to English tourists plenty would visit the grand scenery

A. Loftus
H. J. Barstow

18 Sep 1860

Nothing can exceed the Cleanliness & comfort I experienced at the Gweedore Hotel

It is hard I'll not did not go to school as there is a brilliancy in his style of composition

John Flint Esq Dublin

Sept. 20th 1860

I have been 3 days at Gweedore Hotel - & found the accomodation unusually good - & can speak with much pleasure of ye Civility & Attention of Mine Host & all His Servants - The Neatness & cleanly comfort of Every thing in this well conducted Establishment contrasts most favorably with what is met with in other parts of the Country - As regards the Scenery in ye neighbouring Mountains, My Expectations were raised very high, & were fully & most agreably Realized

The Object of Chief Interest is The Shop at The Gweedore, with ye annexed Store Houses - & all the Regulations under wh it is conducted. -

This was ye annual Show Day - & I witnessed with unfeigned pleasure ye Solid advantages secured to the Population by the Philanthropic Energy of Lord George Hill - We cannot sufficiently admire the Plans He has carried out for ye Amelioration of His Fellow Creatures - altho' thwarted by ye most ferocious & unscrupulous opposition from Those who ought to have been actuated by Nobler Christian Feelings - And seeing the Essential Benefits, wh are Effected for the Poor Natives, We will trust it may please God to continue to bless the great Work, wh Lord George has been the happy instrument of bringing to its present advanced State

Henry Bourchier Wrey
from near Barnstaple
Devonshire

Thursday
20th Sept 1860

September 21st 1860.

We remained two days at this hotel in company with kind friends - Dr & Mrs Atkins - and found every thing connected with it most satisfactory & fully deserving of the praise recorded by others in this book.

A. B. Walsh John E Walsh.

A. M. Walsh.

— Baring the Parrot — May his shadow be less when I come again

Sep 26 1860

This being my first visit to Gweedore I was very much pleased with ~~my~~ ~~[illegible]~~ with the attention they paid at this Hotel.

Alfred Hawes
40 & 41 Poultry
London

Sep. 26. 1860

This my 14th Visit to Gweedore Hotel since 1844 - James Hawes
40-41 Poultry London

Oct 1st 1860.

Commodore Yelverton C B Contr Gl Coast Guard
C P Onslow Esq Admiralty. Capt Boyd RN HMS
Ajax —

We have fully Experienced that the Gweedore Hotel retains its well deserved reputation ~~character~~ for cleanliness, attendance quietude - Bed, Board, Cooking & Stabling of first Class Character

October 3 1860

This being my first visit to Gweedore Hotel was very much pleased with the attention paid to Mr James McConnell

17th October /60

On this, my fourth visit to Gweedore Hotel, I have found (as on former occasions) every thing in that neat and perfect order which reflects so much credit on the management of Mr and Mrs Cunningham.

Thomas Kirkpatrick, M.D.

The accommodation, attention & comfort in this Hotel, so far distant from the general advantages to be had elsewhere, are very considerable.

October 17th 1860 [illegible]

My Brother Charles & I have been at this Hotel for the last four days & found every thing very comfortable & orderly. not forgetting Sally's good attendance

Oct. 20 1860

Daniel Brennan

Bravo! Sam, Sally is the girl

I consider the accomodation, comfort and attention of the Gweedore Hotel much superior to any other in the North Wt of Torry

Denis his X Knox son of James
17th Oct 1860
Mark
J.V.T.

We have visited this Hotel and as usual the Courtesy and accommodations could not be surpassed in any Hotel in the Wilds of Donegal — which is very desirable in this bleak [illegible] Mountain

James Coherty Baker

Gweedore Hotel
22 Oct 1860

[illegible]

1st Nov 1860

Landrecourt

Upper Chara
Quietude
Stabling,

[illegible]

— After an absence of many years — I gladly find myself again in the Gweedore Hotel: I rejoice to observe — that it, & the district, still displays evidences of the same paternal hand at the helm; and while — with all who have had the privilege, & the pleasure, of watching the establishment from its infancy & visiting it occasionally — I miss & deeply lament the loss of, one, whose energy — ability & determined zeal, overcame obstacles, which under other agency would have proved insurmountable, — I am yet glad the Noble Proprietor has been able to supply the place of the fallen so efficiently; and that he himself has magnanimously persevered, through evil report, & good report, & not become weary in well-doing.

The State of the house & place is as creditable as ever to Mr & Mrs Cunningham.

— Val: Pole. Griffith.

Feby 22. 1861.

We have spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel, and found it all that could be desired

Charles Harold Kentish Town London

6th April 1861

Walter Coath, Addington Square London

I have visited the Gweedore Hotel several times & found the Bitter Beer always in order & very suitable for a refreshing in the morning after a quantity of Lord G Hill's Pottheen whiskey, & every other accommodation as it ought to be.

Henry E. Peoples

13 April 1861 pp. John Stoney

In every respect worthy of sincere praise

Edward Greer Omagh 25 April 1861

I think ditto

A. Hardy

I have reason to believe that the foregoing testimonies are truthful in every particular

W. Lee Knight

April 25. 61

April 17th 1861

Having visited the Gweedore Hotel for the first time I have found it all that could be desired & every way worthy of the Noble Proprietor, there appears to be nothing wanting with respect to Comfort Civility & attention

W. R. C. Miles C.D.B.C.

Londonderry

I fully Concur in the above remarks of my Companion

his + mark J. Rankin

Altaskin Lodge

St Johnston

Visited by a party from Belfast, who are desirous of recording the attention & civility with which Strangers are treated at the Gweedore Hotel.

[illegible]

11th May 1861

Wm Robinson

I have slept here two nights and have found the Hotel Comfortable and every body very obliging

May 13th 1861

his + mark Lichtman !!!

+ The Mulford Landlord [illegible]

May 15th 1861 –

The Bishop of Derry and the Hon W Edwards passed a night at this Hotel, and were much gratified with the excellence of the accommodation afforded them –

Came here unexpectedly on May the 16th 1861 found no other visitors in the Hotel, & yet every thing was in order, & every one at their post, & we had all we wanted at a moment's notice with perfect civility & cleanliness –

R Harvey – Seck Sr Ins –
Robert Gage Jun Rathlin Island
Co Antrim Ireland
Alex Gaultnart. Raphoe
John his + mark Harvey

May 23rd /61.

This my second visit to this Hotel I dont think it possible to speak too highly of the general arrangements

Wm Foster
Cheap Shirts Buy 33 Seville place
3 ch p-ar Dublin

May 23d

I stayed 3 days here and received very possible attention and found every thing very comfortable

Ethelstan W Mark

I have much pleasure in saying, that we have met with the utmost courtesy and civility at the Gweedore

Hotel and found the accommodation most comfortable –

S. S. Th – May 24th

29 May 1861.

I have found this a most comfortable hotel in every respect

Hugh O Neill
Londonderry ~~29 May 1861~~

This hotel is one of the best in all Ireland

Wm Coster a very [illegible] Co

Hy Cocker
Glasgow

May 30/61

5th June 1861

Having visited Gweedore on many former occasions, it is almost superfluous to say that we have found it as comfortable, clean, and economical as ever. It is really painful to contrast this Hotel with the miserable ones going under that name in the North West of Ireland; & were the Landlords of these establishments to follow the example of this one & those throughout the Highlands of Scotland; & study to make their visitors at Home, they would do much to induce many tourists to visit the magnificent scenery in this neighbourhood & throughout the County of Donegal who are now deterred by the wretched accommodation afforded to them. We would strongly advise tourists to Gweedore Hotel to visit Dunlewey & the Lake with the beautiful residence of Dr Brady. I.P. the scenery of which for wildness & gloomy grandeur cannot be excelled –

W. & C. Marshall
Rathmore House
Belfast

7th June 1861.

J. H. Eames Dunfanaghy
Eamon O. Morohoe Dunfanaghy
13 James Clinnes Knockmahon Mines
Co Waterford —
Saml Bewley Mr Dublin —

22nd of June. Semper idem et melius. Three days of peace and comfort.
Vergleich: 14ten Juny 1850. 2th September 1858. R. E. Plattnauer.

As this is My Second Visit to this Hotel it is Scarcely Necessary for me to add more that what I have Penned on My former Visit Namely that the Accommodation and Attendance Could not be Surpassed by any Hotel in Ireland

Simon Chapman
24th June 1861 Belfast

I have found this Hotel the most comfortable ~~I have met~~ with in the north of Ireland —

a common Fruit Lobber

B. H. B. Joule
July 8th 1861 Worncliffe Manchester

The Gweedore Hotel is not surpassed for comfort cleanliness & attention by any hotel in England or Ireland I have visited

Wm. Sowler
July 8 1861 Manchester

Quite satisfied with everything.
July 10. 1861 — J. Hastings Greenstreet
Winterbourne Gloucestershire.

~~We have much testimony pleasure~~

We have much pleasure in adding our testimony, to that of former tourists, with regard to the great comfort, cleanliness and accommodation of this Hotel as well as to the attention of the worthy host and hostess.
12 July 1861.

Jarmuell W Cullagh Surgeon
Jane Wellinflagh "
William Rea, Sur. Dromore Co Down
Revd David Brown Ramelton
Mr Marshall Do
Jane Marshall "
~~Peter Bayne~~ Ramelton
Margaret J. Bayne Do
Marianne McClure
Anna M J McClure
Selina McClure Surgeon
Margaret Anna W Cullagh
Lucy Rea Dromore
Isabella Rea "
S. G. Bayne Belfast

~~It is alm~~

It is almost needless to add to the ample testimony already deservedly borne to the excellent accommodation of this Hotel. I feel it my duty, however, to add my humble testimony ~~the~~ to those already given, I would particularly mention the kindly care & attention of the servants.

P. O'Rourke, T. C. D.

July 23rd 1861

Gweedore Hotel
July 25th 1861

This has been my second visit here & I have great pleasure in stating my astonishment at finding such a comfortable Hotel as this amongst the wilds of Donegall.

Thos Hutchinson
Bamburgh
Northumberland

Gweedore Hotel. July 27th 1861.

We have been much comfortable at this Hotel, and received every attention from the Landlord as also his domestics.

Owen R. N. Lloyd Major
Rockville Drumma
[illegible]
Milton Dublin

Stopped here for one night & most heartily join in bearing testimony to the excellent arrangements, the comfortable accommodation & the polite attention of the domestics at this Hotel

Thomas Patterson
July 27th 1861 Strabane

I have twice visited the Gweedore Hotel and found the accommodation every thing I could wish.

John M. Spring
31st July 1861

We have great satisfaction in testifying to the kind attention of the Host & Hostess of the "Gweedore" and regret that engagements prevent our remaining longer. The Soda bread is supreme !!!

James Connor

BRAVO — Jno. M. Kenna J.
Belfast

Visited the Gweedore Hotel with a distinguished party and as usual enjoyed an excellent dinner having just enjoyed the excellent Fernery 2 pence [illegible]

W. L. Campkin
C. London
N. A. Fannin
[illegible]
[illegible]
J. Yap

Spend three very pleasant days here
of Lord George Hill & can truly corroborate
the well merited encomiums so generally
bestowed upon the management of this Hotel
Gweedore - Augt. 26 - 1861

Cris. Turnor.
Hatton Turnor. Rifle Brigade
John Deedes -

We can speak well of the smugness & civility
that we experienced at this Hotel as also of
the very fine scenery in the neighbourhood - No tourist
should omit the drive to Letterkenny by Glen Veagh
& Muckish which we consider in many points, rivals
Connemara.

W. H. West. Gliffaes, Crickhowell
G. P. Bevans. Do.
Breconshire.

Aug. 29th

Arrived here last evening when we found
the Hotel accomodation all taken up, but the ap-
-pearance of the house generally decided us to trust
ourselves to the promises of the Landlady and
we bear testimony to her actions being fully up to
or beyond her promises, we have had every attention
any reasonable person could wish for; the cleanliness
and real attention can not be surpassed and is
[illegible] squalled in this country

[illegible] Twainsea Stationer
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

LORD. I thank this that I (Dalton) am [illegible]
[illegible]

or even as this ~~[illegible]~~
publican Lord G. H. - A.

Often longed to visit Gweedore and its neighbourhood
Had to have done so and to have seen personally
the actual results of the faithful efforts of all en-
gaged in the task of elevated this sunken
people. Oh that the light of Holy Scripture was
accompt them, then wd. the people be exalted.
Might I add that no tourist can appreciate
this place and its solved problems unless
he got & study the pamphlet entitled
"Facts from Gweedore" I recommend this
amidst the pleasant enjoyments of this
Hostelry - Peace be within its walls.

31st Augt. 1861.

Geo. W. Dalton Asst. Min. Episcopal Ch.
Upr. Bagot St. Dublin
An infernal Canting, pharasaical hypocrite
Faugh

On leaving this Hotel after a fortnight so-
journ - we wish to add our testimony
to the favorable records of other visitors
to this most comfortable Hotel - the
mountain scenery may be viewed in
the most unfavorable weather (which
unfortunately has prevailed during
our visit) the visitor on his return
to the Hotel being sure of every
attention being paid to promote his
comfort by the Master & mistress of
the establishment and of their
servants

Wm. Long - Dublin

August 31/61

J. Roerezier.
[illegible]
John Jackson [illegible]

The undersigned have great pleasure in testifying to the uniform kindness & attention of the Keeper of Lord George Hills Hotel

J. A. Pickering - Oriel - Wigan
J. W. Cormick Stradbrook House Blackrock
S. McCormick ditto
William Ormsby McCormick
Eglinton Park Kingstown.

5th Sept Arrived at the Hotel very wet, dried ourselves at the kitchen fire, had a very comfortable tea, some of the party were disturbed by the barking of dogs - Caught 82 trout before 20 o'clock to 2 rods - some of the party visited Bunbeg & admired the improvements there - found the Hotel here as comfortable as usual. 6th Sept 1861

James A Lawson
J. W. Lawson
Miss Byrne
John P. Mahaffy

Dr. Atkins & party

§ Solicitor General

I have great pleasure in expressing my satisfaction with the civility, attention, & good fare of this house - I take the liberty of suggesting an alteration in one respect - namely having one of the parlours open as a general room to all the inmates of the House for their meals &c in the nature of a coffee room - Were it not that I was acquainted with the occupant of one of the parlours I should have have had to take my meals in my bed room - Richard MacDonnell D D Trinity College -

The Public are much indebted to Lord George Hill for establishing such a convenient Hotel in this beautiful neighbourhood, thus opening up to Tourists some of the finest scenery in Ireland.

9 Sept 1861. W. Neilson Hancock
Fannie Hancock
Mary Haughton

September 11th 1861 arrived here yesterday & find the Hotel most comfortable & attendance excellent

Thomas Watt
Rathmullan House Charlotte Watt
Rich. Hamilton Strabane
Alice Kennedy Belgard
Dalton

September 11th Arrived here yesterday, and leave today well satisfied with the comfort & civility I have met with. John Gallaher. Ayr.

September 13th 1861.

We have been highly gratified by our visit to Gweedore and entirely satisfied with the Hotel & everything provided for us there.

Hastings Otway
Mary Otway
Minnie Otway
E. J. Otway
F. Hastings Otway
Chas J. Otway
W. Stewart Capt
The Baffs

Sept 19. 1861.
William Byles. Bradford Yorkshire
Adam Holden Liverpool.

Sept 26 1861
Happy to bear witness to the comfort of the Gweedore Hotel.
J. St. Loudon
S.W.
John Pacifitt
Wm Pacifitt

Sep. 25. 1861. The Rev. B. Dickson F.T.C.D and Mrs Dickson visited Gweedore & were well pleased pleased with the attention & accommodation they received at this excellent hotel.

Septr 27th 1861. Mr & Mrs Wm Bayley Stamford Lodge Staly Bridge Nr Manchester passed the night here and were well pleased with Gweedore and with the civility and attention at the excellent Hotel.

Oct 2nd 1861
Having visited the far famed hotel of Gweedore we were much pleased with the arrangements of the hotel, we found good attentance for man & horse, after ~~[illegible]~~ partaking of comfortable lunch, & some good Whiskey punch we went on our way rejoicing

to Perjuring and
31st October 1861

James Graham
Mrs Graham } Ballybogan
E. Smith Strabane
Jane Macdonald H Hill
James Baird Inchaney

October 10th 1861 – I have now visited Gweedore for the third time and am happy to bear my humble testimony to the excellence of the accommodation and moderation of the charges of the Hotel, it is fully equal if not superior to any thing of the kind, I have seen either on this or the other side of the broad atlantic.

William Gordon
Roy. Eng. Department

Gweedore Hotel October 17th 1861
for the last two years. I have been stopping
here on my way from Dunglow to Dunfanaghy.
All I can say is that I never been in
any Hotel in the north of Ireland that is
Kept So Clean. And. When one finds
themselves. So much at home.
Mr — John Anderson My Jo. Wife
Londonderry

The undersigned have much pleasure
in adding their testimony to the Volumes
already evoked in praise of the
general arrangements of this Hotel. —
and only regret that their stay was
too short to fully enjoy the scenery
which surrounds it — but hope
at some future period in life's journey to
pay a more lengthened
wish all connected i
prosperity & happiness

Bradford
Yorkshire
erpool.

Oct. 19/61
D J W Gow
David M
U S America

Wm Creslin Ramelton
Robt Arthur Hamilton
Ballyvelly House

Excellent arrangements
Most Comfortable & very
attention
Thos F Brady
Inspector of Irish Fisheries
Oct 25th 1861

Hopp to bear witness of the Comfort
of the Gweedore Hotel
M. H. McGinty

We have spent three very pleasant
days at this Hotel, and have been
most comfortable in every respect. We
have very much enjoyed the beautiful scenery
of the surrounding country, and shall
look forward with great pleasure
to paying another visit to Gweedore
Somerset Ward
31st October 1861 Norah M E Ward
G. M. W. Hill

During our stay here we duly appreciated the
blessings of civilization of which we derived the benefit
here. The house and arrangements generally are
very comfortable Wm Duncan Simpson

The only improvement I can
suggest is that tandem for the
cars should be allowed in winter
J B Donald
Wm W Wake

I have heard and read much of Gweedore and its hotel, and I anticipated ~~great~~ pleasure from my visit here, but I was not at all prepared for the surpassing beauty and variety of the scenery surrounding the neighbourhood — nor for the extreme comfort and admirable arrangements in every department which characterise this Hotel; indeed the proprietors of many larger and more pretentious establishments wd do well to come and learn from Mr Cunningham how to combine the comfort and quiet of a private home with all the facilities for tourists and travellers of a first rate Lan. But all this could never have taken place had not Lord George Hill devoted his talents and his time to shewing what under God one individual can do to ameliorate the condition of the country and the people — every ~~[illegible]~~ visitor to Gweedore and Bunbeg will there see the results of judicious perseverance in the face of ~~[illegible]~~ countless obstacles rewarded with the success and gratitude which he will feel to be due to Lord G Hill May every prosperity attend his future efforts for the welfare of this thickly populated country — and may others come, see, what he has done; and then go and do likewise is the sincere hope of

G E W Sproule

Gweedore Hotel
Jan 15th 1862

See Luke XV. (please)

A. C. Thiselton Mrs Thiselton Miss Lane March 4. 1862

Gweedore Hotel June 3. 1862
I have been two days in this Hotel which I have found most comfortable in every respect — And every person connected with it most attentive and obliging

Michael Conroy —

Gweedore Hotel June 3d 1862

I have been ~~[illegible]~~ in this Hotel several times which I have found most comfortable in every respect —

P. G. Lucy

1862 June 11
John Stephenson Rowntree York
Charles Doncaster Sheffield
James Edward Hotham Leeds —

Gweedore June 11 1862
we have spent four pleasant days here, & have experienced every comfort & civility at the hands of Mr Cunningham.

John Hardman Sen
James Hardman for Belfast
Emerson K Hardman Sen

We arrived here in very unfavorable weather; Externally there was nothing but gloom; internally everything was cheerful, and the arrangements perfect;

John Croker S. I. C.
J. S. Murphy
E. P. Coffey
13th June 1862

We came here unexpectedly and were detained here a day longer than we intended by heavy rain we found everything comfortable here & the attendance perfect

W. P. Gage Jun.
Rathlin

R. Harvey
Seth Gibbs

We have found the hotel & mine host all we could desire – the scenery equal to all the guide books say of it – the weather execrable – We think however that if we had the good things to eat drink & sleep on which Mr Cunningham can so well provide – good thick soles + to our shoes – stout umbrellas & Mackintosh coats with nothing to bother us we could spend a few days here in the middle of summer in a very agreable

X "Souls would suit better than soles"

and satisfactory manner
12th June 1862

Jm Valentine Belfast
A. Reynard Switzerland.
John Shilly Hmc.

very grand

Mr Cunningham's treatment of the stranger fully merits the acknowledgment of the of latter. The fare, accommodation and attendance provided deserve special commendation.

Jas. Murphy McCon
14 June 1862 Cleveland

During a day & night spent at Gweedore, I have met with the greatest civility & attention, the Hotel is most efficiently kept, such a one, including its excellent attendance, as can be seldom found in Ireland –

Wm Hunstang
18 June 1862 Gweedore –

June 18th
Alone { Wm Trimble Stratford
Wm Robert Trimble Aigtwitter Liverpool

Doctors Knox Maurel & Lenny remained two days at the hotel where they found everything comfortable & two ladies who accompanied them expressed themselves [illegible] of all things the attendance of the people & were delighted with the Harvey July 14th 1862

I visited the Gweedore Hotel in the year 1843. And although it had then only been established but a short time I was highly gratified & pleased with every thing connected with it. At the expiration of nearly nineteen years I find that everything connected with the Hotel as well as the Establishment at Bunbeg has gone on most satisfactorily in the right direction and the state of the Country together with the houses ~~of~~ and farms of the tenantry manifest great and increasing improvement.

Gweedore 28th June 1862

R Binney DCL

Incumbent & Rural Dean of Bangor
J P County Down —

Visited Gweedore Hotel on 28th June 62 (after a splendid drive from Dunfanaghy) were we experienced the greatest kindness and attention — and well worthy of the name it has for sumptuous fare and moderate charges — hoping soon to return for a longer visit we wish the Host and Hostess (Mr & Mrs Cunningham with their Housemaid Mary Jane long life & happiness

Wm Hanson
Landandry

29th June 1862

I came here last Saturday and took a car to Dunglow — returned last night had supper and a comfortable Slup — I now leave with a very favourable impression regarding the domestics & fare of this Hotel

Mrs & Mr Cunningham most obliging — and the accommodation first class — ~~[illegible]~~ The House maid Mary Jane has been most attentive and Courtious — Trusting this Hotel will be for a long time ~~[illegible]~~ under the proper management of Mrs & Mr Cunningham

Thos Montague
~~[illegible]~~

Gweedore Hotel
June 30 /62

(Having long had a desire to visit this part of the country, our wish has now been gratified; and we can in truth say that, we have been delighted with the view of its romantic & beautifully wild scenery, and with the attention & civility received from every one connected with this most comfortable Hotel —

James Reid
Clifton Villa Belfast

Gweedore Hotel
July 8th 1862

James Thorne
Belmont Terrace Belfast
Dundreary.

137. Gweedore July 15th 1862 over the pile

My wife & myself have been here 5 days for fishing. We found the hotel very comfortable but the river is too much subdivided to make it worth while to come here from a distance particularly as visitors are required to fish their way down to the good water which does not seem quite fair as the two resident Gentlemen have all the time to fish when there is no body at the hotel. For instance if there be only one angler at the Hotel he must fish the Upper part of the river which is comparatively useless this time of year before he is admitted to the lower so that supposing him to have only a day or so to fish he naturally go away with a bad impression of the place

Rowland Hunt Boreatton Park Salop

Mr

July 16th 62

I spent one night here and found every thing comfortable ~~[illegible]~~ the attendance very good

Mr Flanagan P.P.

After stopping a short time at the Hotel, I leave with regret from the kind attention I received from the Proprietor Patrick Quinn P.P.

Arthur Moneymore

16th July 62

I have great pleasure in endorsing the above statement of the Rev. P. Quinn. I have seldom met with better accomodation & greater kindness and anxiety on the part of all to make comfortable & please

Alphonsus Oneill Sutton St Helen Lancs

You ought to make your friend the Rev. Spell properly

138.

July 16 1862

I find here no cause of dissatisfaction and much to accommodate and please

Thomas Diver C.O.

Where of

This is a most excellent & comfortable Hotel. The waiting is particularly good. — G.S.C. good man. Flint

P.P.

21st to 23rd Mr & Mrs Sproule & Miss E Browne have enjoyed their visit to the Gweedore Hotel & leave it with the best impressions of every person connected with the Establishment

July 24 - 1862

Having frequently to come to this neighbourhood, Summer and Winter, I can speak with some authority of the accommodation, comfort and economy of the Gweedore Hotel, and the civility of every person connected with the Establishment

It could not be better conducted

J. S. Hinchcroft Vic

24th Rev. Mr Jellett Dr Atkins & Mr Walshe remained here three days & were as usual highly pleased with the accommodation & civility received from all parties connected with the management of the Hotel.

Dundreary.

To have found the Hotel in Gwedore all I could desire for comfort and attendance

Henry Becker

August 1st 1862

We have been staying here for the last four days and found everything most comfortable, and the servants very attentive

W H Humphrey
F S Mansfield

Robert J Scott. Dublin. Aug 2/62.

Mich. Rooney Dublin Augt 2/62

After a sojourn here of nearly three weeks with Mrs Nicholson and two sons, we leave this pleasant and most comfortable hotel with much regret; the arrangements and service are very satisfactory.
We would add our acknowledgments to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for their kind attentions

Geo. P. Nicholson
Wath upon Dearne Doncaster
Yorkshire –

July 16
to Aug 4th 1862

From several descriptions I have seen on reading over the boost of the famous Gweedore hotel I beg to say that I have visited with numerous friends, the establishment and find every thing not even up to, but supercedes the general amenities attained & [illegible] [illegible] not on the [illegible]

I feel great pleasure in stating that having visited several Hotels in England, Scotland, Ireland, America and Australia I, on my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel felt as much surprise as pleasure at the superior accomodation I therein received

Thos W. Cornell
[illegible]

20 Aug. 1862

Quite correct; no better Hotel between this & New York.

Alex Elliott
New York U.S.A.

Aug 16/6

Mr C. G. H. S. Pattrick, Clifton, Bristol
Rev. T. Bennett – Uphill Rectory – Weston Super Mare
paid too short a visit – August 28 & 29th 1862

Dundreary.

Augt 30 1862

We the unsigned having spent two weeks at this Hotel, find it far beyond any expectations we could have formed in so remote a district, the attendance is admirable, and the cuisine perfect.

Gilbert Mulligan Banbridge
W G Mulligan Belfast
Geo. W. Lodge Belfast
M B Mulligan do

four days and comfortable, as

Rev. C. R. Howell. Mrs Howell & Master George Homan can most sincerely add their humble testimony to the abundant evidence that has gone before, as to the comfort of this Hotel & the genuine kindness of the attendants. Travelling would be a far more complete enjoyment, were all Hotels & all attendants

Mich. Hooney Dub. on Fathers in Heaven

the neighbourhood &

After a sojourn here 84 weeks with Mrs Wiley Sept: 1862.

To add to the foregoing testimonials in praise of the Gweedore Scenery and its Hotel, would be to "paint the Lilly" — I have this day in Co with Miss Jekyll, Wm Ramsay Esq of Dunfanaghy, and my Son Dr. Ramsay Army Asst Surgeon, gratified a long felt desire to realize what I had often heard about these attractions, and am free to certify that in no degree have I been disappointed, excepting that the day has turned out wet, a circumstance unfavourable to the enjoyment of the wonderful Scenery, but which leads

to a higher appreciation of the Hotel accommodation, which in every department I regard as perfect.

Wm Ramsay
an old Draper
Strabane 2nd Sept. 1862.

I can only add to what I have said more than once before that the attention & comfort received here are certainly not on the Decline

J W Moore

We have much pleasure to add to the many testimonials already recorded by visitors to this Hotel for comfort, cleanliness and extreme attention

Thos W. Connell
J W Moore

5th Sept. 1862.

This is a comfortable Hotel
10th September 1862. Eric R Sharman
S. Gilchrist

10 Sept. My Wife, Son, & daughter, visited this country for the first time, & are delighted with the Scenery. This Hotel is first rate in it, we have been most hospitably entertained, and bear this testimony to its excellent arrangements in every particular, and offer our gratitude to its Noble owner for his spirited enterprize in the erection of

Dundreary.

this Hotel, and thereby giving us the opportunity of visiting this lovely retreat

J. T. Mackey Belmont Derry

11 Sept 1862
W. J.

Marcus Gage Esq Ballynacree House
Co Antrim

R S Alexander Glenmore Drogheda

15th Sept
C. Hope paid a second visit to the Gweedore Hotel. stayed one month, & found everything as clean & comfortable as could be desired.

15th Sept. John Deeder left the Hotel - & found everything as comfortable as on former visits - some additional rooms would be of much service - & would, it is hoped, will repay the necessary outlay.

Visited & found all things quite as good as could be desired. Charges moderate & attention by good. Rivers full of Salmon.

Mrs the C Bahams

Mr. & Mrs Stedman spent a night here & found everything very comfortable.

After repeated visits we find the hotel unchanged in comfort & in the civility and attention of the attendants.

Septr. 17th 1862
Gweedore Hotel

Alexander Knox M.D.
Henrietta Smoy

Spent a night at this Hotel with many party and found everything most comfortable & clean - and famous attention very great.

George S Mansfield
Belmont Co Tyrone

1862
Sepr 18. My ~~fifth~~ 15th Visit to the Gweedore Hotel, I trust that I shall visit it many more times

James Hawes London 40. 41 Poultry

19 Sept. 1862
Mr. Olpherts party consisting of Mrs Fannin, Hon.ble Mrs Vereker, Mrs Olphert & the Misses Fannin, Revd Mr Black, Dr Hilyard, Mr Mackey, Mr G Hamilton Mr Anketell, Mr J Olphert - visited this Hotel & found Capital Entertainment for Man & "Beast" Excellent attendance Jane Excessively attentive - passed a delightful afternoon etc.

Dundreary.

William Allingham.
September 22d,
1862.

As Secretary to the Earl of — I have been desired to record the unfeigned gratification his Lordship derived from his short visit to Gweedore. Though requested to exert my discretion in transferring his Lordship's sentiments to these pages, I think it best to adhere closely to his Lordships sentences as dictated by himself, feeling thoroughly convinced that any expressions of my own would fail to be as appropriate as those of his Lordship. Before concluding these lines I feel it my duty to state that personally I experienced every reasonable comfort & attention at the Hotel so ably conducted by Mr & Mrs Cunningham.

Vardwell P Jones.

26 Sept 1862.

His Lordships Opinions of Gweedore.

"It would not be wight of me to take my departure fwom Gweedore mithout adding my humble tethtimony to the mewits of its Inn-no-Hostelwy — Come, thath a thplendid thententh in your fathion? The name of the L-L-Locality ith vewy apt indeed. Thome fella' mutht have Chwistened it Gweedore (how could he Chwisten a houthth though?) for two weasons — firth becauth thereth good ore (lead I beleive) in the neighbourwood — actually in a wood! & thecondly becauth oneth glad to thee a good-door in thutch a wild thpot. Not bad, eke? The theenery ith fine, only infewion to the Hay-hay-Market — of courth I mean Buck-thouth

not the Stweet theenery. Lotth of fith abound in the Wiver & Thalmon — (by the bye, what thort of thing'th a Thalmon?) they thay fall & jump. I neveur thaw one though hop-hopping or tumbling. I wonder whetheur bwother Tham hath a Lot of Ppwoperty here & hath given a new thientific title to beetleth or Gwasshopperth just to puzzle a fella'. Impothible, partly, though. Beetleth ca-can't hop, at leath'th they d-d-don't. Ah! ith one of thoth thingth no fella can make out. Marble ith tho plenty that they build Churcheth of it in the distwict. Mr B-B. Balfe onth came here for change of atmosphere & wath tho stwuck by the plathe that he compothed the "Marble Hallth Walth" How could he compothe them — ithn't he a Muthithian not an Architect. perhapth heth both? How could a plathe stwike a fella — thimply dem nonthenth. There ith a Large Sthore 4 mileth off at Bun-Bun-Bun-Beg it wath thyled Bun-beg becauth formerly all the fellas were vewy poor there & were alwayth athking for bwead or Cake — a fwend of mine onth thaw a stwiking Mill — of courth it wath a stwiking Mill — how could a fight be mithout blouth? The air ith thplendid — it can manufacture a Cockney into a thentimental chap, & the Vittors book will pwove how the pwosiest Town fella' may become a poet here. "May become a poet here" glowious line, fit for Wagstaff or Thakethpear or what dye call him. Pwothy! thatth not cowect; how could a pwothy fella scwibble poetry? He cou-a-d though; at least he could think he could, much the thame thort of thing. Gwouse flowish on the heather, but I hate gwouse — they're an idiotic thort of bird — never know their own mind — fly fwom one fella's land to another & then back again for capwice & lunathy. Then thereth

Mount Aiwawat - I mean Awigle - thome fella called it Awigle becauthe it cothth the manyawiggle to worm to the top of it - deo'lith go-o-od, eh? The thilkth yield vitt'th of game, but I didnt go to thhoot 'em becauth I couldnt have theen to, & then they'd have made game of me - eh-ehe-ehe? aha? he? Then thereth a Peleeth thtathion for any fella requiring that that of thing - but I've got one alth a Yeomanry Offither. Bethidith I wouldnt buy Clothith here - let alone a Peleeth. The Cauth fguard hang out here - I never thaw one of them - I've heard of a B-B-Lack-fguard, but never of an Accuthed fguard - thome lunatic Hibernian Wowdies or Brigands are they? Jane, walth very kind to me while I walth here - the weminded me of Georgiana. Each meal wath excellent & I've no doubt the Shiwabout meal wath good too, but I didnt athk for any ith the like a dogth poultith. I wonder, by the bye what the people mean by thaying - Bleed Meal Walter? Theyre a wunning thet thelte Paddith. Ith the oat Cwyp to be thhort thith theathon ith it on ith Lath legth - doth & The Beadth - are gwand, very clean & airy. I didnt thee the Dairy or the fowl woost ath I athk'd like Cowith except alth beef & chickens off the p-b-late theyre thee dirty - I thuppose thatith why theyre called fowl. Alth for the Thtable - I'm not a healthy party & avoided it for thomething to do & pulled about in a boat instead. A 1. Conundrum-joke, that? he? We owe all thith accommodathin to Lord Hill who they declare weclaimed a dethert. I thuppoth thom fella claimed it & he put in a better claim, weclaimed it & got it. Thankth for hith Lordthips for his Hoth'lth compothith. in thelte upth'thairs daythe one ith glad to meet with a weal auvtocwat, & I'm glad to claim him

alth one of the old thtock & not a pa-venew-thtart a fella who only knowth who hith Papa Walth & knowth nothing about hith fwandfather like the Noth in Belfathith-noth'th of them. Thatith abthurd too - how could a nob know ith father, when it hathint got one? Thatith one of thothe thingth no fella can make out. Now I want to Thneeth, but I muthe thank Mr & Mrs Cunningham for their conthideration before I do. I won't thign my thignature alth thome thgnireen, tooady, or fella' might try to Ignape acgwaintance with me at the Opewa or Haymarket Theatre, becauth he had theen my name at fweedore or theen a fella who had - which might be convenient. Th'tay though, no fella ought to be athamed of hith title - a thief ithint, why thould a nobleman be tho. I thall thubthcribe mythelf for the benefit of any weader or lunatic who with'thes to thewal hith remarks on my thtemarks - alth

Lord Dundreary.

P S. I alwayth put a P Sth. I lived like fighting Cox here. He wath a famouth Colonel in the Peninthula I believe, who wath fond of battleth & warth & all that thort of thing y'know; altho he lived with dinner extweemely & the thome fella from that fact whenever another fella got good wetterth - thaid he lived like a fighting Cox - for I fanthy there were two bwotherth like me & Tham. To thum up they charged me too li-ttle & gave me t-too much. I'll think up, or thome L-lunatic will make a bad p-pun on my name & thay my epithtle ith alth dweamy alth my fog. what'th ith n-a-me. But I won't give a vulgar tuwuelling Ath & Chauth the Finith the End. Th'ith it thetera.

P Eth No tw-two. I'll be back thoon I hope with Lady D- when I'm mawied - for the Money-moon for I intend to mawy for money - I d-do - ath all other fellath are merthenary now, I c-c-can't afford to be out of the fashion, tho thome fella hath thaid match-making the D-devil - I can't thee it - yeth I do - no I don't - aha! yeth I do - Courth Luthifer ith another name for the Devil & Luthifer ith the thame ath t'other thing & theyve both to do with Bwimthtone perhapth - I don't know. Ah women & Motherth with daughterth, & Matwimony are thingth that no fella can make out! Yeth he c-ould though, when he got hith billth to make out - Ehe? Broh thereth the poth't horn I muth hook it - how could I it ith bent in a Curlykew - ith that thpelt wight - ath it ith. Farewell Gweedore ith Lunatieth, Atheth & Good people who are moth't Common -

Sept 26th

Before leaving this charmingly, wild & picturesque spot I must add my tribute of praise to the excellent arrangements & the general manner of conducting this little establishment, I & my three sisters have been here for two nights & a day, & during that time have met with every comfort & civility, & can only hope, that tho' this has been our first, it may not be our last visit to the Gweedore

S H Hayes
Drumbae
Stranorlar

Kicked out for being Drunk

Robert Scott Derry 27/9/62 152

Not satisfied at treatment received in this Hotel About two years ago!

~~Hetera Inst A. L. 7 - S.W.P.~~

This Hotel I consider A. 1.
H. S. Brown
Liverpool

I have visited this Hotel every four months during the past six or seven years, and I have always found it a Model of comfort, and the Manager and Servants everything that I could desire, My business leads me to spend the greater portion of my time in Hotels and I can say with confidence that this is one of the best in the North of Ireland.

30th Sept 1862 Henry R Taggart

Brain
Jany 1874

Oct 1st 1862. Gweedore Hotel.
Having arrived at this far famed Hotel after a long weary drive through the heart of Donegal we were particularly pleased at finding that its celebrity had not been overrated and having partaken of an excellent dinner. we were better able to speak of its merits. The accomodation attendance everything that could be required.
Thos. Wm. Moffat. Liverpool
Jas. L. C. Daniel T. Daniel Wm. Wilson

Gweedore Hotel September 30th/1862

After a disagreeable drive from Dunfanaghy on a disagreeable Autumn day, we were gozfully surprised at the Comfort Convenience and accomodation which the Hotel afforded us on arriving here; and during our stay there was the same respectful attention paid to our Comfort, which caused us to remark on our arrival, the perfect and superior manner in which everything connected with the establishment was conducted,

Thomas, A, Ingram
Sarah A Ingram Margaret Ingram
H Hoffitt Jr William Ingram.

Den Jahre 1847. besuchte ich Gweedore zum ersten Male und seitdem oft. – In keinem von mir besuchten Gasthäusern habe ich so gute Aufnahme gefunden. –
In no hotel have I ever found such good accomodation as in this. – Richard Plattnauer. Octobr 4th 1862.
Refer 22th of June 1861. –

"Why should a living man complain"
his A. Black is a Cod
Mark
H. Black. Derry

Gweedore Hotel
Octbr 23d 1862

"Lives of Great men" all remind us,
"How never Happy thats not Content
Wm Armstrong

Gweedore Oct 23d 1862
"Take it away or I'll Broke it Nancy
J. W. Rankin

visited Gweedore for the first time, and left it with feelings of regret.
Charles. Hans. Hamilton Clerk
Curate of Tully Anghinish
Hamilton
William Fitz Kane

The Gweedore Hotel is before is all before I have found is clean & Comfortable May Mrs & Mrs Cunningham and the invaluable Jane long live to keep it &c –
Wm Armstrong
Dec 15th 1862

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Thursday 18th Decr 1862

This is my second visit to Gweedore and both times in gloomy rainy weather, I can only say the contrast between the discomfort & dearyness outside & the comfort & cheerness inside as ~~great as~~ can be imagined, and you will find in Jane a really kind hearted & Cortleous attendant

O. H. Green
the Bag-man

We have passed two days at the Gweedore Hotel, and have experienced all that good accommodation and considerate attention

could afford.

N. Walter Coath, Addington Square London

20th Decr 1862 Edwd Hanly Camden Square London

The Comfort of, and the respectful, quiet attention paid to all Travellers at this Hotel, is proverbial, I found it so on two occasions

R. E. Warren Imp. Officer Guard

Gweedore 7 Jan 1863

We have stopped for 4 days at this Hotel attendance Comfort & respectably is such such that we leave with regret to our Homes

Lpool & Glasgow

Lpool James Livingston
George Cook Glasgow
Michael McLauchlin do
P. Taylor
H. Turner
Joseph & McKean
J. Kelly
Lpool

I have been stopping at the Hotel during the last four days and have been remarkably well treated in every respect

J. Wauling [illegible]

8th Jany 1863 We have ~~have~~ been stoping one night at the Hotel & must say that we were well attended and well treated in every respect January 13th 1863

Aloysius Murphy
and Peter Coran

Having stopped on various occasions at this Hotel it affords me extreme satisfaction to testify to the comfort of the House and civility and attention of all connected with it. Lord Hill deserves the gratitude of the Community in no slight degree for this place of entertainment

Robt. White J.P.M.

20th Jany '63.

Being about to leave the Gwedore Hotel for the twenty first time I again wish to bear testimony to the way in which it is conducted, I wish we had such an Hotel in many of the large towns if some of the owners of Hotels in large towns would pay a viset to Gwedore they would no doubt

feel ashamed of themselves, to find an Hotel conducted under many disadvantages in a style quite superior to that in which such places are conducted, where, there is much more to facilitate such management, the thanks of the community is due to the Noble Gentleman who erected this place, and placed it under such able management.

20th January 1863

Henry R Taggart

22d Jan 1863

Every thing very Comfortable at this Hotel.

John Cockburn

Jan. 23rd 1863 — Having stopped during the past night in the Gwedore Hotel, I have found it to be in every respect most comfortable and every attention shown by those in attendance.

John Witherow M.A.
alias Ravenna Cow

Attorney Col.

Gweedore Hotel
7 Feb 1863

We the undersigned having spent a short time at this Hotel have much satisfaction in testifying our extreme comfort and attention paid us by the servants especially Jane

W Barber
Lloyd's London

J. Weild
Glasgow

"Earl of Derby"

A M Maddison
a minor Grantor
pt Lowry Shank

A M Maddison

Found the attendance very good &c &c.

A B Edwards K.U. Feb 63

Arrived here yesterday evening & remained the night nothing could be more comfortable than everything connected with this Hotel

J. P. Hill
Ex Constabulary
mark

28th Feby 1863

Have been here four days, found kind attention & a home -
J. S. Lowe C.E.
2nd March 1863 Superintendent Irish Lighthouse Works

Gweedore Hotel
"St. Patrick's Day" 1863

Having spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel we found the accommodation, every thing that could be wished. & the attendance particularly good.

J. A. Wilson
John his mark Daniel
Matt

Good Friday Feb 3
3rd April -

The Hotel is as a seat very comfortable and every one very attentive

Wm his mark Bruce
Derry

7 April 63

Every thing, Organic & Inorganic, good as on my former visits, if not better, particularly Jane, who is beyond everything good, first class, if I may use the expression she is trebly A 1 as an attendant
I leave more pleased than ever & hope to spend a week here in August. Mrs G.

Were it not for the "blood & beauty" at "the Commercial" Dunfanaghy this W.C. would have stopped with Jane another night.

"Damaged meal"

9th April 1863

I can only say every time I return here. I feel myself so comfortable and such kind treatment (particularly on the part of Jane who is a pattern to many for cheerful good nature good looks and the neatest foot and ancle — Co Donegal) that too with regret I leave it

[illegible]

12th April '63

Having travelled much in foreign countries during the last twenty two years, & enjoyed the comforts of some of the most celebrated hotels on the Continent of Europe, I am compelled to confess I have never received more comfortable accommodation than I have met with at this hotel, on the occasion of this visit to Gweedore with some of my most esteemed & jolly friends. Every thing necessary for the accommodation of the most fastidious taste is here to be met with in a style not be surpassed by hotels of much more pretentious character.

Edmund Brunel

I fully concur in the above. My friend Brunel & I have together seen much of the sunshine & the shade — the fickle pranks of what is common by called "luck". We drank together the sparkling wines of France, and

roughed it betimes on the mutton and damper on the Snowey River, Ballara and Lambing Flat in far distant Australia, and here I now find our earthly happiness at its completion, with pockets full of the virgin gold of Australia — and the comforts of the Gweedore Hotel soothing our sorrows, and drowning our toils in the crystal draughts of the native poteen, that renders old Donegal celebrated throughout the world

R. O. G. Lucky gold digger

Here we are again: Jane looks as well as ever — ~~and~~ : the comfort, regularity, and order, in which the Hotel excels, have not diminished.

We regret that business obligeness to leave for Dun Fanaghy — damp cold and wet. Would that we could remain!

Gweedore.
21 April 63

Robert Peel Bart.
James Whiteside
M. P.

I am truly sorry to find the above has been written by a friend of mine who assumes the name of "Peel" and for the satisfaction of the discerning public, and general visitors of the Gweedore Hotel I call their attention to the fact that the person bearing the name assumed is at present

attending his Parliamentary duties. Under these circumstances I am painfully called upon to vindicate the rights of truth, and so call without hesitation my friend &c —

James Whiteside
M.P.

14 May 1863

I am as usual very kind & attention as an early hour in the morning in procuring medicine for the invalids, such a Brand & Lord —

R.P.

Earl of Derby

18 May 1863

We the undersigned have much pleasure in testifying that while staying at this Hotel we have had both every accomodation & comfort, & the attendance excellent.

E. H. Hunter
John Woodman

This is my second visit to Grandon, after a weeks stay I must say I found every thing most comfortable & Jane as usual most attention

23 May /63 M. B. Mulligan

We have spent from Saturday, till Monday, at this Hotel, and are well pleased with it. Beds, a first rate, good attendance with comfortable meals. Weather very fine, would be glad to see more such Hotels thro' the Country, as we believe they would be the means of inducing more travellers to visit such scenery.

James Hind
May 25th 1863 Wm Higgin
B.

Belfast

May 25th 1863

Paid my first visit to this wild but extremely interesting locality and wish to record my small but grateful tribute of thanks to the noble mind that conceived the idea of establishing this comfortable Hotel for the benefit of visitors & tourists. —

W. Mooney
Rathmines Dublin

Every thing including Jane excellent

P. P. Brady
25 May 63

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Gweedore May 28th

I Have experienced in this Hotel every Comfort and attention.

Wm Crowe
Dublin

- Met with the usual Kindness and attention especially from Jane, a good servant is half the Battle in a hotel

John S Sloane C.E.
Superintendent Irish Lthouse Works

29 May 1863

Revd G. C. Smythe and Miss Smythe have found the Gweedore Hotel quite as comfortable as the praises of previous visitors led them to expect.

June 4th 1863

An excellent Hotel in all respects & Jane most obliging

Edwin Eyre
Eliza Eyre

We concur in all that has been said of Visitors with respect to the comfort, cleanliness & attention received at this Hotel 6 June 1863

James Coverdale
Robert Knox

Gweedore Hotel June 9. 1863 166

We remained in this Hotel for one night and found every thing most comfortable, and leave it with regret for so short a sojourn.

Fro Evans
Edw Evans

We have much pleasure in adding our testimony as to the comfort of the Hotel & Civility of the servants

John S Olinsh
John G Noble Capt R.H.M.

12th June 1863

Much pleased with the accommodation & attendance -

Charles Barradaile
Robert. H. Barradaile -

June 16th 1863 -

Extremely pleased and grateful for my accommodation

Carlisle
June 16. 1863

J Hutchinson private Secretary to His Excellency
H Arbuthnot A.D.C. in waiting to His Excellency
June 16. 1863

We need not pretend to endorse the recommendation of the Viceroy

Chas. Mac Donell, Belfast
Rev. W. Hart

Mr & Mrs F. D. Lowndes. Liverpool
Much pleased with the comfort & attention
June 23rd 1863

Spent a day here, and found the Hotel as usual, most comfortable.

R. Hamilton
Fondeur Inspector
A. Knox Army Park

June 25. 63.

Reg. H. M. Indian Service. Edinburgh July 1st to 5th. Delighted with the Hotel – the fare, the attendance, & the comfort. Charges most moderate –

During my visit of rather more than a month I have met with the greatest attention & civility have been most comfortably entertained & have passed a very pleasant time at the Hotel.

John G. Moggridge
Capt^m Roy^l Engineers
8 July 1863.

Extremely comfortable. Attendance Good
Thomas Miller
Queens' Coll: Cam:

10th July. 1863

Captains Patow & Robinson arrived here yesterday. found the river much too low for fishing. Everything in the Hotel very Comfortable and satisfactory.

11th July 1863.

Came here last evening, and found every thing at the Hotel very clean and comfortable, and Jane very attentive –

G. Boyd

Major Murray and Dr Knox stayed several days here, greatly pleased with the comfort of the Hotel; but sadly disappointed in not having had any Salmon fishing; owing to the low state of the River –

14th July –

T. J. Wynn. } Came on the 9th much pleased
E. Law Less. } less on the 14th with everything except the fishing which was not good as the river was very low.

We have always understood the Greedore Hotel to be much superior to Hotels in General. Now we know it to be so having been here for a night

George E. Carre M.D.
A. Herbert Gillespie
Frederick Carre
Fred^k Carre

16 July 1863

This is my sixth visit to Greedore, and each time I revisit it with greater pleasure and leave with greater regret. I can only say those who have not visited this Hotel are wrong – not doing so

H. Greer

Extremely comfortable, and attendance very good
July 18th/63

H O Bridgeman C.E.
12 Little Queen St
Westminster

Eo-die

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the general excellence of the accommodation, provisions, and attendance in the Gweedore Hotel in which I have agreeably spent two days.

Thomas Struthers
42 Caernarvon Street
Glasgow

Bolderson Jun Stranger ago Manchester
Geo Harrybraven Rochdale.
Stayed here 4 days much pleased with the country, Hotel &c. and highly recommend visitors to try sailing in Curraghs to some of the Islands on the coast

Sir Henry Tady & Miss Brownigg spent a few days here, found everything most comfortable, & derived great pleasure from their visit.
July 18th 1863

Viscount Hamilton - most comfortable - delighted with the whole place - July 19 - 1863.
Mr Justice Fitz Gerald quite agrees with Lord Hamilton July 20th 1863

Very well satisfied indeed with the accommodation & attention received at Gweedore Hotel.

E. Green & Co
Liverpool

M R. Dr Errington - R R. Dr Eyre - S. O'Farrell Esq
very well satisfied &c - July 21. 1863

Comfort, civility, cleanliness, & convenience combine to render this Hotel most charming

S. Marcus Dill Q.C.B.
Jane Gordon Dill Ballyfield
Jeanne West Dill Belfast
Jane G. D. Long Monreagh
Rev J H Jellett } Trin Coll Dublin
Rev H R Poole

Much pleased with the accommodation & attention at this Hotel - July 24 1863

Spent a charming afternoon here amid torrents of rain the first shower by the bye for 2 days. Got a capital luncheon - charmed by the attendance of the "buxom Jane".
An Admirer of the "beauties of nature
July 24th '63

This is a very wild romantic Country one to be very much enjoyed in fine weather the Hotel every thing that could be wished for by visitor or stranger every comfort necessary, with very kind attention by all servants.

Robt. C Hoyle Shady
The Park.
Nottingham

July 29th 1863

Met with the usual attention and kindness

John S. Sloane C.E.
Superintendent, Phoenix Works,

1st August 1863

Anthony Wilkinson (of Coxhoe. Co Durham
Came on. July 28th Left on.

H. G. Hart. St John's Coll: Cambridge
E. C. Hart R. M. A. Woolwich
W. E. Hart. School House. Rugby

Found this Hotel very comfortable, & the attendance as good as could be expected considering that one unfortunate girl has to wait on all the visitors. Aug. 3. 1863.

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E. C. Hart.

Found the Gweedore Hotel in every way worthy of its high character.

Edward H. Blackett
Aug. 4th /63.

Rgt. Hospital
Dublin

Mr Alexander Crawford, Mr Edwd Lassard

Mr Edwd Bowson. Londonderry
Aug 4 1863

This is My third Visit to Gweedore Hotel. As on the two former occasions I have been delighted with the attention and kindness I received. The worthy Proprietor seems to have Left No Stone Unturned for the Comfort and Pleasure of the Visitors. Long May he Live to Enjoy the fruits of his labours in this Once Barren but now fair Spot in Creation.

Simon Chapman
Belfast 5th Augt 1863

T. O'Mahony. Trinity College. Dublin
Quite pleased with the Hotel.
August 5th 1863

W. Auchinleck Dane. Villaireagh. Co Fermanagh
W. Tyrone Power. Annaghmakerrig. Co Monaghan
Found everything good but the pens.
10th Augt. 1863.

Lieut Colonel Thompson Late 58th Regt
Augt 15th 1863

Wm Batt
J. K. Patterson
Mr Parker — August 15th 1863

R L Dickson Alma House L Derry
Augt 16th 1863

John E. Reid Alma House L. Derry
August 16th/63

July & August —
I and Mrs Nicholson with our two sons have enjoyed a very happy month here, receiving, what we believe every guest of the house receives, from Mr & Mrs Cunningham and the subordinates of the Establishment very ready and kind attention — I wish I could say as much with regard to the Salmon in the River this year: the few which "shewed themselves" treated my feathered wires with marked inattention and disrespect.
Against this disappointment I have a pleasure this, which I did not enjoy last season — I have seen Mr Cunningham secure his Hay in fine condition, and I read that favourable accounts of the crops come from all parts of the Island and that a general improvement in the country is indicated in many ways G. P. Nicholson — With a bon Dame — Yorks

After travelling through the greater part of Ireland, with my wife & daughter, the last three summers — we have come to the conclusion that the Gweedore Hotel is the most comfortable we have met with. It is impossible to speak too highly of the kindness & attention shown by Mr Cunningham & the domestics
Marshall Hall Higginbottom
August 17: 1863. Nottingham

G. & W. Henty Northlands
Aug. 18. 1863. Chichester
August 19th 1863.
Mr Ramsay, Lisnennan L. Kenny
Mr Tilley Belfast
Mr C. A. Ramsay Dunfanaghy
Mr Marshall Sallybrook M. Cunningham
Mrs Fisher Letterkenny
The Misses Fisher
Mrs Gailey — Miss Ramsay — Misses Jeffry
Miss Kirkpatrick Dublin
Robert Ramsay Jnr — Miss Leitch
Johnston T. Ramsay Esqre —
Living very good & "Jane" Charming —
Sly Edwett London

September 1861

Mrs R. Heinekey London
Mrs G. Greer & Berry } very comfortable

H. J. 2 Sept 1863
RRJ. (Sunday fortnight last)

J. W. Church - Hatfield, Hertfordshire -
F. North, 44, Chancery Lane, London.
Aug. 18 — Sept. 4 -
Very comfortable: but very poor fishing — this year.

We have found the Gweedore Hotel far beyond our expectation: for Comfort & Civility it cannot be surpassed. Same a good girl.
Gweedore 5th Sept 1863. Ross Hastings
Geo. Howitson

R. Kerrison ~~[illegible]~~ Trin Coll. Cambridge
M Warburton Revesby - Lincolnshire
Much pleased with the Hotel. 7. Sept 1863

J. F. Campbell. } Sept 9. Joseph Gallagher
Gril Graham. } Letterkenny
Sept 9. 63

Edward Cutler from London carries away very [illegible] of Gweedore Hotel [illegible] Chicken pie [illegible] and [illegible] reminiscences [illegible] excellent [illegible] the Crops [illegible] and that a [illegible] is indicated
With abon Dear [illegible]

D. W. Barnard

14 Septr 1863. C. Hope paid a third visit to Gweedore - stayed five weeks - much pleased with the cleanliness & comfort met with at this Hotel -

Sept 14th 1863. John Mullins spent two days at this Hotel, and was very much pleased with the accommodation -

14th Sept 1863 J. A. Buchanan of Glasgow and Wm Watson of Manchester spent one day at this Hotel, and regret exceedingly that their previous arrangements prevent them from remaining longer, as the comfort and attention they received far exceeded their expectations, and as for Jane, she is a triumph -

Tom Peoples. 16 Sep 1863

Mr & Mrs Arch M Corkell of Londonderry have spent two days at this Hotel and have experienced great attention and comfort.

21st September 1863.

1863 James Hawes.

Sep 21st 40. 41. Poultry London

Having passed here fourteen days of great comfort and pleasure - Also I must state that first visit to Gweedore was in the Year 1844. scarcely missing a year. to this date

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Sept 21st

After an absence of 12 years I have spent 10 happy days at Gweedore and have met with every kindness and a hearty welcome from all

Henry W May
48 Conduit St
London

Oct 7th - I have been most agreeably disappointed - by my short stay at this Hotel - Expecting every species of discomfort. I found to my surprise the comforts of a home - instead of the usual nuisances of an Hotel

N. E. Adams
Brixton - Surry

Oct 23rd - 1863 -

We have been in every respect satisfied with the accomodation and attendance at the Gweedore Hotel - Louisa Caldwell

Wm. Caldwell

I had been told to expect much comfort at the Gweedore Hotel, but I experienced much more than I could possibly have expected to find in this wild district -

There were however two great drawbacks to the pleasure of my first visit here, first that Jane to whose worth almost every page of this book bears witness was away - so that I had not the pleasure of making her acquaintance & second, that the weather was so wet that it was impossible to enjoy fully the magnificent scenery of the country -

Benj. Thos. Patterson
L.C.E. T.C.D.

Nov 5th 1863 -

my 7th visit and I always arrive here with pleasure stay with comfort and leave with regret

C. H. Peer Belfast

5th Nov 1863

The undersigned has fully realized in these desert-wilds what the noble Bard so enthusiastically wished for viz: a "bright Spirit in the Wilderness" & he much doubt whether Lord George Hill himself, the presiding Genius of the place has ever been better cared for than so obscure an individual as

H Carne

6th Nov 1863

"Would you wish to find a hostel
"Far from turmoil, noise and bustle,
"Far from noise and busy turmoil?
"In a wild and lonely valley?
Seek it near the "Silver Arrow"!
Neer Dunlewy's marble Mountain;
Where the silent River Clady —
Rolling onward gains the Sea.
There the Son of Noble Downshire!
Has a House for you and me. —
Would you wish to know more Clearly
The locale of this Hostel?
Then just Mark, and I will tell you
Once was known as Cloghaneely (so says Fraser)
Cloghaneely, Tullow begly,
In the Land of "the O'Donnell"
Where the Sharpened "Silver arrow"
Heavenward pointing lonely stands!
In the land of Kilmacrenan

In the Valley of Greedore
Near the Rushing wild Gree barra'
Near the famed "Loved Aranmore"
There you'll find the cheering welcome
There you'll get "Cead mille Fealte"
There you'll meet with "Lann a vanla"
There you'll find no niggard store —
Says the Raven "Nevermore"!

It is now some years since I first had the pleasure and privilage of visiting Gweedore and its Hotel, and altho the time has been comparatively short, the changes that I can observe for the better are very great; There is still however considerable room for improvement and enterprise in this district the wild beauty of which is as yet but little known excepting to tourists.

The geological features present great incentives for speculation, without speaking of the mineralogy, which I venture to predict will some day be developed. The enormous masses of Sienite and Granite, primary Limestone (marble) Silicious sand, and Silicate of Aluminia only require to be worked with sufficient energy to command a market. I would not wish to intrude a suggestion on one I respect so much, but as I am aware that he wishes to know the sentiments of visitors to the district I would respectfully submit to the Noble proprietor the advisability of publishing a new edition of "Facts from Gweedore" in a style that could either be given gratuitously to every visitor to the Hotel or be had from McCunningham at a small charge on application

application this with other means of advertising might cause farms to be sought in the district by those who with small capital a little encouraged to through drainage &c would shortly bring the whole valley in the condition of improvement which the experiments already made shew it to be capable of. — The internal economy of the Hotel is as I have ever found it and in the temporary absence of Jane (on leave) Margaret has been all that could be desired —

John S Sloane C.E. M.R.I.A

Superintendent Irish Lighthouse Works &c

November 8th 1863 —

I have first wrote for 2nd time this last week at Gweedore and am now leaving with regrets having found every comfort at the Hotel, and Mr & Mrs Cunningham's civility and kindness exceeds any thing I experienced"

Wm Crown —

Nov 9th 1863

Having visited the Gweedore Hotel, for the first time, and though my stay has been rather short, I am nevertheless able to say, that this is a monster house, when compared with any, in the North, for comfort accomodation &c,

R. Stevenson

17th November 1863

Having spent another night in Gweedore Hotel, and experienced once more the comforts of its quiet retreat — it affords us much pleasure to bear our humble testimony to the continued excellence of all its arrangements, and to express our high sense of the boon conferred on society by its noble proprietor — in affording to the weary traveller — away in this remote region — such good accommodation on such moderate terms —

Peter Bayne Ramelton
David Brown P.M. Do.
(Post Meridiem.)

27th Novr 1863

I have great pleasure in adding to the many testimonials already recorded by visitors to this Hotel for extreme attention, cleanliness and comfort, which it affords to those who may favour it with a visit

I am truly sorry I cannot stay longer at this very comfortable house. I wish more of the Hotels my Donegal were like it. Wm Duncan

Jan 7 1863 Sevenport

23d Jany 1864.
John Clarke
Belfast

John S. Sloane C.E. Archt.
Superintendent of Irish Lt. House Works
23 January 1864

Wm Crowe on the Occasion of Finishing arrowmore Light House January 23rd 1864

10 February 1864
Gweedore Hotel
This is a most comfortable Hotel and the attendance excellent and charges very moderate Robert Mehler
4 Eldon Place
Rock Ferry, Cheshire

I have found the Gweedore Hotel as usual most comfortable — Me they would be desired. —
[illegible]
A Hardy
Feb. 11. 1864 Div: Architect
Londonderry

We can fully confirm the above statement, and consider, the thanks of all Tourists, and Travellers, are eminently due to Lord Geo Hill for his interests and anxiety for their accommodation and comfort — Peter Bayne Mr Dawson
March 4th/64 Mr F. Bayne Londonderry
[illegible] March 1865

Gweedore Hotel March 17th 1864
The Hotel here abounds in every convenience and is far superior in accomodation to any establishment of the kind, I have ever experienced in a rural district. The attendants are most considerate, attentive and obliging
J. Widdup

2 March 1864
Have been much pleased with the comforts of this Hotel. Jane very obliging. Food good & well served —
[illegible]

Gweedore Hotel Mch 30, 64,
The Scenery is magnificent and the Hotel is not surpassed for every requisite tending to the Comfort of Visitors
Wm Johnston Liverpool
Wm Miles Derry

I have been here for 10 days and can testify to the superior and orderly manner which the Hotel is conducted in fact nothing can be bett
[illegible]
7 Apl 1864

12 April 1864

Stayed at this Hotel for a fortnight — found the accommodation first rate — the fare excellent, and Jane very attentive

O'Sproule

H. M. Inland Revenue

I have visited this Hotel on the 21st April and stoped for a few hours and did not think much of the quality of the spirits, — but Jane was very attentive and the charges unreasonable —

D. O'S

29th April 1864

My Ninth visit here, and each time I leave with greater regret

D. H. Gillo

Belfast

This my first visit to this Country I am happy to say, I have found every comfort at this beautiful Hotel with great civility & attention

Joseph Orr

Londonderry

4th May 1864

J. Emerson Tech R.S.

4 May 64

May 5th 64

I always feel great satisfaction and pleasure when stopping at this Hotel, and always leave with regret

John Clarke

May 12th 164

I have been stopping at the Gweedore hotel for the last fortnight and have found it most comfortable in every respect

G. O. Blois

May 14 1864

Having walked from the Port of Gweedore to this Hotel from Yacht "Lurline of Sligo" I have found the Port here to be splendid

Charles Lynn

May 22nd 1864

I have stayed over a week at the Gweedore Hotel and found every thing very comfortable — Jane was most civil and attentive — had excellent trout fishing in the Lake

Thos. H. Longfield

Cork

Visited this Hotel for the second time (v. p. 123) & found it as good as usual – caught 5 dozen trout in the lake between 3½ P.M. & 7½ P.M. – to 2 rods – would suggest that the men in the fishing boat were taught (α) to pull together (β) to square boat to the wind was much pleased with the cleanliness & comfort of the establishment

June 6th 1864 –

J. P. Mahaffy
Trin. Coll. Dublin
Commonly called in T.C.D.
"The Ginival".

Very good accommodation.

June 16th 1864 G. S. Tilly ~~Cuffnell~~ – Belfast.

June 20th 1864

We hate bosh – but we sang with ~~a~~ insincerity that we found everything first rate – Jane, has Semper Eadem, Civil and attentive

L. S. New York R. M. M. C. Bowning
John Olphert
Andrew Reed

This comes well from a friend of the dead. Truth

In this Hotel I felt extremely comfortable and found every thing most excellent

June 21.64 S. P. Rayard.

I should add that Jane is an admirable and very respectable attendant

S. P. R.

Rev. F. H. Thomas
Mr. Edwyn Thomas Campfort. Blackrock
Everything most comfortable – attendants most civil & attentive – F. H. T.

"Adieu tis loves last greeting.
The parting hour has come,
And fast my traps are fleeting
to seek another home
Yet I must mourn when leaving
~~a~~ land ~~so~~ fair so free
My bosom fast is heaving
With grief, at ~~ga~~ parting thee."
June /64

The most Comfortable Hotel which have found in Donegall, with capital attendance

James Mons Glenwill Belfast
John Oulton "
Ay Gunning Cookstown

June 24/64

High o'er the mountains of bleak Donegal
Towers noble Errigal Queen of them all,
Calmly & sternly she rears her proud crest
Gazing afar o'er the wilds of the west.

Yet fondly she watches, as mother her child,
One spot of beauty reclaimed from the wild;
For guarded by her mid the far-stretching moor
Nestles in safety the Inn of Gweedore.

June 29th 1864 T.T.S.

The most Comfortable Hotel I have been at During a fortnights sojourn in the North of Ireland & Capital attendance

John A Stodart
June 28th 1864 Ancrum Wood head
Sedburgh

Passed two wet days. & that pleasantly owing to the comforts of the Hotel

Victor C Kennedy
28 June 1864 Mary Bell Kennedy

1864
6-30 Found everything here very clean and good and left much pleased with our visit

John Holdsworth Jr & Bros
John Holdsworth

5 July 1864 Having ~~[illegible]~~ passed three nights with my family, at the Gweedore Hotel, I was very much pleased with the clean & comfortable accommodation it afforded us, and with the civility & attention shown to us in it. — We leave it and the exquisite scenery around it with regret

Alex. A. Laird. Glasgow.

July 5th 1864

I deeply regret leaving this charming Hotel and romantic scenery. I never enjoyed anything so much. Jane is enchanting.

M. C. Laird.

July 5th 1864

The best seat in the country is not as is usual in story books, beneath weeping willows & venerable oaks but on the top of a high peat stack. I advise young and old to try it & they will find it exceedingly comfortable. Jane is the jolliest body I ever came against.

Ella Pollock alias A. [illegible]

This Hotel is Clean and Comfortable and the attendance all that could be wished for

6/7/64. S. Starrit

Lieut & Mrs. Dunlop gratefully acknowledge the attention & comfort they experienced during their stay at the Gweedore Hotel.

8. 7. 64.

A capital Hotel. First Class Moselle, ditto attendance ditto everything. ad inf. July 9th part 10th. 11th part. no need to say aught about scenery. Look out o-window.

W. Graham Pyott.
Cambridgeshire

Stayed at this Hotel for a fortnight. Accommodation very good, fare excellent, and Charges moderate. 12 July 1864

Cumbd, Lab. Cov.

Hotel very Comfortable. July 14 1864
Attendance very good,

John Preston Belfast
Mary Frances Preston - Belfast.
George Johnston Preston. Belfast.

A 1 Hotel - Wittles & drink - ale good. An oasis in the desert & Jane merits any amount of economics

J. H. Hoyt

A comfortable hotel, where every attention is paid to the Traveller

H. Hollingworth King's College
Cambridge.

July 21st 1864.

H. Gaselee, London, ~~[illegible]~~ found the hotel comfortable. July 21/64

Mr Coningham's Hotel is everything which could be desired Robert Stuart

We are perfectly satisfied with the treatment at this Hotel having dined & spent the evening

A. Gailey Castlebury

July 25th 1864 — Chs A. Ramsay Dunfanaghy
Matthew W. Ramsay L. Kearney

When I last was in the neighbourhood (1834) there was not even a road. I can therefore thoroughly appreciate the great change wrought this Lord Geo Hills exertions: The Hotel is the best I have been at, or seen in the North of Ireland

H. Honywood Dombrain

July 28th 1864 Member St George's Deal Kent

I have spent a fortnight in this Hotel and would gladly extend my sojourn if time permitted. The Hotel is clean, comfortable, and well-conducted. The Attendant, Jane, merits the highest praise on account of her cheerful and obliging disposition and punctuality on all occasions.

Thos L. Murphy

28 July 1864 Fitzwilliam. Booterstown, Dublin

In the month of July in the year Sixty four Major Merrick from India came to this door. He asked if they ever had fish for their dinner. Jane quickly replied, you're a regular miner.

John Olphert and he then retired to fish
But John did'nt catch one to put on a dish
The Major caught four, which elated him quite
That he vanished at once from Gweedore out of sight.

Poor Major, if ever again you come here
I hope you won't pay for your trunk quite so dear
But if you be wise and take my poor advice
You never will sin by coming here twice.

We visited this hotel on July 27th 1864 and found Jane as attentive, kind and condescending as ever. On the shortest possible notice a dinner better than that which the Lord Lieutenant had was served up to our intense satisfaction and comfort. It quite charmed the Major (above alluded to) and if he had not had a prior engagement would have accepted Jane on the spot as his "Cara sposa!"

(Verity!!!)

We visited this hotel on July 27th 1864 and found everything delightful.

W H Ferrar 33 T.C.D.
H. Olphert Jun

We desire to add our testimony in addition to those which have previously been given to the comfort of the accommodation, the excellence of the fare, & the marked attention & civility of the domestics, at the Gweedore Hotel
July 29th 1864.

Alexander = Cor = Stuart. (Hamelton)
Henry Stewart H. I. S. Nady
C W Boyton
George Stewart Kingstown
Robert his + mark Stewart. Gortleitragh

Witness
Jno Snooks

I can only repeat the foregoing remarks that everything is very good and attendance excellent

John Cockburn
Omagh
30 July 64

Visitors, Gweedore, — will go Home and advise our Friends and acquaintance to do the same,

W Briggs. Monmouth
W. Parker Derby

August 8th 1864

Major W. A. Rose Mr. P. Governor of the Hon.ble the Irish Society, Mr Davies the Secretary Mr Mackie the Solicitor & Mr Miller the assistant Secretary visited Gweedore for 3 days They were well satisfied with the comfort of the Hotel the civility & attention of those in the establishment & the moderate charges made They attended divine service at Bunbeg Church & were much pleased with the earnestness & zeal of Mr Kane in the discharge of his duties & with the care taken for the spiritual welfare of the people They desire to express their high appreciation of the results obtained by Lord George A Hills unwearied & benevolent exertions in improving the condition of the Inhabitants of this district & in bringing into cultivation large quantities of bog & moor land — They venture to suggest for his Lordships consideration that Timber might be grown on the sheltered hill sides & that Oysters might be cultivated with profit in the little Bays along the shore They hope that his Lordship & his family may long enjoy the results of his labors & that the Almighty may still further prosper the noble work he has ~~undertaken~~ in hand

Of How many of the Hon.ble Secretary Hill barren Hills have been planted & how many oysters beds do they claim in Lough Foyle !!!!!! Lord George has done in a lifetime more than the Irish Society done in the Gentlemen's [illegible]

August 11th 1864

I & my son have remained at this Hotel during a week & have been much pleased with the attention &c — we have received

Wm Noble
Rector of Pitchcott
Bucks.

I have spent 3 days here, & was agreeably surprised to find so far west so comfortable a Hotel

Thos Bell Belfast

With my wife and two sons I have spent a happy month here, — our third visit. We have found the quiet comfort of a private house, and, as on each former occasion, the most obliging attention by every one connected with the Hotel.

J. F. Nicholson Wath rd Doncaster

August 12. 1864

Much pleased — every thing well done — Exceedingly comfortable & household civil, obliging & attentive

John Ross Mahon

I am sorry to leave this very comfortable House every thing is done to please and I am is most attentive to her duties [illegible]

W H Talbot of Liverpool and three Sons. Augt 13th 1864. Visited with the same pleasure as before.

W H Talbot
A W Talbot
W H Talbot Jr.
G. Talbot

Jane Allboots

So far as I have had opportunity of judging, during two short visits to this hotel, I can fully and heartily confirm the high recommendations preceding. John Edgar Belfast

Witness, [illegible]

I have found this Hotel a very quiet and comfortable resting place.

John, L. Rustoul Bolton

Dan Fitzgerald
Mrs Fitzgerald } Dublin
Miss Hughes — Kingstown

Captain Derriman R.N. — Augt 18th
Capn Edw Peel —
Mr Wilkinson —
Mr Allix. Found the hotel every thing one could wish, — and Jane, the attendant, — 'most attentive'

Mr & Mrs French 33 Vincent Square London can testify to the excellence and comfort of this hotel, combined with economical charges. August 17th

17 Augt 1864 I have spent about a week at the Hotel. Nothing can exceed the cleanliness and comfort of it, and the attention and civility of the whole household. Wm Strickling [illegible]

The second time I have had the pleasure of staying at this comfortable hotel. I have visited it and the beautiful surrounding scenery with increased gratification — very grateful for much kindness received

Witness J. Grant Geo Ph Sproule 20th August 1864

20th August 1864

Stayed a night at this Hotel after driving over from Rathmelton by moonlight; and was received attention & courtesy.

D Brand Edinburgh
Miss Brand.

I have visited this Hotel and found everything very clean and comfortable. The attendant deserves great praise for her obliging disposition

20 Augt 1864 Wm Daniel. Blackwell

Gweedore 21st August 1864

We have been very much pleased with the Hotel and attendance here, and only regret we were obliged to make

such a short stay, as we are on our way round the Coast.

Capt. J. A. Lathbury 70. L.V.R.
John Shaw Junr Belfast
E. O. Rickey "
A. Mackenzie Shaw 70th L.R.V.

From the many preceding testimonials in reference to the good cheer, for which the Gweedore Hotel is celebrated, it is superfluous on our part to add anything further, than that Jane is a trump and the life of the house

James A Buchanan Glasgow
22d Aug 1864 J Stewart Peoples Letterkenny
Jack W Strabane

Mr & Mrs Corsaden have spent three days at Gweedore Hotel in which they were most comfortable. The cleanliness and quietness of this Hotel seldom to be equaled. Cast Jane they found the most attentive kind and in every respect most anxious to please such an attendant is seldom to be met with consequently a source of much satisfaction to the Visitors

Ballyanne the House
Londonderry

August 25/1864

26th August 1864

From the 11th to to day H. J.

We have spent a night and portion of a day (far too short a stay) in this most romantic locality - The Hotel comfortable - the attendance excellent and Jane most attentive

G Alter W B Letter
Mrs W B Letter with Child

August 27th 64 Lr Gardiner St (Dublin)

Having spent a fortnight in the Hotel, we concur in the general testimony as to its great comfort, and have found its manager and Jane most attentive

Arthur Hill Nottingham
Frederick Hill "

30 Aug 1864
I have spent a night at this Hotel and found every thing most comfortable

C J C McAlester

30 August 1864
This hotel is comfortable in every respect and Jane is an honour to the country

D. C. Patterson
Belfast

A magnificent country - an improving country - a jolly landlord and a comfortable, cleanly & moderately cheap hotel where one gets better waited on than the Imperial at Cork or any other place in Ireland - each to

Honble Mrs Vereker, Miss Fannia W. Trottee Esq. & Oldsheet Esq. — Lunched here — as usual everything most comfortable. Jane most agreable. August 31st 64.

I have this day partaken of luncheon &c at this Hotel, perfectly satisfied with the attendance & moderate charges.

H. Jul^s Rev

Gweedore Sept 1 1864.

Mr & Mrs Baxter Derry visited this Hotel, and have to state, that as regards comfort and attention experienced here, it far exceeded their highest expectations

2 September 1864

We came to this Hotel yesterday afternoon after a long walk by Kilmacrenan and Dunlewy through drenching rain and therefore in an excellent condition to appreciate the civility attention and good cheer afforded by the attendants — we have enjoyed ourselves most heartily & leave the place with regret —

Geo Hill Smith. Blackrock Co Dublin

2 Sept 64 Wm Graham Dublin

The Accomodation, attention, Civility, and Scenery at Gweedore all that can be desired, In a walk round greater part of Ireland (842 miles) during (in 3 days) which I have put up at 46. different Houses I have found nothing of the kind superior. Geo. T. Macartney

2nd Sept 1864 A Pedestrians Protestant

Sept 4 Hotel good — charges very moderate satisfied with everything but the weather

Macpherson Calcutta

Sept 8. 1864.

Alex Hill of Riga.

N. Stanton Hill of Liverpool

Edward Hill Rector of Wolston Bletchley Buckinghamshire

passed two days at this Hotel and have great pleasure in recording their satisfaction with their reception. At Bunbeg the chief officer of the Coastguard Mr Smith manned a boat for us with the greatest readiness and took us to Gola Island where we obtained all the information and the relics of which we were in search. connected with the catastrophe of 24 January 1862.—

We have been much pleased with the accommodation of this Hotel, & with the courteous civility of the manager & attendants.

Robert Wilson

Dundrum House, Dublin

Arthur Wilson

Septr 10. 1864. Temple, London

I have spent part of two days at Gweedore with a few friends and am much pleased with the arrangements of the Hotel

Alexander McElwee

Sept 10th 1864 Londonderry

be enjoyed by any reasonable mortal who has a good appetite – a pair of strong legs & an eye for the beauty of nature; whilst an unsophisticated cuisine, such as one finds here, keeps a fellow in good humour with himself & all eyes else around him – At least, so says a law student from the Temple, London.

September 1864. his mark

Gweedore
20th Septbr 1864

Leave to day after three weeks my pleasant time spent with a friend – everything very comfortable thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham –

Killed 12 salmon – wish it was all coming over again –

Adolphus Hawker

This is my fourth visit to the Gweedore Hotel. Extremely comfortable as on former occasions. Remained from 26th Augt to 21st Septr.

Charles W E. Hope.

21/9/64.

Friday 23d September 1864

Have dined & passed the night at this hotel. Nothing can exceed the civility and attention; the comfort of the Entertainment; or the moderation of the charges.

John Forster
London.

Sep 28th 1864.

My Wife & self spent ten days at the Gweedore Hotel and found everything very comfortable & the charges moderate – Edwd Amphlett

Having heard so much of the Gweedore Hotel I was anxious to visit it & have much pleasure in stating that it more than came up to my expectations. The comforts remind one of home & the servants most attentive & obliging

James Crawford
Mutton Lodge Derry
Oct 1st 1864

The Gweedore Hotel is.
Quiet – Snug – Home-like.
A Scotchwoman.

My wife's opinion to which I say Do

Mrs Crawford
1 Octr 1864

Oct 5 1864

Spent a night at the Gweedore Hotel and found every thing most comfortable and orderly

Wm Chartres Clk Atty

August 19th

Rather dissatisfied upon first arriving at about 2.30 on the 16th, as every body except the landlady appeared to be out, & she, either, lacking the power or inclination, seemed unable to give me any information, as to houses scenery, distance etc; afterwards

Gweedore Hotel 11th Oct 1864.—
We regret that Jane has left — but glad to find an old familiar face in the Vacancy Everything as usual — and so many Trumpets have been sounded upon this Subject — that we must respectfully decline to say one word about either Hotel or Proprietor

J R Smith Cloony House L. Derry
William Miles — M.P.

Nil Miles
W. Miles — Tailor or — A. Cathoun & Co —

~~Miles~~ that good old man is gone.
You may never see him more
He wears a "Dog Cart Coat"
All Buttoned down before —
Oh — That he'd a Load of Bricks
to Build his Chimney higher
And Keep the Neighbouring Cats
from putting out his Fires —

Gweedore 12th Oct. 1864.
This book contains abundant testimony to the Comfort Cleanliness & order of this Hotel; it affords me much pleasure to be able to add mine also.
J Robinson & party

18th Oct. 1864 —
Hotel comfortable — attendance excellent
James Gaffney. C.C. Dublin
F. J. Keenan

It affords me infinite pleasure to add my humble testimony to that which has already been so abundantly given as to the pleasure derivable from a visit to Gweedore Hotel the arrangements made for the comfort of visitors reflect the highest credit upon the Noble Proprietor and his well qualified agents. As to the Scenery I can only say the long resident in and familiar with the grand scenery of the County Donegal, the towering peaks of Gweedore Mountains its smoothly running river and tastefully cultivated lands furnish my eye with scenes entirely new

J W Webb Rector & Vicar Lettermacaward

25/10/64. Everything as it should be.
Honnellan
Mpl Ass

The Rev John Groynn
27 Oct. 64. Samuel Hutchins
Lucius O'Brien
} found this hotel in all respects worthy of its reputation

I have had a very pleasant & most interesting visit to Gweedore with Lord G Hill, who most kindly took me to Bunbeg, & showed me what is being done on the neighbourhood; the establishment of the store & the quantity of corn cultivated in the district, which is brought to it for

207 sale, prove what may be effected for the benefit of a wild mountain country, by unvarying kindness equally extended to all, together with determination of purpose

Edward O'Neill M.P.
December 16 1864

We spent two weeks at the Gweedore Hotel most pleasantly, the comfort and regularity of this house, the constant attention and unvarying kindness of Mr. & Mrs Canning and the attendants are seldom to be met with in such an establishment

Thos Armstrong Portadown
Jas K. Thompson Brackmagh
Kilkeel
December 17th 1864

Fare, accommodation, attendance, and charges most satisfactory

William Martin Jr
Ramelton
Decr 19 1864

Gweedore Hotel July 15th 1865
For the last four years I have been stopping on my way round the wilds of Donegal all I can say is that I never have been in any hotel in the north of Ireland that is kept so clean and w[illegible] one finds themselves I [illegible] at home

John Anderson Lo[illegible]

Wanted Mayoral Emp in connection with the Hon G Leech, & the Hon Mc Dewitt spent a very pleasant night in fact so pleasant that when morning broke they thought they would go and take a smoke

Sigmd
Master Ed O'Phillips
Gorkeitch
Hon Bodham
Laflus Bland M.P.

April 4th 1865

Master Edward will be more on or about the 20th May
Bollinger

John Holdsworth & Son	Eccles
James King	Rochdale
E Homan & 2 sons	London

16th to 22 April 1865

There was a young man at Gweedore
Whose nose was uncommonly sore
and he said with a sigh
It's quite "all my eye"
This fly fishing game at Gweedore

207 sale, prove, what may be expected

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24/4/65

Experienced great kindness to Mr Cunningham & unquestionably his management of this establishment reflects the highest credit. I therefore feel it a duty incumbent on me to record that his demeanour & merits my warmest approbation

J MacBride M.P.C.S.
Professor of Mathematics
& Belles Lettres
of Dunglow

Spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel and found it most comfortable.

April 28. 1865. R Hamilton
E Lawrence
J. H. Lawrence.
H. A. Lawrence

May. 24th
Edward Fox. Romford. Essex.
Rev. James Disney - Kellyman. May.
All here extremely comfortable and charges reasonable —

May 24th - I have always great pleasure in stopping at this Hotel.

Thos Connellan
Mark Insp. N.S.

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Marchioness of Ely
Lady Marion Loftus. May 30th 1865

June 13th /65 -
Spent three days at Gweedore and received great kindness from Mr & Mrs Cunningham - Emma Cole
Clementina Cole
Sarah G Bushby

June 15th. My second visit to Gweedore found everything completely satisfactory on both occasions,
Jno & Kelly
Belfast

June 19th 1865. We have been here for four days during this time we have been made very comfortable in the hotel.

W. E. Herdman. Belfast
John Herdman. Sion. Strabane

July 3d. The Hotel accommodations are much imp by the additional building. The establishment is as well conducted as ever, & travellers have every reason to be satisfied with it. (C. R. Knight. Chawton. Han
(Marianne Knight

June 19th
I've often been here and leave with pleasure and leave with regret
Dupuy

June 27th 1865
Thos. J. Wynn
V Lawless

June 29th 1865.
John W. Philo.

Mr & Double, Mrs Farrell
Moynalty. Co Meath.
July 2d, 1865.

I cannot speak too highly of the accommodation attention & civility which I have received at the Gresham Hotel. I regret I cannot remain longer
A. Bonnell
July 5th 1865

Passed three nights at the Gresham Hotel and found everything excellent,
July 6th 1865. Robt C. Corte,

Capt. Milligan
Mr Barne
Mr Borrer
Capt. Carleton
4th to 6th July 1865

To find a Hotel at all, in such a wild dis[illegible] is matter of surprize and pleasure; but to f[illegible] one where the attentions of principals and sub-[illegible]-notes are so thoughtful, is uncommon any [illegible] what a mistake

Miss Houlgrave
Seaforth
Liverpool 13 July 1865

We much satisfied with the comforts & attention. The best hotel I have been [illegible] in Donegal.
Walter Thornbury
Furnivals' Inn
July 1865 London.

We have been comfortably accommodat[illegible] and at a very reasonable cost, for three days in this hotel
Revd Frederick Rouch, Canter[illegible]
Rev: J. Mitchinson D.C.L. Head [illegible] of the Kings School Canterbury
Mrs. Mitchinson } Precincts [illegible]
Miss Hole }
July 14 1865 Rev Ed. Greatorex. Durham

I have been here several times and always found the Hotel very "comfortable". I wish other hotels in Ireland were like it.

Wm Duncan.

Limerick

July 13th/65

H W Dashwood, Sonning, Reading

In this Wilderness we have found accommodations in every respect equal to those of the best Hotels in Dublin; while Charges are moderate, the attention & Civility of the Officials not to be surpassed except in Dublin.

Charles McElhinney
Wm Crosbie
John Gamble

take great pleasure in stating that we have been agreeably surprised at finding the Wilds of Donegal such a very [illegible] kept Hotel [illegible] the Guardian

J. Mentland
Charleston S.C.
Wm J. Yates C.S.
Charleston S.C.
Daniel Clarke C.S.
Belfast

July 22/65

Thos. D. Hill
July 26. 1865 - London

James Kane C.E. the Yankee h[illegible]
July 27th 1865 Belfast

July 26th 1865
James Anderson
Belfast

~~Important to Snobs~~

Lord Adam Loftus, Lady Adam Loftus, Miss Loftus. Miss Olpherts, John Olpherts. Miss Price, [illegible] & Mrs Olpherts. Lunched at Gweedore Hotel, 1st Aug 1865 !!!

Aug. 3. 1865.
Mr & Mrs Sidebottom ass. Manchester
Mr Robert Sidebottom ass "
Mr Henry Sidebottom ass "
Perfectly satisfied. Sorry to [illegible] so soon. why did they go?

"Aside" Titania played with Bottom
And the Athenian Snob [illegible]

I beg to express my approval of diagonal postscript at Page 17[illegible]
J McN Dere[illegible]

Augt 1865

August 5th 1865

Alex McElwee London

August 7th 1864

Visited this hotel ~~for~~ and remained for a short time found everything comfortable, and attendance ~~very good~~ excellent, fishing good, and scenery magnificent.

F.F. Leslie Maturin

Found every thing comfortable & charges moderate

Mr & Mrs Cockshank

10 Aug 65 Portrush

Mr H Jamieson Beefast

Aug 14th 1865

Gladly testify to the attention, cleanliness [illegible] of this Hotel.

Henry Stobart

Warkton Rectory - Northampton

[illegible] Hamilton and his son Claude came [illegible] Hotel 10th Aug 65 leave 16th very [illegible] satisfied with accommodation [illegible] - Some provision for drying wells [illegible] this is desirable

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This Hotel quite a feature in the Wilds - well appointed and ~~excellent~~ [illegible] in every respect.

August 17th 65.

J. Mac Devitt (B.A.)
C. E. Dublin

F. Milford spent a fortnight here and found everything very comfortable and well arranged

Aug 17/65

Augt 17th

Leave this hotel today, on the whole very fairly satisfied, though slightly annoyed yesterday upon arriving, first, at being utterly unable to get any information as to horses, scenery, etc etc, as for a certain boy in the Stable yard I think he is a besotted idiot, the living is very good & very thing appears clean & well arranged, except that there is not sufficient accommodation for drying clothes (Rugs, shawls, etc)

[illegible] Hayes & party
Thos. Kristlethwayte

Two brothers met - "Sir Saml & the Stable boy" -

Bollivar

14th Augt 65

August 19th 1865

If there were a different number of attendants, Gweedore would be everything one could wish, it & Carrick are the best hotels we have met with in Donegal —

G W Drought M F H to Roscommon
Mrs Drought

NB. The attendance is very good but it is impossible that two girls could do the work of this hotel —

Elliott Walker remained a fortnight at Gweedore and found the hotel very comfortable — Augt 22nd 1865

Aug 22 left Gweedore after a pleasant sojourn of three weeks — Hotel comfortable have only one suggestion to make & that is that one could do with less salmon at table. The apprentices in old days are said to have agreed with their masters not to have salmon more than three days a week —

W H Simpson

Very comfortable.

Fred. Carrick
London
Aug 19

August — 23d 1865 —

I have sojourn'd at the Gweedore Hotel for a week — my party consisted of two Cadies, and myself.

We are unanimous in bearing testimony to the great attention paid to us by all connected with the Hotel.

— excellent beds, — excellent fare at breakfast & at dinner, — and, great good humour and readiness in our little attendant, Mary J. Chambers, who spared no pains or trouble to make us comfortable.

We shall look with great pleasure to returning to it, when a further opportunity shall arise —

We cannot take leave of the subject of "Gweedore", without expressing our admiration of the efforts of one who has changed a wilderness into a garden of plenty & of peace —

The name of "Lord George Hill", must ever be remember'd, here, with gratitude and with pride —

Edward Gitton — L.C. — M.C. —
for myself and Party.

Gweedore Hotel.

We Visited this Hotel & Remained 2 Days
and every thing Comfortable & Clean

R. Boyd
I. Scott
W. Dawe
T. Livesay
} Gentlemen

23rd August 1865.

For the fourth time, and after the close of a
fourth months sojourn here it is as many
years, I bear testimony to the Excellence
of the Queedon Hotel - in Every Department
The enlargement of the house has been carried
out by our worthy host Mr Jennings has
with very much skill; indeed I think,
that many Architects would have failed in
securing so many conveniences, - as Baths
Etc - Mrs Nicholson and I, (as our son
Mr Scott did a fortnight ago) leave this,
improving district with considerable
regret

J. T. Nicholson
Walter Dwarris.

From Monday August 7th 1865 to
Thursday 24th

W. J.

The only Grant

Arrived here after a walk of 25 miles, very well pleased to find such an excellent Hotel, Last Evening - This day the morning was gloomy - with rain & cold - being fond of Music, I thought of Mr Evans forty & Mr Smith extent as Capital Concert this afternoon would to the Travellers confined to the House by Storm or Rain - I enquired - but this necessary Grant the good proprietor has omitted to supply - Lord George Hill must know the Cause why Music was abandoned - to refresh the mind & Soul of Man after his usual toil & care - & as grateful Traveller suggests, that his Lordship with supply this want as soon as possible - for

Harmony how Heaven Descended
Soaring first where Choirs Ended
Sent through Space and time extended
Heavens first decree -

Pleasure Exultation - Sorrows Consolation,
Then to the Flow that poets Know
From rich Imagination
The very Soul Itself Refining
Life Fate Heat and pants Combining
God and Man and Angels Joining
Hail! this Harmony

cc

I would — For Even as saint Eating Cares
Lap me in soft Lydian Airs,
Married to Immortal Verse —
Such as the meeting Soul may pierce,
In notes with many a winding bout,
Of linked sweetness long drawn out -
With wanton heed, and giddy Cunning
The melting Voice through Mazes running
Untwisting all the Chains that tie
The hidden Soul of Harmony.

Come, and trip it as you go.
Music, Heavenly Maid, and Young -
Come with the Mountain Nymph, sweet Liberty
Rest at Queedon Hotel. Mr & Mrs Jennings
Lawn, genial, kind and happy pair
Welcome you & the Belle planets Pavell
Warbling the beautiful Songs of this Country
Remember Lord George Hill with Love
Edward Sept 1st 1865

Septr 7 1865

~~Chamber of Horrors~~

~~We this day~~

Septr 11th We spent a day & night in this hotel & found it most comfortable attendants most attentive & charges very moderate

John Macdonnell
M.D.
C. Armstrong

September 11th 1865

Deeply indebted as the public have hitherto been to Lord George Hill for this Comfortable and Commodious Hotel, they are now placed under additional obligations by its recent enlargement and improvement - thus affording to tourists in general a splendid opportunity of feasting their eyes on the Magnificent highland Scenery by which it is surrounded.

May he be long spared to reap the fruits of his self denying labours at Gunedore, and when at length his earthly race is run - May his Mantle descend on a worthy successor who shall ever exhibit the same profound interest in the temporal and spiritual prosperity of this remote but deeply interesting regione

We have spent another night

at this Hotel and are equally well pleased as on former occasions with all its arrangements -

Sir Mr Brown its all very fine
But for using the blarney you take the shine

David Brown P.M.
Peter Bayne Ramelton
Wm Bayne
Mrs Marshall & Child

Septr 13 Richd Worsley London

Rose [illegible]

Come fill up your pot, come fill up your pan
Grippit the mutchkins & Scoop all you can
When the whuskey's all gane & no more you can see
Then 'Slope' from the precints of 'Dirty Dundee'.

Ritoo R. S.

7 Oct 1872 A. [illegible] mentioned

[illegible] extreme prostration were [illegible] the part of the attendants resulting from [illegible]tiques incident to the dance &c &c by which the picnic was followed up & the late hours to which the festivities were continued ~~[illegible]~~

Notwithstanding all these disadvantageous circumstances our wants were duly supplied & we were housed with reasonable comfort

J B Scott

Sept 8th J Scott Manhattan

Three Irish Swells are labourers of Shill
Lord Rosse, Lord Dufferin, and Lord George A Hill

Gweedore Hotel Sept 2nd 1865

We have spent one night here & are much pleased with it. The accommodation is excellent, the servants very attentive & the charges moderate. Were it not that the weather has suddenly become unfavorable and consequently not adapted for seeing the splendid mountain scenery here abouts we should have prolonged our stay.

Mr & Mrs Lindsay. – Castlebellingham
Co Louth

July 16. 69. U.S.A.

Clarence Black Zanesville. Ohio

Mrs Oneill the Miss's Maxwell & Mr O'Doherty paid a passing visit to the Gweedore Hotel after a week's tour through the "Wilds" they had afforward of the Hotel but now having seen splendid [illegible] are, they have resolved eyes on the Mag[illegible] Scenery by which it is at some future

May he be long spared to the fruits of his self denying [illegible] at Gweedore, and when at length [illegible] earthly race is run. May his Mantle descend on a worthy successor who shall ever exhibit the same profound interest in the temporal and spiritual prosperity of this remote but deeply interesting regions

We have spent another night

Mr & Mrs Moscrop London

Spent several days at this Hotel and were very comfortable. 6th Sept 1865

Spelling book shuper sheeded

awl a Kobbler's tule –

Sept 7. 1865.

Pic-nic – (30 Sowls)

We the undersigned desire to give our approval of the accommodation & extreme attention afforded to us during our visit to this Hotel – & to return our thanks for same

Bert Macloghlin
M.B. H.D.

We arrived the day after the above mentioned pic-nic & though symptoms of extreme prostration were apparent on the part of the attendants resulting from the fatigues incident to the dance &c &c by which the picnic was followed up & the late hours to which the festivities were continued ~~[illegible]~~

Notwithstanding all these disadvantageous circumstances our wants were duly supplied & we were housed with reasonable comfort

J B Scott

Sept 8th

J Scott Mankstown

Three Irish Swells are labourers of Thill
Lord Rosse, Lord Dufferin, and Lord George A Hill

A party of five Gentlemen remained at the Gweedore Hotel and found it very comfortable and the servants attentive, signed on behalf of the party by One of Lord G A Hill's former supporters from Camickfergus —
[illegible]

Mr Fisher has much pleasure in giving testimony to the good & comfortable accommodation at Gweedore Hotel
J Fisher

Fisher, Forshame! accommodation is the word. Don't repeat the offence, or you shall go to the Dore National School.
"The noisy Geese that gabbled o'er the Pool"
Oliver Goldsmith

September. 15th 1865

O'd the Hotels in our land
We dearly lo'e "Gweedore"
For here, we travellers, find at hand
Each comfort in full store.

John Lyle Clk
Knockburnie
Coleraine
W E Scott (Willsboro)
Alex. Geo. Stuart Clk

Mr Ven the Archdeacon of Raphoe
Miss Gould & Miss Wynne passed last night here. & have been much pleased with the comfort & accommodation of this Excellent Hotel — Sept 16th 1865.
Fie! archdeacon, you are unsure than Fisher

1865
Septbr 18th

Mr & Mrs Edward Ecroyd
Linefield w Burnley

We can safely recommend this Hotel to all lovers of true luxury. Cleanliness being next to godliness we have here the former commodity in all its freshness. & from the numbers of the clerical profession who visit this oasis we may fairly suppose that there is no lack of the latter
Dublinensis

Sept 21. 22. A very comfortable Hotel
J. M. Clarke

Mr & Mrs Hawes remained from 17th Sept to 25th 26th Sept 1865. The beauties of the surrounding scenery, and the comforts of this Hotel, well repay the Travellers visiting Gweedore —
W Hill
John Rennie

Sept. 26th Well satisfied —
Ed Swainson
Thomas R Beaumont

Well satisfied with the Hotel

Sept 26th (Richard W. Mansfield
(Percy R. Grace

C. W. G. Hope. From 30th August to 27 Sept/65.
Fifth visit - very comfortable. (8)

Saintheit & Mrs Pearse visited this Hotel for 21 days, and were much pleased with everything except the Cook "who is bad" - an myself!! Eh?

Mrs Pearse killed 7½ doz Trout & 1 Salmon Trout in 4 days.

Oct 1st 1865

Capt Thomas Miller of H M S Royal George put up at this Hotel while on an Official tour of Inspection he was made very comfortable and found everything excellent

4 Oct 1865

Perfectly satisfied with the Hotel
John T. Cookson
(of Liverpool)

Oct 14/65

The accomadation offered, the comfort of the Hotel together with the romantic scenery of Goredore. Sh^d induce travellers to spend a night at the far famed Goredore Hotel

James Sweeney

William L O Brien
1st Visit found everything very Comfortable attendance good
23rd December 1865

Very good accommodation
[illegible]
31/1/65

William Coppin
Londonderry
H C Williamson
London

Had post car from here to Dervigbeg on 27th March & did not return charged 3/- for it, which I think rather much for a drive of four miles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of any [illegible]

[illegible]
8th [illegible]

Le Comte de Montaigne, Viscount Southwell, & K. T. Digby spent two days at this Hotel & found everything very clean & comfortable. N.B. Salad Oil ought to be found in an Hotel of this class

April 27th 1866.

~~Wm Mullen~~ 1st May 1866.

The One of the best Hotels in Ireland

Jno J Kelly 11th May

Regret I cannot afford to stop a few times long in this exceedingly comfortable Hotel

13th May 1866, Wrecks, and hard fate, having compelled us to spend some days at Glenties and Dungloe, we came here today to see Civilization, and we saw it; we heard of good scenery and we found it; and enjoyed it beyond our expectations, and more than all we got what we have not been strangers to for some days, an excellent dinner, good liquor, and first rate attendance, in fact Mary Jane is a brick

H. G. Burrell
for self and party

15 May 1866

Much pleased with Gwendore, & the hotel is really an Oasis in the dessert of Donegal

H. Gwendore

Marcus Richardson of Portrush

Howard Saunders, Reigate, Surrey

17th May 1866. More extremely comfortable, and fully appreciate the benefit of an hotel like this, in such a wild country.

Go on your way, ye weary travellers, go,
From whence you came nobody cares to know,
The grub you've had, the drink, the route you'll take
Keep to yourselves, now do, for goodness sake.
Don't tell your woes in verse, for 'tis no treat
For us to learn the state of your poor feet.
The ascents you've made, the time that they were done in
Praise of the food as good, the ale as "stunin"
Don't interest a soul, so pray refrain,
And don't write nonsense in this book again.

H. S.

Francis Hurn Lieut. R.N. Swanage Dorset

A very nice Hotel. food good. attendance also
I strongly recom.d it to all Travellers

May 16th/66

19th of May 1866

More than nine years have passed since my last visit to this place, and every lover of his country must rejoice at seeing the many and great improvements that have been carried out here by Lord George Hill: his energy, philanthropy and his unflagging all enduring patience have triumphed over difficulties that would have baffled any merely selfish speculator, bent on benefiting himself: if all landowners were like Lord George, the Irish peasantry would be in very different circumstances: let us hope that his self denying efforts to raise his countrymen to a higher position in the social scale may be blessed with still more complete success, and that he may receive what he so richly merits, the highest rewards from a grateful government "ob cives servatos" Lewis E. Knight.

Mrs Hancock of Lurgan & Daughter spent 2 days here very pleasantly May 21st 1866

I have spent two days very agreeably at this Hotel, which is, indeed, a "land of Goshen" to the wanderer in these wilds. Its appointments, and the order & neatness exhibited in its management, are calculated to please the most fastidious taste; while the attention, fare, and moderate charges are all that the most exacting disposition can expect, or require.

McBrogan Insp. of Agl. Nat. Schools.

26th May 1866

Mr & Mrs Bayne and Revd Mr Brown of Ramelton have spent another night here very pleasantly —

31st May 1866

Capt & Mrs Wright have spent three days in this Hotel very pleasantly — Every attention was paid to their individual comfort and their horses were well taken care of —

Trout fishing good caught four dozen or yesterday — We wish this Hotel the success such an Enterprise merits.

1. June

Col. Chetwode
Wm Cane

Every thing is excellent at this very superior House excepting the attendance a single waiting Maid being the sole attendant however many the number in the House which should certainly be remedied

Thos Miller
20 June 1866 Capt Bel.

It's all my will, Capt Miller, but supposing there should be only 4 guests in the House — Consider both sides of the question — I'm remedy lies within yourself — be a little less selfish — a little more the Sailor —

Right!

June 23rd Everything good & comfortable, people civil & obliging.

Henry Birch

A very comfortable Hotel -

Alexr P. E. Powell
George F. S. Powell - June 25

Passed a night here, & was much satisfied with the comforts of the hotel & the civility of the attendants

W. M. Arbuthnot
Mrs W. A. Arbuthnot
Miss E. L. Arbuthnot
Col. W. Lenox Conyngham

29th June 1866

We are very much pleased with this Hotel in every respect. — 30th June 1866

Samuel Lang
C. Lang
M. Fabian
J. E. Fabian

My first visit to the Gweedore was in the Year 1843. I have visited it from time to time since — and have in each succeeding visit found a steady progress in improvement going on I have remarked this especially on my present visit. I only regret that this district is not more known and visited as it affords a bright example of what can be done where there is the will to promote the welfare of the people. Nothing need be said about the Comfort and accommodation of the Hotel it is every thing that can be wished and far more than could be expected

3 July 1866
R. Binney D.C.L.
J.P. County Down

I am greatly pleased with every arrangement of this hotel, and I hope to spend my honeymoon in this delightful retreat in which I have passed many pleasant hours

Arthur A. B. Forster,
3rd Dragoon Guards.

I have remained here a night — I have not in all Ireland been in a more comfortable Hotel, nor one in which the charges are so moderate, and every thing so clean and neat —

J. Stewart Wood Colonel
Inspector General of Constabulary

13: July 1866.

I can fully endorse the remark of Mr Francis Francis that the Gweedore Hotel is an "Oasis in the Desert" — but this place has has even exceeded any Expectations I may have formed: no angler could wish for more comforts than he can obtain at the Lord George Hill's Hotel — 18th July 66

Fredk Solensen
Watch on Dearnt
Doncaster.

I (One Day) have stopped two nights at this Hotel and found it most Comfortable

Oh bless the composition

Thomas Day, Knight of the Scissors

Should I again ever reach old Erin's shore
I shall certainly visit sweet Gweedore
The site is grand, the Hotel complete
The entertainment such as tourists rarely meet

B. Sharkey
Philadelphia
United States

July 22nd 1866

Good

We've spent a night at this lovely spot
Where Art on Nature imposes
To this charming place while days are hot
We've been guided by our "sposas"
"Lady Olivia" ruled the way
With "director" for "head Centre"
The judge insists we shall be gay
While I watch the pine wood "splinter"
On this bit of wood — and now "made good"
Our visit here depended
Full twenty miles by tandem good
Our weary way we trended
Long live the weaver who made our stilt!
Near School of Letterbrick
Long shall that prop — by letters felt
Point out the weaver's trick —

T. W. C. M.
9 —
22.7.66

Highly pleased with the accommodation and attention at this well conducted Hotel.

E. Doyle
H. Gallagher
Richd Gallagher
William Boyle

22.7.66

J. L. Downey & party spent a very pleasant week at this place
follow me Fray Carn

This house combines the comforts of home with the freedom of an hotel & in the neighbourhood you may find good health sport & scenery.

July 22nd 1866 Wm. Edw. Reilly
John Reilly

We are much pleased with Gweedore hotel.

24/7 mo 1866. Saml. Chandlee,
John Chandlee

Cattle Mercury 24 July 1866.

This hotel is certainly an oasis in a desert.
Adolphus Scribblequick
23rd July 1866 Hibernicus

Visited Gweedore. July 24 1866
R. Hamilton
Lt. Blacker

We are much pleased with this Hotel have spent 2 nights in it, will recommend to any of our American Friends who visit Ireland to stop here.
July 26th 1866 John Floyd
Pittsburgh
America

July 26th 1866

We have visited this Hotel and will recommend to all who wish to spend a week or two to see one of the pleasantest places in Ireland

Nathan Floyd
Robert Floyd
Boy-ards
near
Ramelton

July 27th 1866

To persons remaining here for any length of time I consider this Hotel to have two defects the first (easily remedied) is the absence of all the daily newspapers. the second is its position Dunbury would have been a much better site being equally good as a fishing station and much better as a Hood Centre from which to visit the scenic attractions of the neighborhood, in all other respects it is unexceptional.

A. Locelyn Mayne Dundrift
Dublin

It's clear, Mr Mayne, you are not an angler "ne sutor ultra crepidam"

The above Scribe is a better judge of mountain scenery than of the gentle art of fishing, with a little interest he might secure accommodation at the Police barrack, where he would have solitary confinement gratis, and the perusal of that interesting periodical the "Hue and Cry": for my own part this Hotel wants nothing to make it most comfortable and I hope on my next visit to find more water in the river.

You are right, Hector. "Hector Pickacafax"

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Mr and Mrs Quintus from Groningen (Netherland) had here on the 30 July 1866 a very good lunch. They were sorry, that by want of time they could not spend in this hotel several days

W H Quintus

July 31. 1866

Dr & Mrs Harvey & Mr Todkerton spent a day & night at this Hotel, & found great attention & civility in every respect. A visit to Bunbeg & Dunbeg was very interesting: it will amply repay the time spent.

We were very much pleased with this hotel & found everything very comfortable

Thomas A Farrell
Edward Thos Meynell

2 August 1866. [illegible] LL.D
very much gratified — Education Office. Dublin

We arrived here tired and hungry yesterday afternoon but were quickly restored to a comfortable state by an excellent dinner, and every comfort which could be desired. To spend a day here is a delightful change from some of the other so called Hotels in Donegal

3 August 1866.

R Grimshaw
& Wm Allen Belfast

Having heard much of the Gweedore Hotel I have now much pleasure in bearing personal testimony to the Comfort, Cleanliness and Moderate charge, and consider it quite a treat to the traveller when visiting the truly picturesque highlands of Donegal

Thomas L Bohin
Belfast

August 5th 1866

After spending a few days here, we cordially bear testimony to the high character which this Hotel has so long sustained

Samuel McN Bellis LL.D. Ramelton
Peter Bayne
William Martin Solr Ramelton
M. F. Bayne
G. Marshall [illegible]
Jr. Bellis
Jane Bellis

August 4th 1866

I am glad to have an opportunity of recording the high satisfaction with which I have spent two days at this Hotel — not only because of the superior and unexceptionable accommodation which it affords to the visitor, but principally because it is an important part of a great and unusual effort made for the material and moral improvement of the people of this district; — an effort carried forward with singular patience and skill and energy and self-denial; — and I earnestly trust that the Noble Proprietor may be long spared, not only to see the interests of his tenantry effectually advanced, but to find that many other landowners in Ireland have been stimulated to follow his benevolent example.

William H. Kirkpatrick D.D. Dublin

August 4th 1866

I take the liberty of suggesting that if a new Edition of "Facts from Greedore", supplemented by a few additional facts, opinions, arguments drawn from the experience acquired since the first publication of the Work, were now prepared and sold at the price of 1/, it would tend exceedingly to diffuse and deepen the interest felt in this great philanthropic movement — W.B. Kirkpatrick

Whitehall

An exceedingly comfortable hotel

Robt Hard

London

Augt 6th/66

I look now on the Gweedore Hotel in the light of a home, & am glad to reach it on Saturday nights so as to be able to spend the Sundays here on my journeys through this County — Long live "Lord George" say I —

Wm H Lamieson Recast

Aug 6th 66

I have great pleasure in being able to bear testimony to the comforts of the Gweedore Hotel, both as regards good attendance, & accommodation.

L. A.

J. & E. Brown, Ackworth, Yorkshire.

16 S H Thrasthwaite Wheleplands, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Accommodation & attendance all that we could desire. — 7 vii 1866.

After a 5th visit here — July 6th to Augt 9th with my wife son and daughter, I have again the pleasure to bear testimony to the Excellence of the Gweedore Hotel and its management.

Geo. P. Nicholson

Wath upon Dearne

Yorkshire —

James Wilson
Howard Arnold } 10th August 1866

Mr & Mrs J. C. Smith
Holywood Belfast } 10 August 1866
A Charming Hotel in the finest Site I have seen in Donegal.

Mem I took 5 Salmon (weight 8 to 12 lbs) this day in fair fly fishing on the river

J.C.S

Augst 13th 1866
Everything most comfortable at this Hotel. Mr & Mrs H. Osborn & children
St Andrews New Brunswick.

I came to this delightful retreat in the wilds of Donegal both hungry, and thirsty, and joined by two other jolly dogs equally so, we spent two days and one night and I think three more jovial Creatures never left more perfectly satisfied with every thing supplied in this most excellent Hotel and the Charges for every thing most reasonable and the attendance all that could be desired

14 Augt 66 Isaac Cory

Revd C. H. Rice, Armagh, August 16th 1866, found his wants well & promptly attended to, and everything remarkably clean & comfortable.

A more Comfortable Haven the Traveller could not desire than this well regulated Establishment

17 August 1866 Geo P Rickcord
Royal Navy

Capt. J. K. Humfrey Cavanaugh Mrs Humfrey & party have spent five days at Gweedore they found the fare excellent & the charges extremely moderate — The servants have been very attentive
August 20th /66

The Miss Meadows have been very well satisfied with the accommodation & attendance at this Hotel
Well written. Augt 21

Lt Colonel Grove & Captain V Johnson stayed here a few days & found every attention & comfort, coupled with civility — from every one connected with the establishment
August 24th :66

Mr & Mrs Loxley have passed several days at this Hotel which is an oasis in the desert. They found everything clean and comfortable.

August 27th 1866.

August 28. — To what is written above in praise of the Hotel, I say "ditto".

J. Godkin, Hatch St.
Dublin

Aug. 29.
Nathaniel
Of Comfortable

Aug 29/66 If attention cleanliness & reasonable charges can add to the comfort of the tourist this well regulated establishment must be appreciated. The situation is the finest I have seen in Ireland

Francis W. Reynolds
Wootton

From Friday the 17th Augt to Saturday morning 1st September 1866.

H. J.

1866

From 31st August to 3rd September 1866.

Robt J. Mitchell.

Same time
Alfred Price. Gloucester
for Dunglow.

August 29 to Septr 3. '66 -
John Deeder, London - Hotel very reasonable & comfortable
William Donnelly Dublin Aug 29th Sept 1st

Septr 6th /66 Mr & Mrs E. H. Wood have passed two days at this Hotel - have found it most comfortable, & rec'd the greatest attention from all, & very moderate charges. —

Mrs & Mr Thomas Sproule have spent two days in Gweedore with much pleasure and found everything ex comfortable

I have spent two very delightful days in visiting the objects of interest in this neighbourhood. Its geological formation renders it doubly interesting to all the lovers of that science. The Hotel is so chaud and everything so comfortable it difficult to say too much in its praise

Henry H Head M.D.
Dublin

Mrs and Miss Olphert and Mrs Hall Stirling and two Miss Stirlings paid Gweedore a visit and were much pleased with the accommodation of the Hotel

7th September 1866

J'ai passé ici une journée charmante, Beau pays, bon hotel et braves gens!

8 September 1866

A. Vidal

If Falstaff & Pistol & Bardolf & Hal
Had ever put up at Gweedore
I'll lay any wagers that none of those stagers
To Quickly's had gone any more;
For, Pistol, aware of Lord George's good fare,
Would have died of delight on the floor,
And Bardolf's red nose would have grown this toes,
And tripped him behind & before,
While so broad in the back would have spread honest
Jack
That he couldn't have squeezed thro' the door,
And Hal would have tarried with Mary, & married,
And voted his kingdom a bore.

— "Good my Lord" G. F. A. Sept. 9, 1866

Septr 10th Joseph Woodlock } Dublin
Thomas Breen }

First rate accommodation in Gweedore Hotel

Thos Stott Ballymoney Co Antrim } 14th Sep 66
Marmaduke do do
James Ramsie Jr do
R. M. Douglas Derwock

I have great pleasure in again bearing testimony to the comfort and cleanliness of the Gweedore Hotel. which has been much improved, since my last visit, two years ago, by the addition of an excellent coffee room; a few more bedrooms & a bathroom

15th September 1866 Jonathan Ward —

Very good Hotel. A. Morton 16th Sep. 66.
Ballycastle. Co Antrim

Thursday Sep. 20th 1866

My first visit to Gweedore Septr. 1844. to 1866. Sep. with great pleasure I look forward to make my annual journey here

James Hawes

C. Hope From 30th August to 1st Octr 1866
Sixth visit - Extremely comfortable - (22)

Colonel A. I. Fraser has been exceedingly gratified by all he has seen at Gweedore both within & without - Long may success attend such generous efforts! —
The arrangements of the Hotel are those of a good private establishment. Oct. 3rd 66
Capt & Mrs Somerset Ward Octr 2nd — 5th 1866
Mrs Victor Oct 5 1866

Mr & Mrs T R Crawford found every thing very comfortable in this Hotel
12th October 1866
W Trocke 35th Royal Jussex
13th October 1866 perfectly satisfied.

My third visit to Gweedore - Ascended Arigal for the first time, the peculiar character of the Mountain and the fine view from the summit will well reward the lover of mountain scenery - The Hotel increased in comfort & accomodation since my last visit - The grateful thanks of all are due to Lt George Hill
13th Octr 1866 Geo E W Spoonde

Sonegh
Long

We have been in every manner pleased with this charming little hotel - charges modest - sheets aired - civil handmaids - & a culmination of every thing the tourist can wish for - & hardly to be expected from the wild locale of Gweedore
October 15. 1866
A. T. Corry Capt R. N.
W. J. Lund Captain R. N.
Sandys No 3. Gweedore Hotel Octr 16/66

Servants. Civil, obliging and attention
Bed & Board. Clean: comfortable, & excellent
W. S. Wood
Milford

Octr 21st 1866
I spent a night at the Gweedore Hotel & found everything comfortable - Mary Lane very civil - indeed
T. L. Stack Capt & adjt P.W. O.D. Militia

Novr 7th 1866
I found this Hotel most comfortable
W. K. Dover Capt R. C. Militia
Keswick, Cumberland

Arrived here yesterday much exhausted after a long journey; leave to-day completely invigorated by the superior comfort and accomodation afforded at this hotel.
W. Ward

— north wind — bright moon — white road — brown heather — Tringle noble in the moonlight — sentiment bosh! — Starved — perished. Comfort of Hotel magnificent contrast — but why write testimonial — Stuff! Gueudore Hotel speaks for itself — nothing left to be desired (except a Cosey for the Tea pot) Shall return home — vivid impression of what energy and perseverance can do — making a fifth paradise of the wilderness Alf^d Tingle. Bravo Jingo

We have visited numerous hotels in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and have not found any of them more comfortable than this.

9th March, 1867.

Edwd Hanly
Hy Prescott.
Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London.

Still so gently over me sharing

Here I am again one of the three Jolly dogs whose entry in this book bears date 14 Aug^st /66 and which I again fully endorse; beds most comfortable attendance and Liquor first rate

Jolly dog (No 3).

15 March /67

21 March 1867

~~We have visited~~

I visited this Hotel with two friends and found it so comfortable that I can recommend it as being one of the best conducted to be had any where. The civility and ~~obligation~~ attention paid to us by Mr & Mrs Cunningham cannot be surpassed ~~whilst the attendance was~~ every thing that can be desired.

This is a romantic place for to spend his honey moon in

J. B. O'Doherty Quebec

Any person going to get spliced, about getting on a bender, or in making a fool of himself in any other way I would say "go it Lemons" and get squeezed" — at this Hotel — You Rowdy —

We recommend the Brandy and Soda Water

J B O'Doherty

Brandy & Soda ~~[illegible]~~
Tyscornell Abbo

259 A very comfortable hotel in every respect

N. White 42 Leinster Road Dublin

2 Apl 1867.

April 20th

This is my first visit to Gweedore Hotel found everything very comfortable & neat & I hope to have the very great pleasure of visiting it ere long again

M. S. Dungloe

April 26th 1867

I feel great pleasure in endorsing the above

Henry F. Stewart Ballymoney Co. Antrim

April 27th 67

Mr & Mrs Mr Miles & Mr Th. Miles have spent three very pleasant days at this hotel and in visiting the surrounding Islands We have found everything at Gweedore to fully realize our most sanguine expectations and we sincerely trust that the noble & generous proprietor may be long spared to see his long & anxious wishes for the advancement and prosperity of his tenantry in Donegal fully matured

We cannot take leave without bearing testimony to the efficient management of Mr & Mrs Cunningham

Gweedore Hotel
9 May 1867

Colonel Hynne Engineer
Miss Hynne
Mr Chas Osborne

are in every respect satisfied with the Hotel and now especially to remark on its cleanliness, the civility and attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham and the activity and good attendance of Jane

"La cuisine cependant laisse quelque chose à désirer !" surtout en affaire de poisson"

Darwin Wese Froggies

11 5/67 – J. A. Elliott Leinster Road Dublin

Gweedore Hotel 20th May 67

We arrived here on Wednesday Eng the 8th Inst with the intention of remaining only a few days, but finding our quarters so comfortable (especially Jane) we stayed until to day

C. Oulton Bristol
Henry Oulton Liverpool

Philip John Worsley Bristol Arr. 13 May, left 22 May
Miss Worsley } London — 13 — — 24 —
Richard Worsley }
Chas: H. C. Calvelley Edinburgh

Were much pleased with the management & comfort of the house the attention shown by Mr & Mrs Cunningham and the civility of the servants. The remark made above as to the cookery deserves attention: the butcher seems to be much in fault

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June 6 1867 – R. B. Lopplewell, Beacon Hill
Addingham Yorks has received at
this Hotel attentive civility and great
personal comfort. (And after walking
42 miles at a stretch – at part 60 years old – he will earned it – H.G.E.)

June 9th 1867 – We have been
here five days, are charmed with
the ~~Scenery~~ Mountains, Mr Cunningham
is, as she has always been most
kind and attentive, her handmaidens
are most obliging

James Kennedy
M. B. Kennedy
Ellen Kennedy

We've travelled about a bit in our times, (who sinners)
And of wonders have seen a few,
But never before in mountainous climes,
Have we seen so neat a view.
The scene is nice, the river good,
The hills are wild indeed;
And Jane inside gives right good food,
That those who stop may feed.
Then sign your names as best you can,
And read the book all through,
And then begone, to some other land, (Scotch)
To paddle your own canoe.
T. O'Flanagan, Captn F. V. C. C.
Co. Donegal over & above

The true & correct likeness of Hanning O'Hanigan O'Flanagan Yorks

Thad. Flanagan S.O.B.C.
Philada U.S.
Ellen Flanagan
H.B.O.A.
Philada U.S.
Edm. Gallagher D.I.

Sir!

C. Flanagan Strabane Barty of Raphoe
Signed, Sealed, and delivered this 10th of June 1867 – A.D.
Witness my hand & seal (*)

Spent three very pleasant days at "Gweedore Hotel" with a party of six, received the utmost attention and kindness from Mr Cunningham and the attendants. Saml Cassidy
13th June 1867 –

Was accommodated at "Gweedore Hotel" One day and night received every attention desirable from Mr Cunningham & others. Alexander Gale
13th June 1867 B.C. Act. Bk. Mr

Lord and Lady Francis Conyngham & Mrs Gus Sprule; were delighted with the Gweedore Hotel and the surrounding Country during the few hours they spent at that remarkable spot

June 20th 1867
Captain and Mrs Kennedy
Mrs Fred William Foynes visited
Gweedore and Bumbeg were much pleased
with the Hotel which they found extremely
comfortable.

J. W. Filo

22 Jun 67.

We also add our testimony as to the excellent accommodation
and comfort of the Gweedore Hotel — We met here our
much esteemed friend "John Jamison" to whom we
paid the greatest respect & attention, we strongly
recommend visitors to make his acquaintance as soon
as possible. The scenery in the neighbourhood is
grand in the extreme, and as to the fishing you
have only to put your hand in the water & take them
out, The salmon being so tame and anxious to be
caught that they actually eat out of your hand —
We can only say should the shooting be as good
as the fishing a saltbox is all that the tourist will
be required to furnish himself with

22 June 67 McGriffiths Oxton. Birkenhead
E. S. Lovey Belfast
Peter Bayne Ramelton

Robt S. Lovey Belfast
June 23rd 1867

Visited Gweedore Hotel. June 29th 1867. R. Hamilton
F. Blacker & M. Blacker.

Mr & Mrs Wright of Londonderry have
visited the Gweedore Hotel where
they have found the comforts
of a home in every respect.
& the servants most attentive
& obliging — left 8 July 1867.
P.S. I shall revisit the Hotel
& district again as soon as
practicable — Bumbeg is well
worthy a visit & the scenery
around Bumbeg is well as the
peasantry —
James McElhay. Derry.
Well pleased with the accomodation.
July 12th 1867.
Visited Gweedore & found the
Hotel much improved, with the
usual cleanliness & comfort —
Thomas Kabb & party —

A Clean Comfortable House, Attentive
Servants. and the arrangements excellent,
15th July 1867. Mr & Mrs Forbes
After a month's sojourn —

July 18. 1867. Hotel good. "Jane" better.
W. T. Jr

This Hotel sustains its reputation for Comfort and Cleanliness

[illegible] W. Bellis L.L.D.
Kamilton

R. L. T. Martin — Kamilton

A jolly place. J. B.
James Bellas. Coleraine

Sevare weather 21st to 23rd July. 1867.

Well regulated Hotel
R. I. Alexander of Ladies

August 3rd /67. This Hotel reflects Credit on all connected with it, and is conducted in the most satisfactory manner. Frank Thorpe Porter Surgeon
Dublin

J. R. Harvey — Schaw Park

Robt. McGowan R. Elphinstone

5th Augt 1867 —

Beauchamp N. Johnson
Dawson Patrick

R. I. Fowler

Miss Sherman Crawford was much pleased with the Hotel.
August 6 1867

John Hancock J. P. Surgan
Revd. W. H. Herford Manchester
Dr. Lakin Sutton Coldfield Warwickshire
Lawrence Wedgwood Barlaston Staffordshire
William Hancock Surgan
August 6 1867

Fras. Johnson & wife, Hertford — Comfortable, and much pleased with the Hotel.
August 7th 1867

Wm. Mc Manartney and son found the Hotel very comfortable, and servants most attentive —
Augt 10th /67

Wm. Kitchen Wm. Curtis very well satisfied with the Hotel.
11. Aug. 1867.

[illegible]
[illegible] August 1867

Mr. & Mrs. H. Grayer Earnshaw of Springfield, nr Stroud, Glos'e. have pleasure in adding their testimony to the comfort of this hotel and the attentiveness and civility of the domestics.

12. Aug. 1867. —

By the banks of a flowing river
Not far from the ~~Sha~~ Shore,
Stands a fair Hotel where never
Hotel has stood before
True Kindness, peace, & plenty,
And comfort there ~~always~~ abound
Whether but ten or twenty
Within its walls be found
How cometh such good cheer in
Those wild & distant parts?
Tis just because old Erin
Holds some true noble hearts
Who seek the good of others
With true philanthropy
Who look on men as brothers
Of whatsoever degree
A landlord and an agent
United heart & hand
Both seeking for the welfare
Of their dear native land

12th August 1867 Wm. Holmes Esq Londonderry
Wm. Holmes Londonderry
Miss Tebryll Lillerton
L. A. Ramsay Esq Dunfanagh

Very good indeed

The Revd. R. J. & Mrs. Buddicom ~~spent~~ spent a fortnight at this Hotel & were very well satisfied with the attention received from Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham & also from the servants. Augt. 16. 1867.

In company with my friend W. Baird of Dublin have spent a few very pleasant hours at this Hotel, and feel sure my arrangements do not permit a longer sojourn — I hope it may be my privilege to return, as I am sure I could spend one very happy day here. Charges moderate & attendance all that could be desired

D. Stewart
D. A. Muth. Edinburgh

Gweedore Hotel Aug 17/67
Viands & attendance good
Bed rooms & sitting room comfortable
Car drivers civil & obliging
Charges very moderate
J. Richd. Key
for self & family The Woodlands
Bedfordshire
England.

Mr. J. Peers & C. W. Hereford, H.M.S. Britannia spent a fortnight at the Gweedore Hotel and were much pleased with the

attention they received

Aug 20. Grouse shooting in this neighbourhood is magnificent. On this the opening day 4 guns, slaughtered 1 cuckoo 1 hawk 3 hares & a hooded crow. The fishing is about as productive; a few trout nearly a large as sprats rewarded two hard working sportsmen & amply made up for the loss of their forgotten luncheon. The Reform Bill having successfully passed through both Houses of Parliament, & Lord Derby having recovered from a recent severe attack of his ancient & hereditary enemy, & the Conservative Govt. being in a position to yield anything & everything to any body who agitates, the country may be congratu=lated on the auspicious appearance of affairs in general, & of the cuisine of the Gweedore Hotel in particular. N. B. Jane Boyle is a wonder, & wants upon three rooms full, all at once in an astonishing manner, & has thereby proved the ancient proverb that a rolling stone gathers no moss. —

George Cameron
Walter Randolph

Mr. James McLeis Vernon Lodge Belfast

Aug. 23. We came here yesterday and altho' the Hotel was full were treated with much attention. We are well pleased with the accomodation etc. Had an excellent header from the bridge this morning.

George Vaughan Hart
Henry Chichester Hart.

Colonel & Mrs Simpson beg to state they have found this Hotel very comfortable, it is a well conducted establishment & the Parlour maid most attentive & obliging. August 23rd /67

— J McConnell J Hamilton R M Hamilton were treated with great attention during their stay at this Hotel, August 25th —

On this my third Visit to the Gweedore I and my wife found it possible, better than on our former Visits the addition made to it by his Lordship since my former Visit, give Mr & Mrs Cunningham, greater facility for exercising that inherent feeling of hospitality, that induces them to look after the Wants of their Guests irrespective of the trouble additional. It may give, the provisions and attendance were unexceptional

Mr K no great things

Abr Crawford
25 August 1867

We have stayed at this hotel for a week and found every thing satisfactory

Aug 27 1867

Saml Morley
Henry J. Morley

Adolphus Hawker
August 1867

August 31. Edward P. Rouse & Miss Rouse
Eton College

Doctor ~~Fitz~~ Finncane.
Black Rock Co Dublin have spent
one night most comfortably at
Gweedore Hotel, cleanliness predominates in
by department, & the attendance excellent & both
regret that time does not permit an extension of the visit

We return to Blackrock quite charmed
with the wild & beautiful scenery
of Donegal & can testify to the
attention & comforts experienced
at Gweedore Hotel. On our route
A. E. Finncane
September 3rd 1867

Our second visit to Gweedore Hotel
— We have enjoyed its comforts
which seem to increase —
E & T. Finncane
(Ray)

We have very great pleasure in visiting
Gweedore once more after an absence
of four years we were much surprised
and delighted with the improvements
Saml Thos Cox Clk
Ellen M. S.
Sept 3d 1867

3rd September, 1867.

We arrived here this day after a delightful
drive through the varied and beautiful scenery
of the district, and have found everything at
this Hotel most comfortable, with capital
attendance: a walk to Bunbeg will well
repay the tourist, and prove to him what
great results can be arrived at by a
combination of energy and philantrophy
such as that which has been manifested
by the regenerator of this District.
Lauct G. W. Watson
Gweedore Hotel.
Frank Sheppard

4th September 1867
Visited Gweedore and was exceedingly
pleased with all I saw
Emilie Dombrain

I have spent two very pleasant days here
one of them a Bunbeg which well repays
a visit.
Margaret S. Dombrain

Sept. 6/67 (Ther. 9 AM 33°)
"Clean, but Oh how Cold"
Byron.

Very thing clean & comfortable and
charges moderate
F.S. Sept 6/67

John Robert Holmes Esq
S. I. C.
Royal Irish Constabulary
Donegal

9th Sept. 1867
We have stayed at this hotel several days, and found everything as satisfactory as could be desired in every respect.
J. Bryce
Oriel Coll. Oxford ?
Hannan Bryce
Edinburgh.

This is but one of my many visits to this most comfortable Hotel, with others, I cannot speak too highly of its comforts in every respect, and saying thus much for myself. I think if my horses could convey their ideas on the pages of this book, they would add their mode of praise, as regards their comforts, which cannot be surpassed

11 Septr 67
J. V. H.
L. I. R. I. C. ??

Adieu Gweedore we'd love to dwell
For ever in that silent dell
[illegible] skirts this very nice Hotel
'Mid mountains bare
Where one could scarce in metre tell
How good's the fare.

It was one evening drenched with rain,
Through lands more famed for turf than grain,
O'er hills more rough than Ocean's main
In sad array.
We came; — and when we come again
A finer day!

Stewart Woodhouse T.C.D.
F. Hetchell.
J. Maffett. Dublin.
Richard J. Maffett T.C.D.

Spent three days at this Hotel and found everything most comfortable and attendance excellent weather very wet.
J. Cockburn
14 Sept 1867

Mr & Mrs Bryan - from Marble Hill a pleasant visit - fine view of the Mountains & everything complete
Septr 18th 67

I agree with the above
James A Corbett
Cardiff Sep. 18th 67

Having travelled pretty far, & visited the most considerable Hotels in America, I can [illegible] the "Gweedore" is unsurpassed by any, for Cleanliness, Comfort, and attention

S.A.M.L

20th Sept 1867

I and highly pleased with Gweedore Hotel

Robt Brown

Sept 21st 1867

We have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the highly satisfactory and efficient manner in which the business of this Hotel is conducted, Everything is of the best quality and the attendance is performed with promptitude & heartiness.

J G Fleming

Saml Adair

21.9.67.

Having had experience of Hotels in every part of Ireland, I feel it but just to say that I know of no other place in which the Comfort and the Cost Contrast so favourably as at the "Gweedore".

The Management is Excellent and the attendance most satisfactory while the fare is all that the most fastidious & exacting can reasonably require.

M. Brosan Insp. of agr. n.s.

22nd Sep. 1867.

R. Hamilton Rev. L. Disney and Mr. & Mrs. Feynson Knox. 28th Sep 67.

Having frequently visited this Hotel I again bear testimony to the superior manner in which it is conducted.

Sept 24th 67 George White

We have passed two days in this Hotel — from the reports we heard respecting it we must say we expected great things — we have not been disappointed — we can testify to the comfort & pleasure we experienced while here and leave it with regret that our stay cannot be prolonged

27 Sept 1867 Alex Kleck L Derry

Joseph Patton L. Derry

James Davidson Hamilton

I have spent a most pleasant week in this Hotel

William Barnett

Rosario

St. Fe

S. America

Sept 27th 1867

Fishing all week; killed a number of small brown trout & one salmon 9½ lb

Richard Barnett N.S.

Donegall Sq. South

Belfast.

Accompanied by the two last gentlemen I spent a very

Pleasant week at the Gweedore Hotel where I found a most attentive Host & Hostess excellent fare & good attendance

John Finlay
St Leonards on Sea
Sussex

30 Sept 67

We have spent two days in this very clean comfortable house and hope to revisit it on some future occasion

Sept. 30. /67.

J. C. Colvill Cockock Co. Dublin
John C. Colvill } Trin: Coll: Camb.
W. A. E. Vale Bayshawe

Spent a month at this Hotel. Found every thing. very comfortable attendance first rate -

October 1st 1867.

J. S. Montgomery (Captain)
Ballydeam Belfast
R. J. Alexander } Portglenone
J. S. Alexander late R.N. } Co. Antrim

October 4th 1867

Captain C. Maturin and his son Mr D. B. M. Baird stayed at this Hotel ten days and found it extremely comfortable and well conducted. the charges are very moderate, (considering the great expense of the transport of provisions, and viands) and the servants civil and attentive. They (i.e Capt M. & Mr B) have no hesitation in recommending this Establishments to travellers and Tourists as an agreable place of sojourn. and retirement from the World.

"'Tis pleasant to peep through the Loopholes of Retreat"

Mr. & the Misses Forsyth have had all their wants supplied (2x) received every attention, & enjoyed their stay exceedingly.

Shellfield. Forstewart.

L. P. B. Dykes - Oxford + if otherwise happy Cot

(Every thing good and cheap as usual
Gweedore Hotel Oct 5th 1867
William Martin & Son
Saml Sproule
Kennedy

greatly pleased with the Hotel
found everything most comfortable
and attendance very good

Mrs Westerne
Mrs Anderson

October 15th/67

Everything here is just
as I could wish it, indeed I
feel more comfortable in this
Hotel than any other in the North
which I go to — attendance could
not be better, and everything else
to match

Robt Brown
Belfast
Oct 30th 1867

Visited the Ewedore Hotel
& found everything
as usual, most comfor
table and extremely reasonable
and the attendance excellent

Frederic Goold
A. Dr. of Raphoe
Henry Kear
Captn VIIth Royal Fusiliers

Novr 19th 1867 —

Sweedore Hotel Nov. 20th 6 o'c. a no
a Comfortable breakfast. & James attendance
second to none.

An Early Bird

~~Through glen and mountain pass lakes & fountains~~

February 29, '68

We the undersigned have
much pleasure in repeating
that the accomodation, attendance
&c at this Hotel is everything
that can be desired

Sublime

Austin Greene
Mrs Greene
C Hegarty
M. Hegarty

April 13th 1868

The Beer's Sermonettes —

April 16. 1868
Slept at the Hotel. breakfasted this morning. Abundantly satisfied with everything

Some have meat an cannot eat
And some can eat & want it
But we have meat an we can eat
So let the Lord be thanked —

W Percy Robinson
Foyle Coll: Derry

Andrew Johnstone
Foyle Coll: Derry

Mrs Pendleton — Dublin and her [illegible] Miss Hill, have passed some very happy days in this comfortable well ordered Hotel and leave perfectly satisfied with every thing especially the attendance — 22d April 68 —

Ms Frood — W. Frood Esqre — Miss Frood May 5. 1868 —
Found every thing very comfortable — Weather charming.

Mr & Mrs Hutcheson Boyd Newry Co Down have been staying at this Hotel since Friday the 22nd inst. and have found it very comfortable and well kept Andover much pleased with the attention they received and with the attendance —

Gweedon 26th May 1868 —

I spend at least one day at this Hotel every two months, and for comfort and attendance it could not be better — There is just one thing in my opinion, wanted to make this Hotel still more pleasant to many visitors — that is, a Piano — Ladies especially, coming to stay a length of time, at the house, would appreciate such an addition to this excellent establishment

Robt Browne
Classical Harmonists May 31st 1868
Society Belfast

June [illegible] 6th. Have payed a pleasant visit to this hotel from May 29th to present date
Robert Mayo B.A. Clerk.
South Yarmouth. T.W

As usual everything O.K;
Robt T. Martin
Rametton

June 6th 1868

I visited this Hotel with my Son and I fully endorse all that has been said of the comfort & excellent regulations of this establishment.
William Wiles R.N.
10 June 1868. Vayeur of Coast Guard

Mr & Mrs Ernest S. Loovey, Belfast, have enjoyed a pleasant stay of five days at this Hotel, during a trip through Donegal and most heartily do they commend its comforts.
It reflects great credit upon Mr & Mrs Cunningham, its noble Proprietor.
Mr S. Lorrever has met with a drop, he has been to the summit of Errigal, & like Capt. Cuttle, begs to make a note of it — & solemnly avows he will never go again.

June 16th 1868. Tuesday.

Mr & Mrs O'Kara Armaghmore. Co Sligo
Mr & Mrs L. Estrange Kinnefeet Do
Captain & Mrs Maxwell Strange Rockhill Do
Mr & Mrs Charles Webber Carrowcullen Do
Miss Gonne Bell The Grange. Co Limerick
Mr B. H. Metcalfe 83rd Regt. Eastby Yorkshire
Two Servants & 4 Horses —

Spent two days at this Hotel and were much pleased with the Scenery, the accommodation and attendance is perfect.

June 18th 1868.

M. Gen Cunningham — Comr in Ireland
and Mrs C — June 23, 1868
Everything excellent —

Revd Henry Ferguson - Rathmullan
Dr Elliott - Rathmullan
Dr John R Ferguson - Dublin
Enjoyed the beautiful Wild Scenery of Gweedore, (even with the drawback of a very inclement day -) then, we sojourned at the Hotel, where we found every comfort & accommodation
June - 23rd & 24th 1868 =
= P.S. attendance very good —

Mr & Mrs Robert Cornell Aughyar Dublin
Miss Peoples Letterkenny
27th June 1868.

Gwedore Ohio 28 68

With pleasure Lacknowledge the excellence of the Hotel here & the courtesy & attention of the Managers & Lane the attendant

Mr Thompson
Arnolds &
Dublin

Thos Lucas Scott
& Charles Scott } Willsboro 'L'Derry
have spent a very pleasant day at the Gweedore Hotel where they have been made very comfortable.

July 2/68

John Madden D.L. Moslea Manor
John Beresford Madden (1868)? 1688 } came here
~~Orange Madden~~ (A Papist wrote this)
~~in his own~~ (No Popery - No surrender)
on the 7th July at one after midnight on account of having been detained in Letterkenny by the Hotel Keeper for two hours & a half on pretence that all cars in the town had gone to an ingiest but in reality intending to keep us for the night. a rather stale trick that did not answer. The Gweedore Hotel appear very well managed & if facilities were given to Salmon fishers, it would no doubt be much frequented. The sea bathing is good if if nearer at hand would be a great inducement to stay in the locality.

July 4th 1868

We spent four very pleasant days at Gweedore Hotel where everything was done by Mrs Cunninghame to render our visit a pleasant one We were fortunate in meeting kind friends whose agreeable society added much to the pleasure of our visit — attendance excellent

Saml. O'Neill Cox - Ak.
Sarah Rosanica Cox
Archibald. Henry, R. Cox

July 6 1868

Much pleased with the arrangements

Harry Hatan
Warstow Birmgm.

July 7. 1868

Perfectly satisfied with the hotel in every respect.

R. McCrea Chambers, M.S.
Londonderry.
William McCrea
South Grange

July 9 - Everything very comfortable - A Billiard room would be a great acquisition to the Hotel - I am very attentive -

G. C. Williams
Monmouthshire

July 10th. Geo. Smyth Clk. Blackrock. Cork

Mr. Murphy B.N. July 10th 68

July 10th. — The day was gloriously fine — the mountains unspeakably splendid both in sunshine and in shade — the lake gleamed in her most silvery sheen — the balmy breezes wafted health upon their wings, and after an excellent dinner and many a lingering look on the unrivalled scenery we left this charming spot which can never fade from the tablets of the memory.

S. H. Atkins. C.B.

12th July 1868

A party of 5 have spent 2 very pleasant days at this Hotel, and take their leave. Will pleased with the enjoyment and attention they have received

for Self & Party
Robert Alexander
"City of Londonderry"

12th July 1868

Mr. & Mrs. J. Eades. Gresham

John R. McAlister Armagh

Rich Campbell Hamilton

July 14th, 1868.

14th July 1868.

John O'Hanlon CC. Dublin
Wm. Russell CC Cathedral Dublin

We have been highly delighted with this comfortable Hotel and the improvements of the neighbourhood most particularly by the establishments at Bunbey which must have contributed immensely to the comfort of the poor people and we wish sincerely that every Irish landlord would imitate the example of the noble owner of this property in making the

beautiful scenery of the country accessible to tourists, and by improving the condition and prospects of the people

Mary Lentaigne
July 14th 1868

John Casement Ballycastle Co Antrim
Roger Casement " "
B. N. Casement " " 16th July 1868

Spent two pleasant days at this Hotel & was much pleased with the the accommodation & attendance

Alfred, N. Limerick
Co Derry. July 18th 1868.

Tho. C. Jameson.
London. July 18th/68.

Wm Wright Haverstock Hill London

Gweedore, thy scenes of mountain, fell, and flood,
In undiscovered grandeur long had stood;
Unseen by eye, untrod by foot, until
HE who thy mountains reared, rais'd up another Hill –

Nor say that our comparison is vain –
A lofty mountain and a humble man –
For he shall live, whose deeds are true and just,
When Arigals proud spire lies level with the dust –
Which will not be in our day I trust.
X I wonder did he pay "his little bill"
After paying such fulsome tribute to Lord A. Hill
W.E. – July 22d 1868

The Bishop of Derry, with his Chaplain the Rev W. Edwards, has spent two days in this Hotel in the course of a Confirmation Tour. He has been extremely pleased with the comfort of the house, and the courtesy of the attendants – and hopes to return at a future period, when he may have more time for the enjoyment of the scenery – The Bishop cannot but record his sense of the extraordinary improvement in the district, which Lord G. Hill has effected, since his last visit in September 1846.

William Derry and Raphoe

July 22.
1868.

At each succeeding visit to this excellent establishment, I find its comforts and attractions all that the most fastidious traveller can desire. There is one point, however, to which I would venture to call the kind attention of the Manager — the car drivers appear to be very badly provided against the inclemency of the weather; and it would be a great improvement if, in this extremely wet district, they were provided with some waterproof clothing. The posting department is in all other respects most efficiently & satisfactorily managed.

23rd July 1868.

A. McBrogan, Insp. of Agl. Nat. Schools.

Visited this beautiful hotel today & received most unexceptionable treatment.

John Moorleath P.M.
July 23. 1868

Wm. Christie Lennon House Co Tyrone
David Christie M. D. Dunfanaghy
Thos. A. McLean Hotel Dungly.
John Williams Silver Brook Co Tyrone
Edw. McAuley Letterkey
Sarah A. Ingram Fogart Dunfanaghy
Catherine Bryson Waterside Derry

Visited Greedore for the second time very sorry to leave after a ~~fo~~ three weeks stay as I feel more at home at Lord George's Hotel than at any other nothing to complain of except the horse flies & midges

Fredk. Johnson
Watton Dearne.

27 July 68

of this Hotel is a material addition to the enjoyment of a sojourn.

Richard Hamilton. P.L.I. Strabane
Kate Hamilton
Harrie Hamilton.
Hercules H. Dickinson 1 up. Merrion St.
Mary Dickinson — Dublin

The most comfortable hotel.

Mary H. Jamieson Henryville Belfast
Maggie Ferguson Gatanie Garden Co.
Wm. H. Jamieson Henryville Belfast
David Allen Rathfriland

Have spent two days at this Hotel and were exceedingly pleased with the establishment.

27th July 1868

I leave Gweedore to-day with regret having spent between two & three weeks in this wild though beautiful and to me most attractive country.

I have much pleasure in stating that I have found the accommodation at this Hotel excellent and the consideration, kindness & attention that I have received here with clothing. The posting department is in all other respects most Efficiently & satisfactorily managed.

23rd July 1868.

McBrogan, Insp. of Agl. Nat. Schools.

Visited this beautiful hotel today & received most unexceptionable treatment.

Kelly Gordan

Mrs Shuldham Henry
Mr Junch & servants —
Mrs Henry requests me to record her sense of the extreme comfort of this establishment, which indeed I have much pleasure in joining in —
We regret that our stay cannot be longer but hope with other friends to renew it at another time —

1868 July 30th Thomas Flannery, Co: Mayo

Treated with attention and civility and found the accomodation exceedingly comfortable.

30 July 1868. William Smithies. Leeds.
James Fred. Lindenderry.

We visited Gweedore yesterday, and regret that we must leave so soon a place where one might spend a happy summer. The comfort of this Hotel is a material addition to the enjoyment of a sojourn.

Richard Hamilton. P.L.I. Strabone
Kate Hamilton
Harrie Hamilton.
Hercules H Dickinson 1 up. Merrion St
Mary Dickinson — Dublin

The most comfortable hotel we have visited in a month's travel.

Hugh Ewing. U.S. Mr The Hague
Mrs H Ewing

Gross

August 1st 1868

We only regret that we cannot stay longer in this beautiful country & enjoy its scenery and the comforts of this most excellent Hotel. D.G. Kinmond & Mrs Kinmond, Ld Derry
W.M. Shand, Old Aberdeen. Wm Crosbie
Ramelton

If any person desires to spend a few quiet days in company with one of the most remarable mountains in Ireland I would recommend them to put up at the Gweedore Hotel, which I have found to be extremely clean and comfortable, the beds excellent and the charges very moderate. The attendants are also very civil at attention

T. M. Showering
Asst. Inspector General, Royal Irish Constabulary
August 3/68 –

Spent a week at this Hotel very pleasantly. Received every attention

R. S. W. Sitwell
Horsley – Derbyshire

We spent one night here & found the house extremely clean & comfortable & the attendants very obliging.

James A. Dease
Furbotston, Westmeath
William K. Sullivan, Dublin
William Stainer, Theological College, Salisbury.

Enough has been written – What need to say more
In praise of the Mountains and Inn at Gweedore
For his hearth and his household the traveller yearns
Yet this elegant Mansion his gratitude earns.
From the breath of the storm, this home in the wild,
Takes him in, as a Mother that welcomes her child.
Let her Chiefs, like Lord Hill consult Erin's weal
And strive every wound of the country to heal
May Providence stretch out a sheltering hand
And the truth of the Gospel pervade all the land.

A. N. Somerville. Glasgow
James McNeil Londonderry
James E. Somerville Glasgow.
William S. Somerville Glasgow.

10 Aug. 1868.
12th Aug. 1868 Thos Tinley Barton
Cheshire

Several good days on the Lake Sau
some Salmon Sport good Hotel
all that could be wished for
Eo die

Robt Wilson
Londonderry

12th Aug 1868
We spent the night here very pleasantly, and think it one of the most ~~pleasant~~ agreeable stages in a walking tour

G. Heighway
J. Heighway
[illegible]
Manchester

[illegible]

N. W. S. Kennedy } Scotland
W. Scott Hill }
found the Hotel very comfortable & the charges moderate.

[illegible] E. Vaughan Thompson, Putney Surrey

The Visitors Books are well deserving of an attentive perusal, affording a striking variety of poetry & prose. August. 18. 1868. V.M.

Never Mind the books, ask for the Lobsters – D.S. 18/8/68

Thos Taylor Leeds.
Found the Hotel very comfortable but no Billiard Room.

Robert Taylor — Leeds.
No connection with the next door.
August 19th 1868

J. Meredith Lewes Notts.
N.B. "fresh" not always conducive to the influx of fresh fish. Inf. fishmen are not perhaps always the best judges

Held a most genuine at the Coffee Room on Sunday 16th Aug.
Few visitors attended. If English gentlemen from home would observe the Lord's day better, they would do more honour to their profession & contrast less unfavorably with their Roman Catholic brethren. (Mil.)
Excellent hotel & most attentive waiter
19 Aug 1868.

B. B. Collyns Somerset Melbourne Australia
Thos H. Williams Walcot Adelaide S. Australia
Capital Hotel well kept, attendance good, charges moderate.
Find the Salmon dark & dull & consider it an early River.
Mr & Mrs Wilson & master Hugh enjoyed their visit to this Hotel much & found every thing comfortable with reasonable charges.

W. J. Bain, Wellingborough, Northampton shire – Stopped a day and nights, and found the people very obliging and accommodation good.
20th Aug '68

Mr & Mrs B. Smith Bradford
Augt 24th Mr & Mrs W. May Rend
Mr P. Doyne R. Doyne Capt & Mrs Doyne Letterkenny

Judge O'Hagan – Dublin
Mr Cardwell – London

August 25th 1868
H. & P. Devine Letterkenny

Thos Maddock
Thos H. Maddock } 25 Augt 1868 – Liverpool

Arrived late – found the House full – but got a good dinner –

Augt: 27th 1868.
Found the Hotel comfortable, charges moderate and attendance very good
H. C. Henley.

Robert Livingston . Liverpool Augt 68

August 30th –
I was here for 3 weeks and found the Hotel the most civilized by far that I have been at in Ireland, and everything in it that a man can require with the exception of Sherry and Claret which might easily be of a better quality for the price charged –

W. Beresford Capt
72nd Highlanders.

Sep. 2nd 1868. Jno. MacGregor Glasgow
found this Hotel very good and Comfortable. –

Sept. 3. 1868.
J. H. C. C. Belfast. Visited this wild but beautiful neighbourhood, and was delighted that his own dear land abounded in scenes and sights of mountain lake & hill as sweet as any the world over — He could not but regret, however, that its people – its native born – were not in better and happier circumstances. He trusts that Gwerdore has happier days in store and that never again will it be known as the "Gwerdore of the Evictions" Found

Sept 3d Everything about Hotel most satisfactory.
Mr & Mrs John Crombie jr – Aberdeen –
found this Hotel exceedingly comfortable the attendance very good, &c –

Sept. 3rd
We most unanimously agree in our thanks to the managers of the Hotel for their ~~mos~~ successful Endeavours to accomodate us under a heavy pressure of business.
J. Hamilton – O'Hara & Co

Sept 4th 1868 Robt Browne Belfast

Here never were any Evictions here –

Arthur William Panton } T. C. D.
William Smyth McCay

6th Sept. '68.

W. S. A. F. T. C. D. 1872
A. W. P. F. T. C. D. 1873

John Holdsworth Esqr Eccles Manchester
Wm Carter 16 Minories London

1 to 8 Sept 1868

Flogging the water from Pool to Pool
To catch fish, with every sort of Fly
Says Pat in a manner remarkably cool
Your honors will catch them bye & bye

We want a cloud its much too bright
Says Paddy Call, we thought it gammon
And so it was, with weather right
In a week we only took one Salmon

9th Septr 1868 Philip Vernon Smith - London
Fredk Yorke Smith Kings Coll: Camb.

11 Sept Thos K Abbott Clk Trin Coll Dublin
An interesting excursion may be made from this across the range of mountains near the head of Dunkerry Lake. By following the course of the principal stream an easy pass is reached leading on the Mercedes to the road from Lough Beagh to Doherty's bridge

the distance from road to road is an easy walk of about 2½ hours this is the shortest route to Letterkenny A good walker might easily visit Glen Beagh after crossing this pass & return by the road from the foot of the glen.

Joseph T. Kingsmill Glendowen.
Henry C Kingsmill Cairns Coll Camb

J V Fitzgerald. Balliol Coll, Oxford
James F V Fitzgerald. Moynesk. Co Clare

very much pleased with our accomodation here; - and delighted with the beautiful views of Errigal. -

Sept 11. 1868.

Hamilton M. P.
Maud J. Hamilton
Georgiana Hamilton
Maud Hamilton

Tom Bruce } Burnchuck Kilkenny
J. F. Montgomery (Capt.) } Ballydrain Belfast
R. J. Alexander } Portglenone Co Antrim
J. S. Alexander

Found every thing very comfortable attendance very good
Sept. 12th 1868

Richard Ness } Dublin
Henry Hope

Came at about 5, 0 C on Sunday the 13th Sept after walking from Cross roads, will pleased no complaint,
R Ness has not been here for 26 years, comfy much improved —

Sets to Sept. 12 now come again

I do
Mr Olpherts, Sir R and Lady Montgomery
Miss F. Olpherts and Miss Montgomery thoroughly
Enjoyed a "Sumptuous Luncheon at this well Managed
& Well Kept Hotel, after visiting the grand
& wild scenery of Gweedore —
September 16 — 1868 —

September 19. 1868
E Anderson M.D. De Vere Lodge. Monkstown
Dublin
J. R. Hutton.
Colles L Anderson. LRCPES. Fever Hospital Liverpool
J. H. Anderson Lt 76th Regt

Very comfortable hotel —

Sept. 21. 68.
Stopped here three days, and leave satisfied with the good order, neatness and comfort of the place.
John Bottom Greer.
Londonderry.

Sept. 22nd/68
Much pleased with the Comfort good order & attendance here —
Dan Lombard, 1 Rembroke Road
Dublin

Mr & Mrs Dickson staid here three weeks and found everything very much to their satisfaction
16 March 1880 —

This my fourth visit to the Gweedore. I have found it greatly improved the accommodation at the Hotel excellent & very comfortable

[illegible] Oak Rash

Septbr 23rd 1868

Robert H Ellis
Rash House
Co Tyrone

We have spent a week here and found this a most excellent and Comfortable hotel

Arthur Southey
W H Lipscomb
Gweedore 23 September 1868

We are much pleased with the comfort of the Hotel & the lovely scenery of the district

E Burke
Miss L H Porter

[illegible] two days at this Hotel much pleased, as usual, with everything

[illegible] Ward — Sept. 25th
[illegible] Ward

Friday September 25th 1868 Bruckey Annual Regatta, weather fine people numerous & whisky plenty on the Strand on the Strand, Dont I love my Betsey! Messrs Ball & Spronke after witnessing the aforesaid Races, arrive to the Gweedore Hotel in order to sustain life, & with Mrs Cunningham usual gentleness & hospitality, we feel ourselves tho' inwhly regaled, & many thanks to same for her civility

Jno Spronke
Edwd Cadlington Ball

We wish to record the extreme satisfaction our hurried visit to this locality has afforded us the wonders accomplished by the Noble and Good proprietor in reclaiming the waste of matter and mind in this locality proves him to be a patriot of the most Noble Stamp

[illegible]

Robt Ramsay Lisnerman
Jm. Ramsay "
Robt Ramsay Junr. "
David Campion Mount Vernon Co Carlow
Stuart A. Young Copnagh

September 25th 1868.

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Rev. H. J. Ellison & Mrs Ellison The Vicarage Windsor
So thoroughly pleased with every thing in the Hotel and adjoining scenery that they hope to revisit Gweedore for a longer period

We have much pleasure in recording the satisfaction we have felt in visiting the "Gweedore Hotel"

[illegible] Cambraddagh Co. Derry
[illegible] Dunn do do
[illegible] do do
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] Mrs H.B.
David Kerr Coleraine
Jas. Kilpatrick Dungiven

Oct. 7
A. O. Cowan } Edinburgh
Archd Constable }
much delighted and full of benedictions.

October 7th This is my 30th visit. always at home here
Edward Codrington Ball

Very bad Hotel
S.H.
[illegible]

We have spent two days in the Donegal Highlands & are much charmed with the scenery. At this Hotel we met with every comfort & attention. Thanks to the Noble Proprietor & Mr & Mrs Cunningham. It is a pity that the scenery is not more known & the comforts that can be obtained here. When in the North again we shall not fail to pay Gweedore another visit & shall give good account to our Friends.

W. T. Hamlin } London
Cecil H. Robinson }
Chas. Miles Derry
8th Octr 1868 Wm Miles Derry

We add our testimony to all that has been said & written in praise of this Hotel.
John O'Hagan
10th Octr 1868. George Waters

10th October 1868
Here again!! Edward Codrington Ball

10th October. Every thing most comfortable
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dec 3. An excellent hotel. L. H. O'Brien (m.c. of Mefford)

Have stayed here for 10 days every thing exceedingly comfortable. hope soon to return. June very civil & obliging.

December 12th 1868

Thos. Lick. Hutchinson
John Stable. Alexander

After an absence of some years I have paid a short visit to this well known hotel & I am well pleased to find that its former efficiency is not only maintained but time has brought with it increased accommodation & comfort for the traveller. Its noble proprietor & excellent managers deserve the thanks of tourists in this part of Co. Donegal for contributing so materially to their comfort as is done by offering them amidst such natural wildness of scenery a home like this, "protem."

M. W. Charley
Miltown. Tyrone.

J. W. Wilo

9 Feb: 69

Feby. 11th 1869.

John Forster	2 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2 11
Jos. Newton	1 1/2	1 1/2	
John McClark	7	7 1/2	1 England
Frank Cowans	1	11 1/2	

Ignamwood Northbld
Gateshead on Tyne
Edinburgh
Alnwick. England
Lymmeleigh Warwick N.B.

have been here one night and found every thing first class with moderate charges.

Feby 16th 1869

Visited the Gweedore Hotel and was much pleased with its arrangements. Things are conducted in a manner combining comfort & economy. reflecting great credit on those to whom its management is intrusted, & also to the noble lord who has raised here in the wildest part of the Donegal Highlands, a comfortable halting place for those who can appreciate the sublime scenery of "Old Ireland"

Archie McFee
- Murlog -
Co Donegal

April 19th 1869

Lunched here; & found the cheese & beer exceedingly good, and charges moderate

[illegible]

Donegal (Sweedore) Scenery, Weather, &c,
by a traveller

"Land of the mountain and the flood" —
Thus sang Scotia's bard of yore,
With something more about "heath & wood",
But the deuce a wood is at wild Sweedore.
Mountains there are of every shape,
From Aigle's graceful, towering Cone,
To Muckish's long unsightly heap,
Like a huge turf stack transmuted to stone
Floods there are wherever you go —
Water is met with every where —
In the air above — on the Earth below
Each valley becomes a tiny "mere"*
Travel in what direction you will
River and stream intersect your path,
While over your head the clouds distil
An ample, gratuitous shower-bath.
*Heath! — Why nothing save heath extends
On every side, for leagues together,
Which ever way the traveller wends
His course is sure to lie "through the heather."
Look up — Careers the stormy wind
Neath leaden skies that always weep —
Look down, an arid soil you find
That scarce supports some forlorn sheep.
Nature, that blessed more favoured lands
With every gift man can desire,
Has meted here, with niggard hands
All gifts save one — a good turf fire.

* "How very obliging" "Near you say
"What a capital place for the Water cure"
Should you journey here on a rainy day
You'll alter your tone in very sure.

* Miniature sea, as Winder mere — Ulles mere, &c,

And now, having looked at the gloomy side
of this singular land, let us look at the bright —
of ~~complaint~~ censure one dull, unvarying tide,
Like unqualified praise, is seldom right.
Its people are peaceful and loyal too,
Tho' always ready to "defend the right",
Their virtues many — their vices few,
Their spirits, like their pockets light.
Watch them as barefoot they trudge along
However bowed down by poverty's load,
They're ever ready with jest and song
To beguile dull care, and "shorten the road"
With all its drawbacks, and they're not a few,
There's not a spot in the British Islands
Where you'll find hearts so warm & true
As amongst the wilds of the "Donegal Highlands"
If on business or pleasure you hither should hie
Altho' you'll meet many things gloomy and sad,
Let your mottoe still be — "Never say die",
You'll find "there is balm in Gilead."
"Sweedore Hotel," like a haven of rest
To the storm tossed mariner opens its door,
And however with hardship or travel depressed,
Your spirits revive when you reach Sweedore.
In this excellent, cozy, luxurious retreat
Tho' without may rage the rain & the wind
Should you once arrive, whether early or late,
Within you'll good cheer, and comfort find.

A McBrogan

20th April 1869.

4 Drumcondra Terrace
Dublin

W. G. Hart.
W. Ell. Hart
H. G. Hart.
H. Bourdillon

Slept & breakfasted here, and were made very comfortable —

April. 22 – 23. 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden Kilbrydle Castle
very comfortable & very sorry to leave. Pembroke
May 3rd 69

Mr. Bryan Cooke
Mr. R. J. Hereford — Hotel
very comfortable & clean
June 9th 69

Mr. & Mrs. Madden, Child & Maid. June 7th – 10th 1869 —
Hotel very good & comfortable

Henry B Armstrong
J. Armstrong
From 26th May until 16th June } 1869

M. General Sir Arthur Cunyughame — C. Dubl. Dir
Sir Cunyughame — Bequiers
Hon. Cuthbert Edwardes — A. D. C —
Hotel most comfortable

Mr. & Mrs. Sunny, Miss Patterson
& Party visited "The Hotel"
1st July 69 — & enjoyed the
beautiful scenery of Giveadore
very much —

July 2nd 1869 — Rested for a night at this
most comfortable Hotel — Sorry that
I cannot prolong my sojourn
[illegible]

O Merry it is in Giveadore Hotel
When the bells in each room are ringing
and the smell sweeps by of the Lunch in the fry
and the waiter the dinner is bringing
W. B. C. &c &c
July 15 69

Major Philpot
15th July 1869
Much pleased —

Well pleased with everything and
every body connected with this hotel
B. W. Key.

I am very Wm. Garland Hotel Rd.
27 7 69

Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Butler Smithstone
Mr. & Miss Burrowes Stratone House
Mr. Olphants Ballyconnel House
Mr. Ball Monin Sgean Dublin
well pleased with the accommodation
of the hotel & Fancy Attention
July 28th

Seeing grand, accomodation very good,

Please Gentleman go back to your orthography

John Christy
Sup Stevenson
Jno. Cunningham
James Macaulay
Hugh Stevenson Jun
E Stevenson
Annie Christy
Jeanie Christy
M Stevenson
Annie E. Mills
P. Bayne
M. J. Bayne
D. Brown P.M.
S. Hugh Bellis

"Dossier" 1688

Mr & Mrs Baldwin Albert Farm Kasmin Dublin

Hotel most [illegible]

Mr & Mrs Sanders, Miss Patterson & Party, visited "The Hotel" 1st July 69 & enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Glendore very much

July 2d 1869 — Rested for a night at this most comfortable Hotel — Sorry that I cannot prolong my sojourn [illegible]

July 19th 1869

I shall always remember my short sojourn here with great pleasure. The accommodation is very good, & the courtesy & real kindness of everyone make the visitors time pass delightfully.

Hy Stuart Fagan
Charlcombe Rectory, Bath

Found everything here comfortable — Beer &c excellent

Wm Young, Roselands
July 20th 1869 Belfast

Mr & Miss Macklin Letterkenny & Miss Elite Ann Rodgers visited this Hotel & enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Glendore very much & charges ~~very moderate~~ combined with comfort —

July 21st 69

Satisfied. Wm Gwanand Hotel R.E.
27 7 69

Hon'ble Mr & Mrs H. C. Butler Innisfeth
Mr & Miss Burrows Stratone House
Mr Elphinstone Ballyconnel House
Mr Ball Mission Square Dublin
well pleased with the accommodation of the hotel & Fanny's attention

July 28th

29th July 1869.
Rev. William McIndoe, Paisley,
Rev. James Gibson, Strabane,
and Party.

Revisited this Hotel after an absence of two years - found the accommodation as usual good in every respect.
R. Taffere

29th July 1869
Nathan Sheppard Chicago U.S.

August 2nd 1869
Sorry to leave such comfortable quarters on such a bad day. Unlike Mr Potiphar who writes on the third preceding page I do not miss the fair Jane's attentions that fair damsel's mantle having fallen on the equally fair & attentive "Fanny"
John Law Baker
Medbourne. Leicestershire

Every thing pleasant and comfortable except the weather of this 7th August 1869
William Martin

C. Gwedore

God Help each brave endeavour
On them a blessing flow —
Will be the prayer for ever
of a Wanderer at Gweedore
A Walk to Bunbeg will well
Repay the Tourist and prove to
him what great results can be
arrived at by a Combination
of Energy and Philantrophy such
as that which has been manifested
by the ~~[illegible]~~ Regenerator of
this District
Augt 9th 1869 John Irvine
Londonderry

Gweedore Hotel for a day John R. Fleming
Letterkenny

9th Augt 1869
Hotel very comfortable and the
attendance good, feel quite sure
that the scenery is grand but as
there is a constant rain & mist
cant see it, rather a sell after
coming so far
Robert Stevenson Dungannon
Samuel Fleming
John Irvine / Derry

Mr I should look over Sullivan again +

Spent a fare + average night and
went to bed [illegible]

J J Reynolds
F. Bodenham } of Hereford.
T. Llanwarne

Staged here one nights and were well satisfied with the accommodation Lattention — N.B. Tandem Harness required.
8 Augt 1869 —

We spent 2 days at the Gweedore Hotel, & found the ~~house~~ most comfortable, & the attendance very good,
Wm S. Lyle & Party (4)
13th Aug 1869 Oaks Lodge L: Derry

Gweedore Hotel in every respect up to the mark. And Patton Strabane
Geo White Ramelton
Mary Scott Strabane
Aug 13/69. Eliza Patton Ramelton
Aug 15/69 W Wiseman London
S Clarke London

August 16th. visited this Hotel first in 1847, and often since. — Nothing can be better. M. Plattnauer. — 1869.

August 17th 1869. — In this house are to be found all the Comforts and appliances of an excellent Hotel; while on the Gweedore property industry, Sobriety and Skill are commended and rewarded: This testimony which I gladly bear is only giving honour where honour is due —
Geo. Bellis
University Square Belfast
D. Brown

Rev. John Compton Minstead Passonage Lyndhurst
Rev. P. M. Compton Mappeston Beaminster Dorset
23d August 1869

We have spent a night at this Hotel and found it very comfortable
24 August 69 Saml Sproule
Jane Sproule
Martha Sproule

Bank Miss K. Gough
Miss A. Peel
Capt. E. Peel } 24th Augt 1869.
[illegible] two very pleasant days at this Hotel — Everything very comfortable. The ladies made themselves very agreeable, the gentlemen on the whole behaved better than we

expected; we all enjoyed ourselves very much & were charmed with the Hotel, where everything was most comfortable; found the fishing great fun, enchanted an old boatman by singing "Wearin' o' the Green" "Shan Van Vocht" & horrified his weak nerves by finishing up with "God save the Queen" this we think should be represented to the government if the gentleman being a magistrate does his duty, which is easier said than done

August 25th /69.

Aug. 25th
Amb: Eva Butler
& Roland. Arthur. & Roger Butler.
Repstom Kirkstall Leeds

August 26th 1869. An Excellent Hotel & Charges very moderate
J. M. da Barte. and Miss da Barte
Kings Inns Library Henrietta St. Dublin

August 27th I have found the Hotel most Comfortable in Every respect
Jamie Malcolm
Dargan
George B. Lowe } Hough Green. Chester
W. F. Lowe

We have been here for 9 days and the have no particular fault to find with the Climate, which is to a certain extent bracing. The ating and the drinking too was plentiful and fine. The music of the raal ould Irish Piper who enlivened our evenings was grand, whenever you could make out the tune. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and the bill, considering all the whiskey, was in our opinion moderate. Hurroo for ould Ireland.

August 27th 1869

The undersigned have spent 10 days at this Hotel. (some not for the first time) We found every comfort that we could desire. In every respect the Hotel is comfortable and well provided. Great Cr. is due to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham for their management.

No 3 Sitting Room
John Preston Belfast
Wm Geoghegan do
W. W. Madden. Capt. Monaghan Regt.
Edwd. Carleton Holmes London

Visited Gweedore Hotel & was quite delighted with the surrounding scenery & the accomodation at the Hotel
H. M. B. M. A. Brown

August 27th 1869

This Hotel — an Oasis in the desert — deserves the thanks of the travelling public; the main comforts to be met here are very rare even in apparently more civilised localities; however its name is now associated with those of comfort & hospitality and too much praise cannot be given to the Proprietor, for his foresight in establishing such a place as well as the very efficient way in which every thing is managed about the place
Aug 27th. 1869 Thomas MacSibbne

27 — Chas. Lain — Armagh —
30 [illegible] Byrne Armagh
30 M Coyne Keady
th Co Armagh
30 { John McParland English St Armagh
August { head baker a crooked ASS!!!

We have passed a few days at this Hotel — and have been greatly pleased with the comforts and attendance —

Aug 30/69 — Jos H Smith Ch Derry
E. T. Barr Liverpool
Wm Wilson Liverpool

Sept 1st /69 Everything [illegible]
Messrs Lees, Paisley
Downs, Wishaw
McCorkindale, Gourock

Sept. 2nd /69.
Dr. & Mrs Murrow
H Johns Wood
London

Sept. 4. 1869
Mr. & Mrs. George Heaton, Birmingham, have been here several times and been always much pleased with the accommodation and attention

I am too comfortable to be bothered
writing — 14/10/69 — William Martin

William Watson and Robt. Shimmon of New York have spent a number of days here and have received every kindness and attention and cannot command too highly the general excellent of the management of the Gwedne Hotel

Poor Brown

Aug 7th 1869

As regards cleanliness & comfort the Gwedne Hotel is all that can be desired: but it is to be regretted that vicious knots are permitted to append vulgar and personal remarks to the observations made by tourists in this book –

Viator –

Sept 8/69 –

W. J. Armour of Derry & Wm. J. Gillespie of Philadelphia while stopping at this Hotell found Accomodation & Attendance much to their Satisfaction.

Sept 9th /69.

From Wednesday the 25 aug to Friday the 10th of September 1869 H. J.

F. J. Armstrong
W. J. Greenwell } 2 days. v. comfortable

Mr & Mrs Samuelson. Bodicote Grange although the Hotel was full (Oxon) every effort was made to give us comfortable quarters. The establishment of towns like this, cannot fail to improve the condition of the people in these remote districts –

Francis Francis

accomodation good in every thing but houses none like had –

The undersigned spent 14 days at this Hotel and enjoyed the comforts & conveniences of this well arranged House – Too much praise cannot be given to the Proprietor for the pleasant holidays so many tourists are able to enjoy in this splendid & magnificent country

Henry Pigott.
G. M. Richardson
William S. Lancaster.

of Lancaster Assyrian?

Captn Jeames stayed 14 days at this Hotel and found it very comfortable, leaves it with regret but hopes to [illegible]

again before long

Sept 16/69.

Lt Col. Holmes Pell Mt. Holmes & Capt. Gossett 54th Regt. Lambeer
2 days here, every thing comfortable. E.H. M.G.

Gweedore Hotel, a truly cosy retreat in every respect, and duly appreciated by the undersigned after their recent experience of other Hotel accommodation in these parts —

Dorning Rasbotham.

Sept. 17. 1869. Peter Rasbotham

Gweedore Hotel. We arrived here on the 31st August and leave to day, we have found everything comfortable and satisfactory

Beckitt Nicholson
F. S. Cadman
September 19th 1869

Mr. & Mrs. Walsh & Son arrived at the Gweedore Hotel yesterday evening after a pleasant drive from Ardara but are prevented by inclemency of this day from seeing, to advantage, the surrounding scenery — Well pleased with the Hotel 22nd Sept 1869

Spent a night here and found everything very comfortable

M Watt

Sep. 28th 1869 N. Watt.

A comfortable bed good breakfast
9 Oct 1869 [illegible]

Leaving Gweedore Hotel charmed with the appearance of Mount Errigle, the weather being beautifully fine and the clouds that yesterday overhung the top having been dispelled by a bright morning's sun "Farewell to the lovely scenery for smoky London"

C. S. Hillman
Oct 9th 1869

Arrived at this Hotel in Company with Rev David Brown and Assistant Commissioner Bartley of the Bengal Civil Service on the 16th of October 1869, and after staying three days have to record my satisfaction with the excellent arrangements made for the accommodation and comfort of visitors.

Neither the sublime peak of Arrigal, nor the bleak and solitary moorland, seizes so powerfully on the imagination of the stranger as the fact that he has around him here the farfamed district of Gweedore. Its most interesting and suggestive history has left an impression not easily to be effaced. One cannot help thinking how different would be the circumstances of our country now, if every landlord in Ireland for fifty years past had been a Lord George Hill. In that case there

would be no chronic rebellions, no Fenianism, no assassinations, no wholesale and causeless evictions, no irresponsible landlordism no Earls of Leitrim; while pauperism and crime would have diminished to the lowest point, to which in a fallen world they are likely to fall†. Nothing has struck me more than the judgment and kindness with which improvements have been carried out so as to elevate the physical comfort and happiness of the people, while at the same time there has been no interference with the religious opinions of the population. This is the true way to gain the confidence of the people, and to do them real good. May his Lordship long be spared to witness the beneficial results of his self-denying and generous efforts for the good of this district, and when at last he rests from his labours may his heir cherish his principles and walk in his steps.

Thomas Witherow, Professor of Church History
Londonderry.

Oct. 19th 1869.

The Ecclesiastical Professor has truly reached the "sublime peak" of elocutionary self-abasement. Anigal: is easier of ascent than descent! Is the "Visitors' Library of Impressions" the Professor's first page of the Telegraph? or a medium for distributing "tracts" to his Lordship & his heirs? If every landlord in Ireland for fifty years past had been &c. "?" the result is evident, without reference to the Prof's context. The red blossom of revolution, fenianism, &c. is an annual in Ireland. Her constitutional derangement, is incurable. Good landlords, are rarely

× A suggestion for Lory

× The world having also "fallen" - is not this a bad example for imitation on the part of pauperism & crime. But "what's all mere meat is another man's poison" says a Scotch proverb. CO

found: they are but individuals: - the tenantry are the back-bone, the fly-wheel, the prime movers, the units! - (there but I must stop, I feel I am verging into the Professor's style) - "Honor to whom honor is due," - None to the Prof: but all to Lord George.

Co. Donoherry. "Anti-hum" 20/9/69.

There was a Profr. of Derry
A fine old Scribe, & so merry!
He could write & indite
A page overnight,
With a pipe & a glass of good sherry!
But, alas! for the church,
It was left in the lurch,
While laymen were badgered & harried;
Poor Leitrim was kicked,
And the tenantry picked,
From the mud, where his Justice miscarried.

A toast:-
"The Boyne & Professor of Derry;"
To both we'll drink & be merry:-
~~[illegible]~~ Yes! he's worthy our wrath,
This Scribe of the North,
We'll toast him, & drown him in sherry.

Scoron.

20/9/69.

25th October 1869.

Stayed at this Hotel for three days and made the ascent of Errigal. Have been most comfortable, and am sorry to have to shoulder my knapsack and bid adieu to this charming spot.

Henry Hindo.
Admiralty.

Ibid. 25 '9 '69.

H. T. McLeod.

Accommodation and attendance unexceptionable

J. Henry Black
1/12/69

J. W. Philo

R. W. Kane.

He took me into his banqueting house & his banner over me was love

He took me into his banqueting house and his banner over me was love

Generally speaking when a person hears too much of a place he is led to expect a great deal but is often disappointed. And being on business in this locality I went a little out of my way to test the matter for my self by ocular & gastronomic demonstration and am happy to say I must make an exception to the general rule and add my humble mite in praise of the place and say I am not disappointed but agreeably surprised to find the comforts and attendance at the Hotel were rather underrated to me than otherwise and are in my opinion simply "first class". My friend who accompanies me visited the Hotel in '61 and also testifies to the continued success.

W. McKinlay
Elmview House Stranraer

Gweedore Hotel. 26th January 1870.

Toast.

Here's to the world that runs on wheels!
Death is a thing that many a man feels:
If life was a thing that money could buy,
The rich would live and the poor would die.

First Introduced by W. McK. into the PROVINCE of Ulster

THE D.F.B. PLOUGH.

Ibid.

A GUID NEW YEAR TO 'ANE & AW

AND MONEY MAY YAE SEE,

FORTY GOATS.

Gweedore Hotel

For the third time visiting on my journeys, I can only add my kind wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Carnaghan I have always found from the first, they were willing to do every thing in their power to give comfort which is a blessing to all those who travel in that part of Donegal, a great boon,

27th Jany 1870
James Graham
Ballybogan

Febry 17th 1870
Slept here this night - Everything very good & comfortable
George Henry Gillott
18 Princes St. Hanover Sq
London W.

George Sproule Esqr Lackbeg House
Jno Ponsonby Widdup Esqr M.D. Dublin
2nd March 1870

I've stopped here with my friend Geo Sproule and find the comforts on the whole
To equal ought I ever saw
In any

This Hotel fully testifies to the high repute in which it is held.
D. Gallagher
11th May 1870. P. M. Closkey

To Tourists, Travellers &c. &c.
Gweedore

Ladies & Gentlemen,

If by any chance you happen to walk from Dungloe to Gweedore Hotel, you may form some slight estimate of the joy with which we entered these princely apartments, at 11 p.m. —

It is all very well to talk of coming 60 or 70 mile to enjoy the scenery around, but what pleasure could anyone derive, in wearing him or herself among these mountains, if he or she had not the conviction that at night they would rest under the roof and enjoy the genial hospitality of the Hotel of all Hotels.

Your enraptured Fellow Travellers.
A.C.M.

"To the Traveller, who has traversed the "Irish Highlands", and has not been able to satisfy the cravings of hunger, the undersigned would say - Come to the "Gweedore", where "all goes merry as a marriage bell". The fare is excellent, the accomodation is all that could be desired, and the attendance is par excellence. —

Signed, Toujours Prest. Semper Paratus.
Gweedore, Sunday 15 May 1870.

May 26th 70 [illegible]

May 27th 1870 Mr & Mrs Adair
Capt. W. Bonnor
Glenveagh Castle —

Well used — well pleased —

Mr & Mrs Martin [illegible] Glasgow
delighted

We have been here [illegible] days and as [illegible]
are very sorry to leave
June 1 1870 Wm H. Duncan = Dublin

Thomas Galbraith Esqr Londonderry
Dr W Lock Stuart Bothwell
A model hotel in every respect
4th June 1870.

I have been most comfortable at
the Gweedore Hotel — Its
management is unexceptionable.

G E Hillier CB 5 June 1870.
J.G. R.I. Cmdg

W Alphert Omagh
18/20 June 1870 Co Tyrone

W Alphert Esqr DL Mrs O Mrs & Miss Lindsay
& Miss Isabella Lindsay C Stewart Esq & Mrs
S Mr & Mrs John Alphert Miss Hamilton
of Bray Miss Alphert & Mr R Alphert
lunched at this hotel June 8/70
& have unanimously expressed
their approval of every thing.
N.B. [illegible]

Mr & Mrs Edward Reilly the Fort
Lisburn have spent a few days
here with much pleasure and
enjoyed the repeated sayings &
doings of the shooting season,
June 21/70

Having stoped here for a day
and night on our journey
through Donegal we found
every thing comfortable — attendance
very good.

J. Doherty
S.D. Londonderry

June 24th 70 We have great pleasure in endorsing
the above statement & only wish that we
had met the fair writer. ("S D")

Michael M Loughlin
Anthony O Donnell

June 23d.

H. C. Kingsmill B.A. Cambridge

G. S. Messiter Gov. & Cams Coll Camb.

Came here from Conegal by the following route. By the river Sask to head of L. Sask up the stream to L. Belshade. We were much struck with the grandeur of the latter Lough. We thence ~~descended~~ made our way over part ~~of the stock with the [illegible] & then across the mountains to L. Fine~~ Yesterday we ~~took a [illegible]~~ L. Barra & then up the pass to the summit where we left the road. Climbing the mountain side we descended by the Poison'dglen, the view from the head of which is the finest we have seen.

We visited this hotel & found everything first class

Dr. Montforde
John Wallwork

Mrs & the Misses Graham of Claremont Derry are much pleased with the Gweedore Hotel

June 28th/70

June 30th

George Stewart - Portleitragh - Kingstown
Mrs. A. G. Stuart - Marlborough

~~We visited~~

We are all mile pleased with Gweedore & Hotel - everything comfortable & attendance good

Mrs Patterson
Rock Ferry - Cheshire
Mrs Hastings Derry
Ross Hastings

1st July 1870

Much pleased with our entertainment

1 July 1870

C. Devlin D.D. Strabane
J. Devlin - New York

Entertainment very good.

William Sterrett
July 8th. 1870. Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Allman Wellsworth
Comr. Cashman Ont. July 8th 1870

Mr & Mrs James Nicholson - Oatlands. Surrey.

Extremely pleased with the comfort and accommodation of this magnificent Hotel - To appreciate it thoroughly travellers should drive from the South where Hotels are different -

July 13. 1870.

July 16th 1870

Symolony stayed over a day at the Gwedone Hotel. and much enjoyed the Scenery about the hotel is very comfortable the Servants pretty and obliging

July 16th

I have spent a day and night at this hotel and must say I found everything very comfortable

Charles McCarthy
Londonderry

July 19th

This hotel deserves all the praise which it has received

Andw O'Callaghan
Londonderry

who asked for your opinion of Mass?

Revd W. Kane A. B. Dunfanaghy
Chas McRamsay Dunfanaghy
Andrew G Ramsay Ballyrame
Wm Victor Sherrard Belfast
A. C. Christy Belfast.
Robert Browne Belfast
Wm Jekyll
Miss Jekyll
Miss Maggie
Miss Ramsay
Miss Dixon

Witness John Fulton July 19th 1870

The singing by Mr Robt Browne was much admired especially one love song which affected one of the young ladies very much

After an absence of twenty years Mar it is most gratifying to find the improvements of this place so extensive so beautiful, Truly has the desert blossomed like the rose, The wilds of Donegal are not appreciated abroad, The inland scenery will favorably compare with the choice resorts of tourists, In the grandeur which strikes the eye of the traveler arising from solitary wastes which hems him in on all sides the most imaginary & the deepest contemplative can find matter to please the taste & satiate the cravings of sensations, Turning from the glens & standing on the headlands

looking out on the ocean's wide expanse amazement seizes us & a thousand times we have thought how the sublimity & stern majesty of my native shores would wrap the stranger from other shores in awe & ecstacy as he would look down from the projecting cliff on the shelving precipice lashed by the fury of the wares spending themselves in the smelt ripple & foamy margin on the silver sands, Great praise is due to the gentleman who erected this hotel for he has opened the country to travelers from abroad & we fervently hope the scenery of Lord Donegal will soon rank as classic land

July 21st 1870

H A Sharkey
Philadelphia
Rev Daniel O Donnell P.P.
Kinkastaugh
Rev A. Manelius C.C

It is with pleasure we insert in this book that a kind son of Erin a painter becoming famous in Philadelphia has made the shores of Donegal favorably known by his excellent & classic brush, For hours we have looked on paintings of the wild shores of home & we dreamed of Dunglow Ardora, Kinkastaugh Crow More & Gweedore

H. A Sharkey
United States

Gweedore.
July 22nd 1870

Scenery ..... Magnificent.
Hotel ..... First rate
attendance ..... ditto.
Bill of Fare ..... excellent
weather ..... very cold.
Slept ..... First rate.
Breakfasted. even better.

J. Mr. J. Scott. Medical Student
Queen's College.
Belfast.

I endorse the above statement } Henry Moore
July 22nd } Killy Green

Spent a most agreeable day at this Hotel found the arrangements very satisfactory & complete

W J Stewart
Castlefin & Strabane
John C. Moore
Ballybegley
W. T. Cunningham

Gweedore, 25th July 1870

I have been here since the 22nd, and have found the Hotel excellent and quite comfortable in all respects

J. A. Carlyle

Frank Burckhardt Esqr & Capt. A.R. Ord
Lat 37th Regt stayed at Gweedore
from the 8th to the 26th July with pleasure
express their entire satisfaction
with every thing at the Hotel —

Gweedore.
26th July 1870

Well accommodated in a crowded house

Thomas Andrews
Queens Coll. Belfast.

John W. Smyth
Bengal Civ. Service.

T. W. Smyth Bengal Civil Service
T. J. Andrews July 26, 1870

W. H. Beymer Ilsington House, Dorchester.

The accommodation and attendance are, as usual, all that could be desired.

H. Wilton
27. July 1870

Capt. Pule July 27. 1870
Mr. Seaverne

I have been at the Hotel 15 days — and have been very comfortable —

Henry Kray
Lt. Col. R.E.
29/7/70

Most comfortable in every way
Chas. Mulland
July 29. 1870

Capt. Tronson.
" Saunders. Rondon.
much pleased with attention and accommodation.

August 1st 1870
Mr & Mrs Shaw Holywood
have passed three days at the
Gweedore Hotel & desire to express
their entire satisfaction with all
the arrangements of the house
which is so managed as to
secure in every possible way
the comfort of the guests

I have visited Gweedore Hotel
& I have been very well treated, better
than if, I were at home
Thomas Kennan
Unfortunate Curate of Cornwall
Lettert 1870.

Gweedore August 3/70

A very good Hotel. Clean & Comfortable

Alex D. Murdoch
Incumbent of All Saints
Edinburgh

Wm B. Nunn
Milford
August 3rd 1870

Rev F. E. Wigram Southampton
Miss L. K. Wigram London. Aug 4 1870.

~~Found the~~

Spent two days at this Hotel & as usual found it clean and comfortable.

R. Hamilton. Poor Law Inspector Shobone

James Kennedy Esq Belgard. Co Dublin

Miss Kennedy — do —

Aug. 4th 1870.

Undersigned sojourned in this hotel two days and found comfort ~~to themselves~~ excellent attendance very good —

Richard O. White B.A. Inv Coll Dub. Augst 6th

The scenery of Gweedore in my opinion ~~was~~ is beautiful. found every thing comfortable attendance on Fanny's part was excellent had some lunch when I took my departure for Dungloe

R. Byers Belfast

Accomodation unexceptionable.

Robert Reid
Holywood Belfast.
John McDevitt D.D.
C. University Dublin
Miss M. Ward
Holywood, Belfast.
James McDevitt
All Hallows College Dublin
Mr & Mrs D. McDevitt
Stonepark The Glenties
Mr Charles McDevitt

August 11th 1870

Mrs W. Bond & Miss A. Bond, Derry, have much enjoyed their visit to Gweedore & found the Hotel most comfortable, & desirable in every respect.

August 12th 1870.

August 14th 1870

J. D. Fitzgerald } Dublin
Edward Fitzgerald }

servants — civil & attentive
Bed & Board — clean comfortable and good
Terms — moderate

We stopped here some ten days and were very comfortable

Charles Raikes
W. A. Raikes
H. H. Montgomery

Aug 15. 1870

Mr & Mrs J. Wilson Holme Downswood Beckenham Kent

Like wandering spirits, long we'd o'er
Sweet Ireland thought to roam;
But when we came to this Gweedore,
We found ourselves at home! Augt 16. 1870

Geo: Craven Rochdale Aug 19: 1870
William Jury Dublin
[illegible] Co Dublin

Michael McLoughlin
Londonderry. Aug 19th 1870

John R Ferguson, M.B.; Dublin

Aug 19. 20. 21 & 22 { Edwd Masefield } Herefordsh:
R B Masefield }

have been treated with attention & civility & found the accommodation comfortable. —

Mr & Mrs Watson — Edinburgh. } 19th & 22 Augt 1870
Mr & Miss do — do }

Gruthy pleased with every thing at Gweedore

Mr & Mrs M'Farlane, Melmount, Strathaven.
Miss Boyd.
Mr J H Ingram Oakley.

Aug 22. 23.

Aug 24. 25. 26

Henry J. P. West. Dublin

Hotel most Comfortable —

Of all the places I've been in,
And I've been through Ireland all
I give the palm for Mountain Scene
To ancient Donegal
The virtue of its peasantry
Is almost European
And the Jolliest fellow in the County
Is a Gentleman named Behan

The accommodation is very good in the Gweedore Hotel and during my stay I have felt very Comfortable

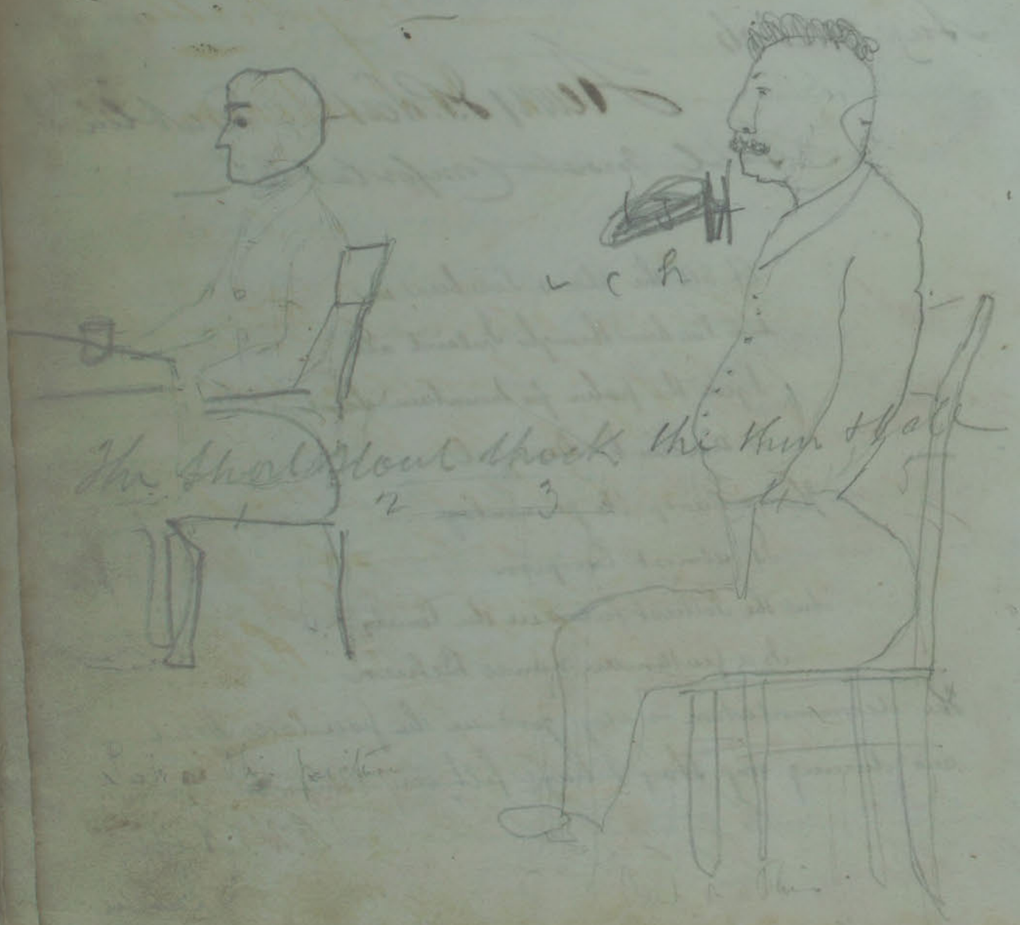
I confirm with much Pleasure
Mr O'Reilly's Statement
Robert Mullins

B. H. V. Reilly
Dublin
27/8/70

H. J. Thompson
Vice Regal Lodge
Dublin

C. Sherry.
M. M. Clelland 28 Aug. 1870
J. Ballantyne

James G. Richardson — Treasurer Mount May
Co. Tyrone
Thos. Miles Richardson
We found everything most comfortable
8/29/70. ~~Good~~ ~~Good~~
Good



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E. H. Clarke Junr.
H. W. Clarke } Belfast
very Satisfactory hotel to stay at
Tuesday
30th August
Viscount Southwell
N. T. Digby. Esq. & Mrs. Digby
Miss Groesbeck.

The same attention and comfort under the Judicious management and kind attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham
August 31st 1870
John Preston
Geo. Ferghegan, Belfast

31st Aug. & 1st Sept.
[illegible] Hotel and [illegible]
[illegible] accommodation
Five travellers on pleasure bent
One sunny day to Gweedore went.
The short the thick the thin the tall
They each found pleasure one & all
and an excellent lunch
H. G. Lindsay Lt Ripley
James J. Stewart Ballindarragh
Charles Stewart. Horn Head.
E. F. Coddington Stamford
Mrs Jenny Stewart

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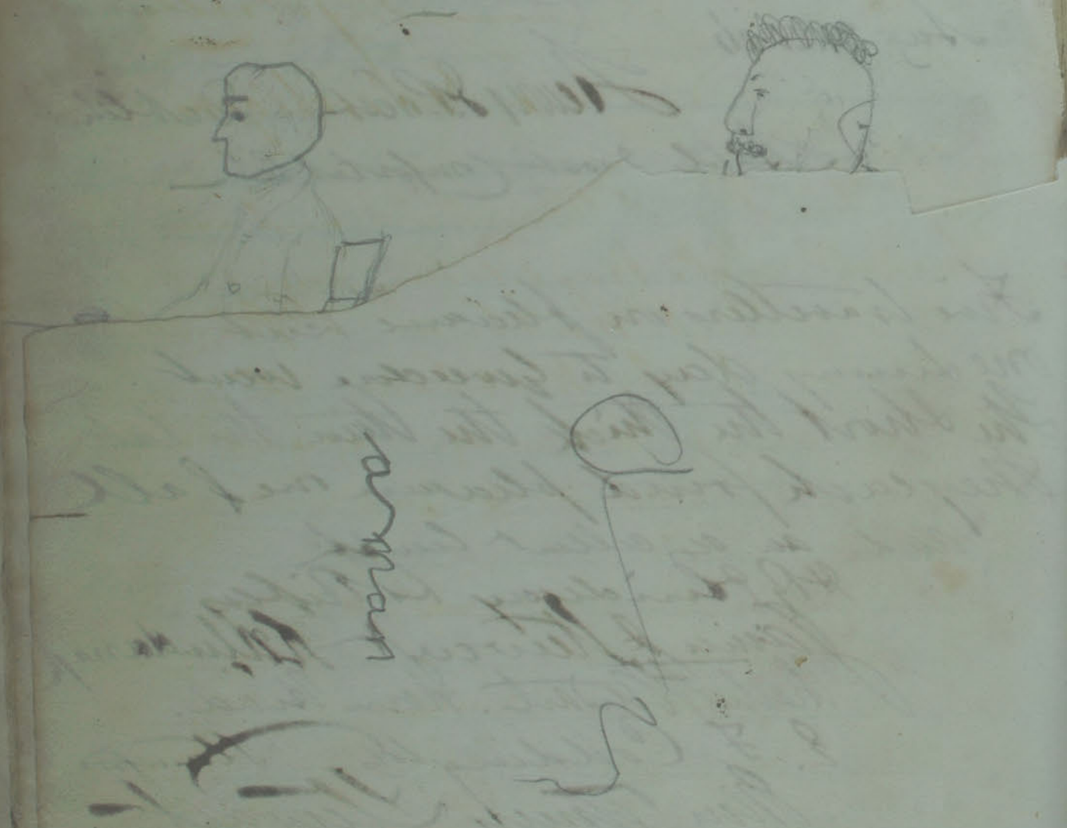
Co. Tyrone
Thos Miles Richardson
We found everything most comfortable
8/29/70: Good Good
Good



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August 31st 1870 John Pretton
Edw Geoghegan, Belfast

31st Aug. & 1st Sept.
Spent two days at this Hotel and ascended Mount Errigal. Very superior accommodation
J. C. Wardham. Clifton. Bristol.
J. C. Wardham. do.

Sept 2nd. most comfortable quarters ascended Mt Errigal
1 hr up. 2/4 hr down. fr. base.
Rev. J. F. Gosling — Bremen Gloucestershire

Sep 6th. John R. Musgrave
James Musgrave
Henry Musgrave
for Carrick Lodge
Glencollumbkille

Sept. 8th Misses H & E. Prance
Mr Reg & Chas Prance
Frognal Hampstead

" 10 Mrs Haslam Gilnow House Bolton
W Haslam Do Do Do
R. E. Haslam Do Do Do
J. F. Knowles Eagley Bank. Bolton

Septr 11th
Mr Samuel H. Holme. Liverpool
Revd Fielding Ould. York.
} We found this Hotel everything we could have wished.

F. J. Porkley O. P. M. C. On Tyne

Mr & Mrs Wlackwell London
Very much pleased with Gweedore and with the excellent accomodation at the Hotel.
13th September 1870

M. Fitzgerald
Bindon B. Stoney 13th Sept. 1870
} Most satisfactory

A Hudson
R S Hudson
G Borwick
} much pleased with our visit to Gweedore and most satisfied with the arrangements of the Hotel and the attention received

C Brooke Wolseley M.B.
17th Sep 70 Much pleased with the Hotel

Much pleased with Gweedore Hotel and regret that we cannot spend more time here
17th Sept 1870
A Denny
Edwin. Denny
Chas Edw Denny

E. W. Garrett. St. John's Coll. Cam.
Edw. B. Moser. Blindbeck House. Kendal.
very much pleased with Gweedore Hotel.
20. September. 1870.

Visited Gweedore Hotel. 20th September 1870 — very much pleased with the attention we received. John F. Corscaden. London
Helen Corscaden. — do
James Corscaden Dny
Fannie Corscaden
Maggie Corscaden.

We are much pleased with our accommodation at the Hotel — W Pearson
F K Pearson very pleased with the house
John Froggatt. Lenton. Notts
10 Hill Eng Park Notts
M. Brown

Mr & Mrs M. King
Strangemore
Londonderry
Spent three pleasant days here
received much attention & civility
Sept 26th 1870.

J. W. Webb — Bolton Lancashire
A. R. Beatty — London
E. H. Carbutt — Bradford Yorks
27th Sept 1870
A very comfortable Hotel in every respect

We have again spent 13 very pleasant days at this Hotel & have received every attention & very comfortable quarters
Sept 26. 1870
William I. Lancaster
G. M. Richardson
Henry Rigott

Much pleased with the comfort & attention at this Hotel
John MacCaskey
30th sep. 1870

H. Wm Freind to the above Hospitally & kindly treated Sept 30th 1870 —

Since my last visit in July 1866 everything seems to have been progressing in the right direction — and Mrs Binney and self have been delighted with our present one
H Binney D.Ch. Bangor

Mrs Crock
Miss Crock and
A. Crock Esq
Beaumaris
Visited this Hotel but were greatly disappointed with it; the "drafts" being very uncomfortable, the chairs being very hard, but the "tea" very good
October 4th 1870

I certainly cannot coincide with the above & consider that the family in question should have stayed at home
Wm Grant Olphert
Bally connell Hons Jnt

Mrs Olphert MD
Miss Olphert
B. Olphert Esq T.C.D
W. Olphert Esq (Jun)
Mrs W. McCausland
Miss McCausland
A. McCausland Esq. T.C.C
Visited this Hotel on the 4th October 1870

Oct 5th G. L. Ogilvy Newton Mill Brechin N.B
stayed 6 weeks at this Hotel & found everything excellent.

Oct 7th
J. S. Boyd Ballymacoot
W. H. Porter
Miss Porter
Stayed a night here — Greatly pleased with the comfort cleanliness & good arrangement of the Hotel
Admired much the improvt in the civilization of the district here & at Bombay
A most comfortable and well provided Hotel. also good attendance
Oct 12th 1870
John Preston
John Patterson
H. T. Valentine
Samuel Black
John Preston Jun

N.C. 10th Oct 1870 & 14th Oct '70
Michael McLoughlin Londonderry 14th October 70

Octr 19th 1870
Everything very good — bar the weather.
Geo. E. Mason
B. W. O.D.M.

Henry J. McCauco & party found the Hotel most comfortable
21 Oct 70

Major James, spent two very plesent months, at this comfortable, and well, conducted Hotel, and found everything, including attendance Excellent,
Nov 2. 70.

From Letterkenny — past Foxhill
Gartan — Glenveagh & Errigal
By deep Dunlewy's winding shore
I came to rest at "Royal Gradore"
Talk not to me of famed Grasmere
or Skiddaw bold, or Keswick fair.
The landscape which we here survey
Has all their charms & more than they,
There lavish wealth, though ages past
Has on the land, its bounty cast
And crowned each vale & fringed each flood

10-2-71

With lordly bower, and shady wood,
Whilst Minstrels harp & poets tongue
Have to the world their beauties sung
But here — wild nature's loveliness
Seems unadorned her simplest dress
And saving what our host has done
We gaze on Nature's worth alone —

Nov. 5th 1870

J. G.

Montgomery Square Dublin.

I visited this Hotel & its neighbourhood on the 4th & 5th days of November & was greatly pleased with all I saw, & leave it perfectly satisfied with the accommodation which I met with —

James Pilkan. L.C.
Chairman of G. Drogheda

Nov. 5th. 1870.

Gweedore Hotel 23 Nov 1870

This is a green spot to the wearied Traveller on the Irish Highlands. Excellent Cooking, Comfortable bedrooms, and great civility, constitute some of the internal charms. I have [illegible] pleased in no ordinary [illegible] the arrangements of excellent Hotel I have [illegible] during that period observed the increased additions and improvements carried out for the comfort and convenience of its numerous Tourists and Visitors. It is now replete with all that could be desired and under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham nothing is wanting, the many comforts can only be equalled by their uniform kind and courteous manner towards all. In taking my leave of this Hotel and County, with regret, I thank the noble proprietor, Lord George Hill, for his uniform hospitality extended to me when chance afforded me the great privilege of meeting him here. I also thank the proprietor of the fishery (Mr. Nicholson), of this first class river for his gratuitous and unlimited leave to angle for Salmon

J. V. Hill
Co. Inspr. R. I. C.
16-2-71

A party of the P.W.O. Donegal Infantry Militia rested here three days, and nothing could be more comfortable; every attention was shown to us, and we passed a happy time, and left the Hotel with regret

1st Feby 1871. J. Conolly Lt Col

Nov. 5th 1870 J. G.

Montgomery Lyme Dublin

I rented this Hotel & its neighbourhood on the 4th & 5th days of November & was greatly pleased with all I saw, & leave it perfectly satisfied with the accommodation which I met with —

James Pilkar L.C.
Chairman of G. Donegal

Nov. 5th. 1870.

Master Robert Olphert
Visited this Hotel on the 6th Feby 1871 & lunched on Beaf-Steak & Jam, Partaking very freely of the latter article

After over 8 years experience of this excellent Hotel I have on my frequent visits during that period observed the increased additions and improvements carried out for the comfort and convenience of its numerous Tourists and Visitors. It is now replete with all that could be desired and under the management of Mr. and Mrs Cunningham nothing is wanting; the many comforts can only be equalled by their uniform kind and courteous manners towards all. In taking my leave of this Hotel and County, with regret, I thank the noble proprietor, Lord George Hill, for his uniform hospitality extended to me when chance afforded me the great privilege of meeting him here. I also thank the proprietor of the fishery (Mr. Nicholson), of this first class river for his gratuitous and unlimited leave to angle for Salmon

J. V. Hill
Co. Inspr. R. I. C.
16-2-71

8th April 1871

Campbell. Kennedy & Hamilton endorse all this book contains in respect to attendance &c connected with this Hotel

G. W. Hamilton

J. M. Kennedy

Wm Campbell

May 12th 1871

arrived at Goweedore intending to stay one day - but was so much pleased with Hotel accomodation &c that I stayed 3 days.

J. Hyland
Manchester

May 17th 1871

Mr A. J. Macrory Duncairn Belfast
" Henry Plews Enniskillen

found every thing at Goweedore most comfortable and satisfactory and were much pleased to find such good accomodation provided for Tourists &c.

I visited Goweedore for the first time yesterday - after a hard days duty at Arran more & Anagry. I never enjoyed a home more than I did this excellent Hotel. Tourists and such visitors as I have much reason to feel grateful indeed.

James Strain
Co. Inspector. R. I. Constabry

May 24/71

Mr & Mrs H. Holland Burne of Bath found the Hotel most comfortable & the Manager & attendants my obliging.

26 May. 1871.

Mrs Warren and I have spent this my first holiday under the "Bank holidays Bill" here; and gladly bear our testimony to the Comfort and attention we have experienced

S. Warren Manager
Provincial Bank of Ireland
Londonderry

Whitmonday
29th May 1871

J. Stirling Garden Stirling
J. T. Brooke

June 2d 1871
Hon ble Mr & Mrs Hewitt, Mr, Mrs & Miss Hodgson
Revd E. Bowen.

June 6th 1871. — Forbes Mackay
Blackcastle
Midlothian
in all respects perfectly satisfied

Miss I & Miss E D Coddington — Fitzwm Place, Dublin
Found every thing extremely comfortable and were well attended in every respect —
June 8th 1871 —

Captain & Mrs Girardot. Leinster Square
Dublin, have found every comfort & attention & are exceedingly pleased with the place. 12th June 1871.
Mr George L and Mrs Young — Bishop to the Winchester have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the great comfort of the Hotel, and the whole beauty of the place
June 12 - 1871

George A. Harvey and John O. Overend
D.U.R.C. Dublin. 24th June 1871 —
Leave after a short visit, and are glad that the Hotel and the Country are going up the Hill

James W McCarter and James A McCarter, Londonderry spent the portion of a day in this neighbourhood, and dined at the hotel where they found the utmost attention and civility.
June 26th 1871

This is the first time I have had the great satisfaction of visiting this Greendra Hotel which I have found very comfortable and I cannot live without expressing and noticing the very modest and unassuming attention of the servant

John Rogers J.P.
Mr Stewart Tyrone

We are happy to add our concurring testimony to the above
Robt E Donnell Opp
Geo Maxwell
J. T. R. T. C.
J. Brodie Clk
Dunfanaghy
June 30th 1871 —

I have stopped here for one night and am very much pleased with this Hotel. I think much praise is due to Lord George Hill for the accommodation given in this place to those who make their tour in this direction through Donnegal
Robert B. Kane STCD
At some future time I hope to have the pleasure of again visiting the Hotel

June 30th 1871

The Hotel is an oasis in a Desert
H.T.C.

Hotel charming, weather disgusting.
J.G.C. S.F.T.C.D.

Mr. Clarke
Mrs. Clarke
Miss Clarke
Mr. George Clarke
} The Steeple. Antrim
Miss Williamson
Miss Greene

Have spent three days at this Hotel — and can testify to is comfort in every respect —

3rd July 1871 —

July 4th Henry Pattison Druid Lodge Loughlinstown Co Dubl
Geo Neale Coolram Mr Rath

July 6th
Came here last night found all very comfortable,
Wm Callaghan Lettrekenny
&c &c

Saturday 8 July 1871
Arrived here found all we could expect and everything in order, lunch and dinner very comfortable,
Francis Gregg P.L.G.

Jesse Gallagher Jr
Judas Hanna
William Corkhead
James Caldwell Fast

W. H. Moreland
Bloomfield Co Down
S. Dill. C.C.C. Oxford.

I have passed 3 days at Greenore Hotel, with 4 of my family, we found the house most comfortable, attendance good, provisions excellent, & the charges very moderate. — James L. Scott Chr. of
The Parsonage Dorn Portaferry

Very third visit to Greenore, a place I always leave with much regret. Found everything as usual very comfortable
Fred Johnson
Watts on Dearne

18th July 1871

I have spent a very pleasant fortnight at this Hotel & am well satisfied with Everything.
Edwd. Arthur Johnson
Watts upon Dearne.

John Murphy
Thomas Standfield

[illegible] 1871 July
Much pleased with Greenore & its Hotel
John Park, July 1871.
& T. Hamilton 22 July '71.

Fanny over an improvement on face.

We are so much pleased with this place that we would willingly stop here for twelve months provided no charge were made.
It is only fair to say that we have found the charges exceedingly moderate the viands first class and the attendance really good

Thomas McElderry Jr. Ballymoney
A. McElderry
Rob. Ramsay Jr. Lisnemaan
Andrew G. Ramsay
25 July 1871

27th July 1871.
Being on a walking tour through the counties of Antrim and Donegal I arrived here yesterday towards the close of my fourth week, and found this hotel very comfortable. The beer is particularly to be commended it is really first-rate

W. Lyda Lane.
19 Upper Fitzwm St
Dublin.

We passed a very happy afternoon here the luncheon was excellent and the day very fine. Georgy Brady, Esq
Myshall
Bagenalstown. Carlow.

I am charmed too, with the Gweedore
A. Olphert. Esq Bally Connell
July 31st

We lunched here, & were charmed with a photo. We saw upstairs of a lovely girl
F. Olphert J.P.
Ballyconnell
Yourself

During two weeks fishing & idleness I have been in every way aided & abetted at the Gweedore Hotel.
July 31. 1871. J. M. Horridge

My first visit to Gweedore, hope it will not be my last. I hope you will be improved in your writing before you next visit.
J. Taylor
July 1871

Have spent three very pleasant weeks at Gweedore & have found everything most comfortable
Ernest C. Streatfeild
July 31st 1871

August 4. 1871.
Revd James Hogan Rectory Magherafelt
Frederic Hogan A.M. Dublin –

Cleanliness, comfort, civility and good wholesome food abound in this Hotel. Frederic Hogan

Francis Battersby M.B. Dublin
J. S. F. Battersby – greatly pleased with the most comfortable accommodation attention & civility afforded to all comers. The cleanliness & management are above all praise – our heartfelt thanks are due to the noble Proprietor –
We stopped here three days and leave with regret.

16th August 1871
We found the Gweedore Hotel a most pleasant & striking contrast to others we have stopped at during a short tour through Donegal. We leave it with regret & strong suspicions that we shall not find its equal in Donegal or its superior anywhere –

Magd. Coll: Oxon. { L. Bennett. W. H. Pridden

Aug. 16th 1871 –

Aug 10th /71 Here for luncheon – and everything is good and attractive are regrets as hit with it.
E. J. Moore Slough Bucks.

Augt 14 Thomas F. Brady
Miss Brady
Miss Lipsett
Miss A. Lipsett –

Very Comfortable

Rich. C. Gibbins
Benj. Gibbins

August 15 1871
+ Here we have "a' the comforts o' the Sautmarket"
J. A. Mahony
Lennon Vale House
Ramelton
+ Aye! Or the Goosedubs either!! Eh!!!
After an interval of 6 years, I am delighted to find myself here once more, & to see my old friends Mr & Mrs Cunningham looking so well – they have not forgotten how to make their Guests comfortable! Every thing in, & about the house looks well cared for, and I have greatly enjoyed my visit to this most interesting place.
Marianne Knight – Highway House – Alton Hants
Augst 17 – 1871 –

Aug 21 Stayed several days & can speak highly of the attention & comfort I found here.
Chas D. Bell
Boston
Lancashire

Rev S. Leslie Brakey & Mrs Brakey,
(Ballinamallard Rectory Fermanagh) from
Augt 11th to Augt 21st. Everything most comfortable
we have never spent a pleasanter time, or received
more attention at any hotel where we have
stopped.

Revd W. C. Templer - Burton Bradstock -
Bridport - Dorset - Everything that
Master - J. L. Templer - Can be desired -

Mrs Warkman Mr Mrs Arnold of Belfast -
Mr Mrs Murray of Warrington

Mr & Mrs Thomas J Harlam of Dublin -

Marquis of Hamilton
Marchioness of Hamilton } August 22nd 1871

This is a most comfortable & convenient house for those
visitors who remain for some time & who in fact use it as
a lodging house but I venture to suggest the desirability
of extending the accommodation for the passing traveller - for
those who would stay but one or two nights. If this wild
& picturesque scenery is to be opened to the tourist it is
necessary that sleeping rooms should be obtainable. Yesterday
I was obliged to drive elsewhere because there was no room
here & today there is not room.

Edward Smith Poorhead Broad London

Aug 23-71

Mr & Mrs James, Basden. Ott -
Scotland
very comfortable & great attention shown -

1871. August 23d
Ad Gifford of Edinburgh.
Alexander Raleigh of London.

Everything comfortably & pleasant as usual
William Martin Hamilton
24 & 26/8/71

Mr Rd W Wilson of Ley Fields Newark
& Mr Stratton of London passed 15 days
delighted with every thing & every body -
Aug 27th 1871

"the man for Galway"
Mr Justin Keogh
Captain Lynch Keogh
Mr Henry Keogh - R.M.
} There is not in Switzerland a cleaner, honeslier
or better appointed Hotel than this as far as our
experience extends. The traveller & the public are
deeply indebted to the Proprietor & Manager for all
they have done in this lovely locality - We leave
with great regret & hope soon to return -
28 August 1871.

Chas McCauly P.P. Omagh
The Poor Law Commissioners settled you -
August 30th 1871.

Rev W. Pakenham Walsh } Landford
Mrs Pakenham Walsh } Cottage
Dublin

J Wilfred Haughton Carlow
Saml Haughton Eccles St Dublin

Rev L Torpy
Arthur Lawson } 27 Upper Fitzwilliam St Dublin
S Arnold Lawson } Do
Wm Lawson } Do
Sept 1st 1871

This is a most comfortable hôtel and the attendance good.

Mr & Mrs Stedman & Miss Stedman
London –

Mr & Mrs John Cooke Londonderry.
Miss Cooke, Hamilton.
Miss Reid Liverpool 2nd Sept 1871.

J H Robinson Wigan –
wished to stay at the Hotel but there was no accommodation –

Mr & Mrs George Lillie Craik Shorlands Kent.
We have been for three days as comfortable at this Hotel as if we were at home – Lord George Hill is one of Ireland's best friends. 8th September 1871

Thos C Stanley Chatham } 9th Sept 1871
F. Dwyer Belvidere Lisburn }

Rev W. Th. Hind, LL.D. Pinner, Middlesex
W. G. Stuart Pinner, Midd &
Mrs & Miss Stuart " "
Highly satisfied with the accommodation & the kindness & attention received
Sept. 9th 1871 –

Three things only are wanted to make Gweedore perfect. More marmalade a Billiard table and a weather cock.

An additional Fanny (if another can be found?) would be an improvement – In conclusion I may remark (as nobody before me seems to have done so) that this is a most comfortable hotel having the advantages of home & none of its responsibilities.

Having broken, successively, the three tops of a friends fishing rod, and caught nothing but chaff, luckily in an unknown tongue, from the aborigenes. I depart with – to be continued in our next.

Regd T Bury.
[illegible] days [illegible] 1871
most comfortable
attention possible

12th Sept 1871
Mr & Mrs R. Vicars Boyle.
London

15th Sept 71
Mr & Mrs W. McLearn, Derry
and Miss White Milford,

During a stay here of nearly a month we have met with every attention and found this hotel most comfortable

J. B. McLingard
Thos. D. Lingard
15th Sept. 1871

When sturdy storms are past & gone
Shall there right calm appear
I find that under ashes deep
Lies coals of kindled fire
With good intent mark well my mind
You shall be herein a question find
Sweet is the question mark it well
Heart in hand, so love, farewell, (Solve)

Sept. 15th 1871.
Revd. G. Mackarness & Mrs Mackarness
Therre at home Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Leland's best friends.

During a fortnights sojourn at this Hotel on a fishing excursion have enjoyed myself very much. — ~~Have~~ found the Hotel most comfortable with every attention, and last but not least hearty good fellowship amongst the deciples of "Old Isaac"

Colin Napier
Sept 16th 1871 Liverpool

Richard Wright and Richard Plumley Wright - Neasdon Middlesex - spent a very pleasant Fortnight at this most comfortable Hotel

17 Sept 1871 -
Henry Edwd. Stuart Bank of Ireland Derry - Visited Gweedore 14 Septr 1871 Hotel arrangements perfect, attendance Excellent, Every attention paid to the Comfort of guests 14/8/71

18th Sept. 1871
Mr & Mrs J. J. Twigge 9 Upper Fitzwilliam Street Dublin Spent two days at this Hotel found it most comfortable & received every attention possible

The Master of the Holes
Mr. Justice Keogh

22d Sept. 1871
Well pleased with
everybody & everything

in this excellent Hotel —

Hotel accommodation here is excellent the best we have yet had in a short tour thro' Donegal, & every desire on the part of the proprietor (Mr. C.) to make all comfortable.
Trout Fishing on Upper Lough Nacung very good, weather unpropitious.

Thos. Brown
from London
Septr. 22/71

In some such place as this among the mountains
I'd like to rusticate and love songs sing
To flirt with Diana, study botany
Do the poetic, and all that sort of thing!

J. Ay
Yours a great Cod.

W. French Guinness. Septr. 27/71

We have again spent a very pleasant fortnight in this Hotel & find everything well arranged and as comfortable as could be desired.
Sept 28/71

Henry. Pigott
William I. Lancaster

much pleased with everything at Gweedore
2 October 1871

G. A. Owen

Arthur Brooke
Killeghep
Averel Lloyd
Tannamore

6th October 1871

We strongly endorse every statement in this book contained commendatory of this Hotel and its management, and as strongly negative everything condemnatory of either —

Having again spent five pleasant weeks, at this comfortable and well conducted Hotel, I found everything including attendance, excellent, and leave with regret, but with hopes of paying a long visit some future day.

Gweedore
12 October 1871

E. James

Dr. G. L. Ogilvy. Second visit — 6 weeks duration — found same good management attention & comfort as last year.
Oct 12th/71.

Having spent the last night in Giveedore Hotel I have great pleasure in testifying to the truth told in this book — Within in the last few months I have visited almost every Hotel in Derry, Tyrone & Donegal & also a good many in England & can safely say that I did not meet with one as comfortable as Giveedore —

Hume Babington
Cheevagh House. L. Derry
1st Nov. 1871 —

I have passed three days in this Hotel & found it in all respects entirely satisfactory. It is the most comfortable & well = appointed Hotel which I have been at during a tour through Ulster

Aubrey de Vere,
Nov. 6. 1871

Nov 9th.
Most satisfactory That you are not.
McGreenhill Seafort

March 6th 1872

During a stay of three days at this Hotel we received every comfort. The attendance was unexceptionable

Wm. D. Ritchie, Denny, Scotland.
Robert Baird Co. Co.

Having spent the last five days at this Hotel I feel bound to state that I found it in every respect satisfactory. Edward Shirley. 14th March 1872

J. A. Elliott 19th March 1872
21 March 1872
Mr. & Mrs. Charles O'Brien March 22nd
W. J. Cockerill 4th April 1872
W. Temple 4th April 72
Champagne
C. D. Kerty 4 Apl 1872
Charles your a fine boy
Charles your a fine boy
Henry Sweeney Liverpool
Captn. Harold Londonderry
8th April 1872
John Addie & Party Bothwell N. B.

Spent one night at this Hotel and were made exceedingly comfortable
J. Cradock.
April 9. 1872. — R. Connor
May 12th J. Campbell Battenbank Castledonglas Scotland

I was at this Hotel in July 1866, and I have no reason to alter the opinion I have given of it in this book regarding its comfort, cleanliness and moderate charges
J. Stewart Wood Colonel
Inspector General, R.I. Constabulary
Giveedore. May 12th 1872 —
Jay — Jas
Jas — Denny —
W. Wheatbrook

Arrived here last night at 6 o'c P.M. Found the house fully occupied & could not get beds, which proved very fortunate for us, as, after a comfortable tea, we proceeded to Derrybeg, to throw ourselves on the far famed hospitality of the Revd H. McFadden P.P. where we got a real "Cead Mile faltha", and spent a pleasant evening. Returned to day, had a luncheon served up in the usual good style of this house, & proceeded home — 13th May 1872

Edward Murray

~~The~~ The accommodation will be complete at this Hotel when the Telegraph is here ~~there~~ In McCarthy

Self interest?

"alas for a Critic?

The accommodation in this Hotel leaves nothing to be desired

Henry Sleogh
Londonderry

Gweedore.
May 14. 1872

Mrs E Stanley
E H H Stanley
Dr McDermott
Mrs McDermott
May 14th 1872
Good House

Having spe
feel bound to ...
Satisfactory

14th May 1872

Arrived here on Saturday the 11th after a most delightful, week's drive thro the Donegal Highlands via Donegal, Killybegs, Carrick, Malinmore, Malinbeg, Glen Ardara, Dunmore, & Dunglow, and cannot speak too highly of the beauty of the scenery, especially the view from the head of Glengesh & that from Dunmore Hill, Beautiful as was the scenery we were not indisposed to rest our horses & selves at this Hotel where we found every comfort that either could desire

John Cochrane Lifford
Mrs Gomery Stewart & Killenderry
James T Stewart do Lifford

Two unfortunate drapers arrived here after 32 miles drive and found everything in the usual good style — Fanny doing her part of it.

20 May 72

John M Snooks
Antonio Burgoyne

Found all well here and very comfortable as usual — Very stormy weather for May — just going to "Grub" so Good bye Fanny —

20 May 1872

W. Lindsay

20 May 1872

Arrived here this morning at 10 o'clock a.m. found all well. Fanny looking Charming and doing her part in the very best style had dinner at ½ past 12, and enjoyed it (you may be sure after a drive of 22 miles) appetite being very good, Confirms all ~~and~~ written by my worthy Comrade on the other side, Beer very good, but think the City of Edinburgh ale in Skenny much better?

20 May 72 Signed [illegible]

20/5/72

Just after dinner and it was so & so — (but we must give allowance owing to such a short notice) Fanny as usual expert &c she is a good girl ~~[illegible]~~ accomadat at Hotel Excellent —

W. A. Gallagher

James Sayers Esqr Dunglee auctioneer &c &c said Grace in the most clerical style —

Young Gov'r Jn Burgh

— Farewell? Farewell? —

Sam Sorry to Say Grace was not appreciated as it ought,

20th May 1872. Henry Thomas.

Gweedore June 26th 1872

Dr & Mrs Brooke Wolseley & Miss Mary Beatty arrived here yesterday about 5.30 after a most delightful drive (the latter part in pelting rain) they got a very good dinner, & are much pleased with the Hotel, but would wish the whiskey was as good as the tea Mr is first rate.

Signed
T. M. Wolseley
M. J. Beatty
Lake Park
Co Wicklow

We three came to Gweedore
If there was another, we would make four
The weather was so bad, we saw nothing "be dad"
So to day we return from Gweedore

CBW - 26th June 72

Rev R. Maurer Smith. Dublin.

Much pleased with the Hotel, attendance good &c. J. C. Robertson.

July 5th 1872.

Captain Peel R. M.
Drumalla Hus
Isaac Herbert Wilkinson
Upper Hare Park
Cambridgeshire

July 7th & 8th
Much pleased with this Hotel
N Hudson
R Berwick

July. 10th 1872.

Mr. M'Lees A. G. Lecky James Galbraith Miss Galbraith and Miss Lecky spent a very pleasant day at the Gweedore Hotel, and have much pleasure in testifying to the excellence of all the Hotel arrangements, The gentlemen (especially Mr. M'Lees) were much pleased with the cheerful attention of the fair Fanny who so pleasantly attended to all their wants.

Mrs and the Misses Collins (2) of Meadowbrook Dundrum Dublin passed two very pleasant days at the Gweedore Hotel & bear testimony to the good order, and cleanliness of every department, as also, the civility of the proprietors and attendants

July 12th 1872

Mr McGlade and party (Three) Belfast

12th July

G Green Mrs & The Misses Green

John F & Mrs Wilson Londonderry

No Surrender well pleased in every way with Hotel accomodation

John F. Wilson Bayview House Derry

Mrs Wilson

George Green Crawford Sq. Derry

Mrs Green

Misses Green (2)

Everything most comfortable

13 July 72

Rev. J. W. Chambers } Kingstown School
Mrs Chambers }

Spent a very pleasant time at this first-class Hotel.

A. M. Henderson
Norwood Town
Co Down

13th July 1872

William R. Rea Belfast
13th July 1872.

" Arthur A. Pearson
Junior Carlton Club, London.

" Edward Hewitt
Meen Glas
Stranorlar

We found the Hotel everything that could be desired.

15th July 1872

I stopped at Gweedore Hotel for a fortnight & found everything very comfortable & Mr. Cunningham and the attendants most obliging —

[illegible] Col

July 15 1872.

George Meek — Wigan

July 15th 1872. Mr. & Mrs Drummond Grant have been here for four days and have been greatly delighted with the magnificent scenery in the neighbourhood and with the good attendance and comforts of this Hotel

Immensely Gratified

17th Ro. Whitehead Glasgow

" Thomas Wright do

Duncan McPherson do

Alex Murray do.

James McNeil Londonderry

18 A singularly neat and orderly Hotel All committed the seem anxious to Oblige

R S Reddy A M L S D

Belfast

19 July '72 This is my third visit to this Hotel and I can with confidence recommend it to visitors

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John A Blake Dublin 20 July '72

22nd July 1872 We have visited this hotel to day and it affords us much pleasure to testify to the attention we have received, and to record our approval of the regularity and comfort which characterizes this establishment, The beauty of the scenery, the attraction of the grounds, the courtesy of Mr. Cunningham, the civility of the subordinates, and the excellence of the fare have left nothing more to be desired to complete a day of happy recreation and pure enjoyment.

Thos. A. Ingram, Tyrart
Mrs Ingram "

E. Dickson Dunfanaghy

A A Ingram. T M Ingram.

William Ingram Londonderry

James Robinson "

Revd John Banks B.A. St Oswalds, Old Swan, Liverpool

John Crafton Dungannon

22 July 1872

John Gray New York

July 25th 1872

I have spent a very pleasant ten days at this Hotel and received every attention from Mr. Cunningham and the attendants and I consider the accommodation very good & the charges most moderate.

A. L. Emerson Capt.
28th Regiment

Mrs. Marshall Garton Lodge, Donegall
Mr. & Mrs. Finlay Edinburgh

J. C. McMullen Manchester 26 July 1872

Ralph S. Benson, Dublin
July 26th 1872

Curran O. Woodhouse
Kenny Keet House
July 24 1872

Rev. Hughes Callaghan
Falcanagh
July 27. 1872

pro dear

John Bull is libelled, when called a Grumbler, if this Volume is his production; for praise is plentiful, satisfaction general — and everything approved — We have pleasure in adding our ~~gref~~ gratified testimony to that of our predecessors

Fred. Clarke, Kingsland, London
W. C. Buckley Manchester
John Buckley Manchester

July 29. 1872

Mr. & Miss Forssmann of the lodge, Culmore, L. Derry were much pleased with their stay of 4 days in this Hotel & desire to bear testimony to the comfort and attention they met with. — 29th July 1872

Dr. and Mrs. H. Jock Stuart of Bothwell, as on a former visit, highly satisfied with with the comfort and attention enjoyed at Gweedore Hotel

Miss S. Dill Miss N. Dill Miss Steel
Hamilton Dumbo Dumbo
Miss Russell Wm. Gamble
Graham United States
very well satisfied with Hotel and Attendance

Rev. Wm. Massey
Lancaster

This is our first visit to this Hotel & can recommend it with Confidence —

Wm C. Heron
John Heron

31 July 1872.

James Cockin & Halifax Yorks.
B. Sterbert W. Corkell & Londonderry.
Henry S. Hamilton Londonderry.
A good Hotel, kind agreeable friends, & fine weather
When shall we throw Mint again.
31st July 1872 I hope soon.
@ Cork I presume,

Charles Ogilvy, Londonderry - 31st July 1872
1st August

Robert S. Darley } Milford
Wm Jas. Roe } to Donegal

Rev O Leitch. Mrs Leitch & Miss Leitch
Oatlands. Letterkenny - And
Mrs & Miss Graham Claremont Londonderry
are very much pleased with Hotel
accommodation
Aug 1st /72 —

Rev Ramsay Jr Lisnenman —
Jas. O. Wylie Dublin
W. S. Orr. Ballymoney
A. G. Ramsay Ballyraine
Winston T. Ramsay Lisnenman
August 3rd 1872. —

B. S. Darbyshire Crosby Lancashire
S. C. Armour —

Jh W Gore Booth Lissadill Sligo
J Hamilton
J Assheer

10 Augt 1872. S. E. Walker & Ralph Sanders,
Exeter. Devon. We first here 14 days Mr. S.
here for 3 weeks. and have every reason
to speak well of the Hotel & the
attendance & shall feel a pleasure
in recommending persons to come here
either for the sea or river fishing
if they would write to Mr. Cunningham
& ascertain the state of the river —

Mr & Mrs Nasse Dallington Northampton [illegible]

12th August 1872

visited Greedore after an absence of 3 years, found the Hotel as usual "a home", Mr & Mrs Cunningham making every Tourist comfortable, in this Fanny takes her part with her usual good nature and attention, any visitor not pleased with the place would deserve to be!!! well say in "worse quarters", we look forward to our next visit with pleasure, would there were many Lord George Hills we never knew but one man to compare with him as a Landlord, he was the much lamented late Marquis of Downshire, brother to Lord George.

Robert Stevenson Dungannon
Mrs R Stevenson —
Minnie Stevenson —
Robert Stevenson Jr —
James Stevenson —
Maggie E Fleming Letterkenny

We are all right well pleased with this place but Oh = Stevensons we were surely tired of your squaw & brats

14 August 1872

Spent two days very agreeably here Accommodation and attendance good, with moderate charges

Mr & Mrs Fanny Old Trafford Manchester
Rev Hugh A Callaghan c.c. Falcarragh
Lord Cunningham Letterkenny
Daisy Fanny Manchester

15th Augt 1872

Sylvester L'Amy Edinburgh
[illegible] days [illegible]

As usual

Mar 29th
Aug 15 14

Max Cullinan Lincolnshire London
W F Cullinan Dublin
F Cullinan " 13th August 1872

Edward Pain Wykeham Park Surrey
Mr & Mrs K Tucker Pain Kamleigh Devon
much pleased with the attention & comfort this Hotel affords Augst 17th 72

Jas McCorry Belfast
John Macowan Lurgan
A. M. Bell Liverpool
19 Augt 1872

I have been here since the 11th with my two sons. I do not think a more comfortable or better managed Hotel could be found in the United Kingdom, and I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for the kindness shown to us during our stay.

Groardore Hotel
20 August 1872

John Macauley
Red Hall
Ballycarry
County of Antrim

Visited this hotel and [illegible] Lord, he was the [illegible] marking of [illegible]

J. G. Clarke U. States
J. A. McVitie ~~the~~ Liverpool
a very comfortable house

Visited. Aug.t 26. 1872 – a house in which I have spent many pleasant hours

Alfred Norman
– accompanied by – F. Norman
Alfred Reynolds Norman
Frances Norman

Robert Reeves Dublin
William Griffin Dublin

A. H. Atkinson Esq M. P.
Mrs Atkinson
Miss A. Olphert
} August 27th 1872

Ballycorell House
"Health – Wealth & Longevity to all those" had a delightful Wife and Sunshine Quite enjoyable in this Hotel. H. A.

C. Doherty Coleraine

As usual everything tip-top

Aug. 29th
F. T. Gillett – Risley Lodge – Derby
Rd. Gillett – Oxford –

Stayed a fortnight at this very comfortable Hotel & were very well pleased with everything except the fishing – which was indifferent –

These Gentlemen never [illegible] the river & not often on the lakes

James McC. Donie – Edinburgh
Alex. F. Jones. Oswestry. Salop.

The best Hotel I have been in in Ireland
W. Emerson Tennent
August 1872

Ruth Keller
Londonderry 9th Sep 72
Head Porter Londonderry Skating Rink

4th Sept 1872. R. T. Hamilton, G. M. Kennedy. } have found this hotel most comfortable & the people very attentive —

We have had an excellent luncheon in this clean and well regulated Hotel.
J. W. Hewitt } Shellfield
A. T. Hewitt } Ramelton Sept 6th

Joseph Prior . 3 St. Peter's Road, Croydon
F. E. Blackstone . British Museum
Sept. 1 — 8th 1872 —

Jno. McWilliams
Landscape House
10 Sept 1872 Co Down

Geo Cooke Ramelton

Mrs. Ogle & Son — Barnley Sep 11/72 Lancs
Hotel very comfortable & weather very wet.

Hotel comfortable, and very good attendance weather very wet,
12th Sept 1872. John Kelly P.W. Dl Arty.

A. Rust Leicester
T. Walker d —

We are very pleased with this Hotel and found everything exceedingly comfortable
Wm Tyndall London
12 Sept 1872 B. W. Gray Armagh
Rob. T. Fleming London

Comfortable but no gravy.
13 Sep 72. J. E. Lees

Mrs & Miss E. Mulholland Miss Wright of Eglantine Hillsboro' Co Down, spent a day at this Hotel & found it most comfortable —
Sept 14th 1872

Richard Wright and Richard Plumley Wright — London
The most comfortable Hotel in the United Kingdom — our experience after two long visits and which we look forward after to repeat
Sept 15th 1872

Wm Horsten Inland Revenue Stranorlar
Mrs Horsten
Mrs Davis, Rockhill, Co Donegal
We found this Hotel very efficiently
Managed; the Cooking excellent
16 Sept 1872.

Francis Stirratt C. E. Belfast
William Telford Fruit Hill Bg.
17th Sept. 1872.

Miss Clarke Port-Hall and party
three young ladies 18th Sept 1872
Sept 18/72 Captain Wilmshurst R.N.
and Mrs Wilmshurst.
found this Hotel most
comfortable in every respect
and Charges very reasonable.

We have again spent four
very pleasant weeks here and
have much pleasure in
testifying to the comfort of this
hotel - we leave with regret and
look forward to returning at some
future day Sept 20th 1872
J B McLingard
Thos B Lingard

This is the first time I
have been at the Gweedore
Hotel, every-thing is most
comfortable the tea
and beef-steaks excellent
Augusta M. Alleman
September 20th 1872

Mrs Charley 20 Septr 1872
Miss Charley
Every thing as usual first rate

Wm Bouch of Darlington and Party
are greatly obliged by the civil & kind attention
received 20th Septr 1872

Very much pleased with the accomodation
& attention at this Hotel & hope to have
the pleasure of revisiting it upon some
future occasion.
W. C. Bradstreet } London
J. B. Scott

Irish Lights office
J. McAllister Dublin
27 Sept 1872
Very comfortable
after walking for [illegible]
W. Maxwell [illegible]

After our fourth annual visit to the Hotel; for a fortnight we still find it a Comfortable, well managed & ~~well~~ arranged on former occasions - Nothing but "more" "ran" wanted to Complete our Happiness.

Oct 1. 1872. - William I. Lancaster.

Henry Pigott. Barnsley

Mr & Mrs Murphy
Mrs Doyne
Miss Cooke;
Oct 2. 1872

Paul Donovan
Oct. 8th 1872.

Everything AI
A billiard table would be a great acquisition

J. & Sheffield
Bengal

9th Oct 1872
C. Hammond, Lachberg House
H. Sheffield Regent Park
London

Octr 13. 1872
Extremely satisfactory & comfortable

Isaac Ache M.B.

Oct 16 I. C. White Gro Dublin much pleased as usual

October 18. 1872.
The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe has spent two pleasant days at this Hotel, accompanied by the Rev E. G. Dougherty. He must secure his entire sense of the comfort of the establishment, the attention of the managers, and the courtesy of the attendants.
William Derry and Raphoe

Octr 28th D. G. L. Ogilvy - third visit of even so many weeks duration - No comment required.

October 28. 72
Major E. Jeames fourth visit to this jolly spot and hope it will not be the last. Satisfied with all including the fishing.

Oct 29. 72. C Boyton. Mrs C Boyton. Miss R A Boyton

Nov. 5th - 1872
Everything requisite to make weary men comfortable & happy is to be found at this admirable hotel (?)
J. Brodie Clk. (Dunfanaghy)

P. J. Clarke B.I.R.I.C.
W. Maxwell Centre B.N.K.

Nov. 21st 1872

The undersigned met here for the purpose of attending the first Vestry meeting for the new Parish of Gweedore, summoned for the election of Parochial Nominators on 22d Nov. at the Ardnagligger Chapel

John Gwynn
(Commissary for Lt Bishop of Derry & Raphoe)
Alex Delap (Rector of Templecrone)
Valentine Pole Griffith.
— Rector of Tullaghobegly.

Dec. 4 1872. I have been staying here for two days & am very much pleased with this charming Hotel & the Magnificent Scenery surrounding it — I have never been in any hotel that was cleaner or better managed — reflecting great credit on Mrs Cunningham

Henry W. C. Ward
3 Alma Terrace
Markstown

1872.
2 Dec. Joseph Lynch. Dublin & London.
6th — For five days spell and weather-bound — with Denis Sweeny "Guide" School House Dunlewey. "Swarmed" up the face of Errigal (2-462 feet) descended other side (1½ hours) 2½ hours 4th Dec.
View from Summit rewards all toil & trouble. Hotel & Grub Capital, Landlord polite; Maid retient and attentive. Twelve miles breather to Dunglow. Weather all that is Undesireable.

Three fishers came fishing to Gweedore Hotel
River Bann wh they tried was a regular sell
From the extent of Flax grass poured into the stream
Which sickened the fish & made fishing a dream
It poisoned the air too with terrible stench
And went a long way then keen as down to quench

Miss Lecky & her Mamma
put in part of a night
at this Hotel & admired
the Scenery (??)
(who kissed Miss Lecky)
Daisy Hill
2 July

Miss Lecky & her
So

31 Dec. 1872. I have been staying here for four days and am pleased to have the opportunity of bearing testimony to the admirable manner in which this Hotel is conducted & the kindness & attention of the Proprietor & Servants

William Carter

3rd July 1873. Found the Hotel and attendance good, comfortable & cheap, but the Salmon fishing with worms most objectionable.

Mrs Lafue Huysford Canterbury
W. P. Brown Ashford

24th March 1874 – Thomas A. Elliott

3rd July 1874 John Tear New York
Portland Cut Wor

Mrs. O'Brien
Balmacarra
Monkstown – 13-9-82

Dr. Carter J.P.
Wm. Carter. } Bedford

London.

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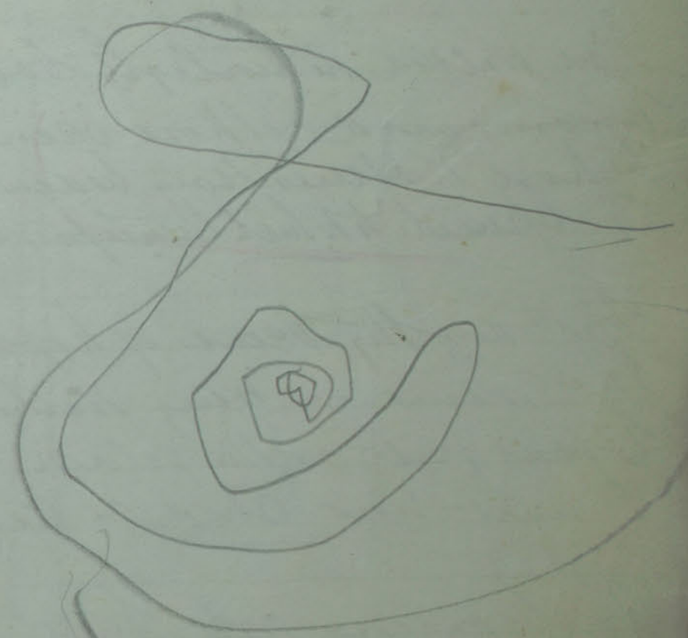

Oh while life lasts I never shall
Forget the banks that bound thy wates
Of thy Canal whereoff Strabane
Encircled by thy blooming daughtes

I've walked in twilights balmy hours
Enamoured by those scenes of bliss
Whose Natures tears bedewed the flowers
Of speech to which their lips gave birth

Strabane thy scenes of happy days
On memories wing will leave a light
Effulgent as the golden rays
Sunset now shed on Ceohans height

Thy beauteous girls have lips so warm
Bliss shines so in their lovelit eyes
Her honeyed pleasures can transform
Thy glen unto a paradise.

A Strabane man
July-68.

The same may be said about Gweedore
You should learn
A Spell.

Fanny dear
Have those lovely lips"
Have beautiful eyes"
&c &c &c

Revd J.H.C. 23/3/74

Retired
to Dunglow Na