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Donegal Grand Jury

**Correspondence between members of the Grand Jury
and Donegal County Council**

1873 - 1901

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B. M. TABUTEAU & SONS.
WINE MERCHANTS
123 ABBEY ST. II. JERMYN ST.
DUBLIN AND LONDON.

123. Abbey Street, Dublin.

Recd. 22 1873

Dear Sir

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your esteemed respects of 19th inst
with remittance of £50 on acc^t
of your friend Jerry for which
we are much obliged & now
enclose receipt for same
with our best thanks -

Your kind order for your
St Jerry shall have our most
care full attention & will
be sent all forward tomorrow
directed as you desire.

enclose in this a memorandum
showing how all are packed

With assurance of our respect
and best thanks for your
kindness

We remain dear to
you ever, &c &c

Bill Sabiteau & Sons
of Myrtle

Wm. Sueland

GJ2/14(2)

July 11th. 1875

Hampden House,
Green Street. WA.

My dear Mrs

Major Hamilton has written
to me about the two
pictures belonging to the
James Boy at Lifford
& their disposal -

I fully agree with him
that the National Gallery

Stallion is the best place
for them. These tripods
to be seen by the public
generally -

But if they decide
otherwise I think the
only other alternative is
Barrow Court, where they

bill of course to be safe
keeping, but I have lately
any room for them then
I think with transition
that the plate should be
divided amongst the same
party free of purchase.

We cannot have it had the

About amongst the public
The two chairs should be
sold to the grand jurors.

J. M. T. T. T.

Chambers

About amongst the public
The two chairs should be
sold to the said persons.

J. M. T. T. T.

Chancellor

G5/2/14(3)

Londonderry
3rd June 1885

Dear Sir

I am sorry you
should have the trouble of
writing me for the acct, but
it is not my fault -

In the acct for Summer 84
the item due by your son you
can get from him if you wish -

Mr Stewart of Hornhead owes
for Summer 1884 & Spring 85 - I
enclose his letter in which you
see he will pay both on 10th Inst,
when I will send you amt -

Mr Hart also promises as you
will see by his letter to pay this
month - I have not heard from
Mr Stoughton, I have written twice,
& will now write again -

Kindly return Mr Stewart's
& Mr Hart's letters -

Y^{rs} Champayne Bell was

Having last terms, but you
may remember at the election
Dinner on last day, they did
not think they got enough -

James Purdy

Amelia Gay

John Swelton Esq

Done by Geo. J. ...

Hays - 3-18-9

Hunt 3-18-9

Hemst 3-18-9

Q5 - 5-3-0

16-19-3

29-17-3

46-16-6

65/2/14(4)

Derry

2nd ~~Jan~~ July 1881

Dear Sir

I have been
away all day & got your
letter on my return at 10
o'clock tonight - My Clerk
had acct enclosed made
out, I believe it is
correct but I had not
time to cheque it -

Mered

But due on rent should
only be half, I will make
out acct, and shut bal-
ter bed & send it to Mr Nelson

tomorrow, I think you
should have a Shaver
to bid & take assignment
& he can surrender before
after prison is taken, I
spoke to my father and
also to Wilson & they both
agree as to this -

I'm better but our
amb due to work for
which I can fill in but
not due exclusive of
but \$29 paid -

In Wash

Mrs. M. G.
Shurway

Wm. L. G.

5J/2/14(5)

Perry

14 June 1882

Dear Sir

I enclose found from
Dinner acct. and cheque -
Mr Delap is only one to pay
I have written him again -

Mr Steph owes

£ 3.. 12. 0	Sumr's assign 1878
4.. 9. 0	Spring assign 1881
<u>£ 8. 1. 0</u>	

Mr Putnam

£ 5.. 0 - 6 Sp'g assign 1880

Mr Spring

Mr Staley

If you would Tabalan to send
me a duplicate of your notes re
N. Truelan's sum lent -

652/14 (6)
Lifford

11 March 1886

Sir,

I beg to remind
you of half year's
Salary £3. due me
as water manager,
and you will also
please remember
Mr. Neely's salary for
looking after County House
your obt. Servt.
John Vance

Winclair Esq
Lifford S.P. &

W. C. Powell.

W. C. Powell

Paid by cheque
March 19 1886 -
Notice given at
same time
that the ground
July is not

Just the month

W. W. W. W.

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GS/2/14 (7)

Holy Hill.

Strabane.

Co. Tyrone

July 17th 89

Dear Sir, (Dear Madam)

I have the misfortune
of being Member
of the Committee
of Management
of the Donegal

Grand Jury meet-
ing on that

Enclosed you will find
to forward to you
the enclosed signed
for payment of
the sum agreed
upon at the last
change to be
made to the
petition for the
sum of one thousand

we afford - I
had myself nothing
to do with the
proposal, and
neither had the
jurors - but owing
to the non-attendance
of several jurors in
these latter days
our funds had
become very low,
and considerable

cutting is at present
required so it was
proposed that you
should be asked
to contribute if
you wish to continue
to make use of the
rooms

Yours truly
A. M. M. M.

65/2/14(8)

Grand jury Room
Bifford
July 18th
1889

My Lord

I am desired
by the Grand Jury of
St Co Donegal to call
your attention to

A resolution passed
at the Spring Session
of the present year,

That the Militia
should be asked
to pay £10 for the
use of the County
House at Lifford
for each annual

9th - July
1887

Letter to
D. G. Hamilton
why sent
of the Board

Donegal County Council

GJ/2/14(9)

HILLINGDON COURT,
UXBRIDGE.

23 Coward Square
S.W.
July 21st 1889.

Sir

I was requested by my
officers before the close of the
recent annual Training of
my Battalion to call the
attention of the Grand Jury to
the recent impost passed by
them of £10 - plus damages,
upon the officers for the

use of the County Buildings
during the Annual Training.
The officers complain, and
I think with justice, that
whilst the County Grand
Jury have hitherto met these
premises to the County Regiment
free of charge they should
suddenly without any
reasonable cause impose
this new charge, which
must be met out of the

Officers present means as the
Govt declines to accept them, at
a time when the income of every
officer has experienced
reductions. They feel moreover
that the Training of the Battalion
at Lefford must prove of great
advantage to a portion of the
County and that the continuance
of such Training has been due
to my strong representations
in favor of Lefford. The plan

Jury ought to be aware that
Lifford possesses a minimum of
attraction and a maximum of
discomfort to officers, which
substance has in some degree been
mitigated by the free use of
the grand jury room, but which
cases to be so advantageous the
moment officers have to pay
for the same. They trust therefore
the grand jury will be good
enough to reconsider their
decision. The officers fully
admit the justice of a ^{renewal}

GJ | 2 | 14 (10)

Katy Hill
July 29th / 46

Dear Aunt Abner John

I enclose receipt
for £10 cheque sent by you
and as regards the
charge, although as
I said in my former
letter I did not myself
note for it, there is

a good deal to be said
for those who did -

The County house was
built by subscriptions
of the Grand jury, and
furnished and kept
up by that body as
a private work house

They however have
always been ready
to give the use of
it to any body of

People connected
with the county, and
particularly to the
institution, ~~and~~ ^{you} ~~see~~
~~that~~ ^{you} ~~see~~ ^{just} ~~see~~ ^{now}
for several years
occupied at free
of charge for about
five times the number
of days ^{in each year} as the actual
owners. I do not
think it at all
unreasonable

that they should
be asked to contribute
to needful expenses.

I understood from
your letter ^{to me} that you
have written on the
subject to Mr. James
but as your letter to
him did not answer
in time. It concludes
if it must be over
till next Spring & Spring
your only truly

Wm. A. A. A.

6512/14 (11)

Londonerry

13th April 1890

Dear Sir

I have been away
for past two days in
Enniskerry, on Exats, & ret^d
last night, and rec^d your
letter of 11th

I enclose acct of
Mine in cellar. The following
paid provs have not paid,
See 4th & 5th Hays. Genl. Suddens
Example, & 213 Storey, the
amt due by them is £20-12-0,
and I have again written
them for amount -

I will lodge to your Credit
tomorrow £26-8-11 for acct
on other side, this with
your own amount £4-17-6

and amt due, make up
Miss & Boul acct -

I don't know about the
Chart, but the Champ.
was not very good, there
were several very poor bottles
at our side of the table, &
a number could not be
opened, & smell of bottles had
to be knocked off -

Wm Murray
Murray

Wm Murray

Wine used	£ 50-12-5
Coal	1-6-0
	<hr/>
	£ 51-18-5

due by myself	£ 4-17-6	
due by others	20-12-0	25-9-6
	<hr/>	
To be laid to my cr		26-8-11

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9^d - July

1890

~~1897~~

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65/2/14 (12).

Laundress

19th Jan 1891

Dear Sir

I enclose found
my dinner acct. of last
assays - as you will see
they are all paid except
Major Johnston, I have
written him 3 or 4 times
and got no reply. I think
you should write him a
line & it may have the
desired effect. Amount
due by him is £8.15.6.

Mrs Jany

Mustell

If Sabuteau sent me a duplicate
of invoice it would save trouble as
I enclose & please to -

9^d Term
1891

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05/2/14 (13)

Lancaster

31st Aug 1891

Dear Sir

Recd Letter of 20th
and mem enclosed with
acct. which I return -

There were only 22 found
from Shuff & Co's making
25 members of mess -

25 at £3-10-6 88-2-6

2 guests 2 2 0

90-4-6

owed by Major Houston 3-10-6

Cash recd £86-14-0

You were not on found party
but your son was, and
he paid me his Bill -

I have sent a copy of return
sent you in Aug^l last -

Yours truly
H. Sinclair Esq W. Mansel

9th July

1891

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GJ12/14(14)

London

25th March 1871

Dear Sir

It is a matter for you to decide whether the flasks are to be hired or purchased, there is no doubt we will want them at next assays.

I got a Dog Claret at 44/- from Clarke, will he include it in your acct or will I pay it, there are 6 bottles of it left - The Dog Claret you got from him is unopened, I put the Boxes in Cellar -

The Dinner Bills are not so much as I reported £3-11-9 - we had a good many passengers

Wm. Clarke &

Wm. Clarke

9^d July
1891

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24 June amount
15 Colts ~~noted~~

15th April 1891

Dear Sir

I enclose cheque
on acct. paid by minute
for £39. The following
bills are due - C. H. Stuart
Major Burtin, Major Johnson,
Newton, Humphreys -

I have written them a good
today & will send on
but. and acct as soon
as recd. -

I was surprised when
I heard the militia were
let off. we can expect
Colts every time, and there
is generally something wanted

Yours truly
J. M. Murray

H. Sinclair &

65/2/14(16)

Lancaster

11th Aug 1891

Dear Sir

I enclose paid
Lunch Dinner acct. and
Charges for £25 as on other
side - Mr. Smith says he has not
paid yet, but he will do
so, he is usually slow -

Dinners are heavier than
usual, owing to small
attendance, we had to pay
for 80 Dinners, although
the actual number was
only 70 for the 4 days -

Yours faithfully
A. M. S. M. C.

A. M. S. M. C.

Acct of Cheym

Mine less Jougstone	26. 8 11
less div	8 - 3 - 0
	<hr/>
	18. 5 - 0
Coal	1 - 10 - 0
Colt	5 - 5 - 0
	<hr/>
	25 - 0 - 0

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9th June

1891

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GJ/2/14(17)

Londonderry

27th Aug 1892

Dear Sir

I enclose cheque
for £33. 15. 0 as at prv
and fraud prov Dinner acct.

Mr @ L. Stewart paid his last
dinner, but has not paid
last summer dinner, and
I have written him about it.

There are two further who
have not yet paid as you
will see by acct.

Yours truly

Wm. Stewart

On acct Mr	£21. 19. 0
Coal	1. 6. 0
2 colts	10. 10. 0
	<hr/>
	£33. 15. 0

Wm. Stewart Esq

652/14(18)

Dear Mr. Boyd
 I need to say
 we should pay
 something for
 use of the
 system
 they are very
 great accommodations
 for the
 convenience
 of the
 plant
 with
 I have
 only

which is a deadly
& dismal place;
However the Grand
Jury at an Assizes
some few years ago,
(before I got command)
arranged that they
would take off the
£10 a year that we
had previously paid,
as the Kitchen Range
and other improvements
had been paid for
and there was no
immediate want of
funds - Under the

circumstances it
would not be right
to call upon me now
to pay out of my own
pocket for the use of
the rooms during the
past few years.
There is no other way
of getting the money,
as the officers are
continually changing,
& I would have no
right or power to call
upon the present ones
to make up ^{it} ~~the money~~.
Of course they can
make no objection to
the charge for this year.

I was given the option
by the War Office this
year of taking the
Regiment away from
Lifford in the account
of the Camp having
been condemned by
a Medical Board last
year as unhealthy, but
I recommended we should
be continued in Lifford,
one of my chief reasons
being the comfort of the
Officers in having the use
of the G.I. Rooms, so I
should not like to be dis-
appointed in getting them.
I think if you enquire
you will find what

6512114(19)
Port Talbot.

27th March 1893

My dear Boyd,

I suppose it
will do to settle
for use of County
House at the
end of the training.

I have no funds
in hand ^{to meet} it until
collected from the
Officers - yours

letter said "^{or} \$10 for
each year". It
might have been
read as applying
retrospectively, ^{so}
I wished to avoid
a misunderstanding
as I believe the
arrangement by
which we held
at Prairie value was
only verbal between
me & Frank Jury.

Yours sincerely

Baptist Watson

GJ/2/14(20)



Drumglass House,
Belfast.

July 21/53

Dear Mr. Boyd

I am glad to get
your letter, and I would like
to add one more expressing
my opinion that I do not think
you should use the resolution
because I did not hear it
seconded, and it certainly
was not put from the
Chair, and even if it were

regular - unless necessary - ~~to~~
I do not think it would be wise
to use the resolution of a
Grand Jury, to transper
interests that may in some
respects be of doubtful
title - to private persons.

I consider the proper
way would be for every
living Grand Juror, and
the representative of

ever dead on - from the time
that the house was acquired -
to sign a deed making over
their interests to Trustees - and
then, if Council be advised,
that deed might in some
way be recognized by a ^{Resolution}
& vote of the Grand Jury.

Believe me,

My sincere
James Musgrave

W. H. Boyd Esq

COUNTY DONEGAL

of course I wrote
you the 5th for
the letter which

here by promise
to pay when
we meet

65/2/14 (21)

Peace Office.

Difford 21 July 1893
Dear Sheriff

I think you had better
charge the whole box of cigars
to prevent a/c as it will only
be if a man with 2/- for Cigarettes
I shall be answerable for the
value of the box which I shall
keep in a good place but as the
Cater would not keep well I told
Boyd I would use the remainder
of the box myself and only
charge what was used. I
have not checked the balance
but think 4/- as above will
cover what was used. I may
have to go to Derry tomorrow &
if so will call in to see you
I hope you are better

J. J. McFarley Esq

Yrs truly
M. J. McFarlane

GJ/2/14 (22)

Londonderry

28th Sept. 93

Dear Sir, Recd yours
of 25th inst.

Mr. McBay is confined
to bed, as he had to
undergo an operation on
Sunday last. by Dr.
Bennett of Dublin,
which, he expects, will
make him all right
soon.

I have checked the
enclosed acc. & it is
all right. The Grand
Jury acc will be sent
you as soon as Mr.
McBay is able to do so.

The only one outstanding
is Mr. Jas. F. Stewart.
(£4-0-6) He also
owes for Spring assizes
.92 £5-0-6.

Yours truly,

Geo. Stewart

For John Incey

W. H. Bayd Esq.

GJ/2/14(23).

Lancaster

11. Nov 1893

Dan

Inclose paid
my Dancer acct to
Cheque for £28-8-4.
I would have sent
these before this, but
I have been only able
to go about for the last
few days, Dr Bennett
of Dublin who happened
to be at Duncrum, gave
me another cut up, which
has now set me all right.

I wrote you before that
Mr H. Stuart had not
died - He owes 2 sets

Duners

Sp 92

5-0-6

Sw 93

4-0-6

Perhaps he will pay
me, but I know he
is pressed for money
just now -

Wm. Murray

Murray

Wm. Murray

G 5/2/14(2a)

London

15th Mar 1893

Dear Sir

Enclose acct
of last found very dubious
with cheque for £27-9-7.

You will see Major Phiston
and Mr Humphreys still
are defaulters, I wrote
them both again but
have not rec'd any
reply -

I think it would be
well for me to write Mr
Hewson a line, he owes
£3-5-0 for last summer
amings & I have written
him several times but
got no reply - M. C. L.

is in like position he
owes £5-11-6 for Spring
assess 92, he paid the
Summer assess dues
but let this one unpaid.

Perhaps it is better not
to write him for a bill
as I know he is hard up,
I will pay him later.

Yours truly,
Wms Wray

Wm Boyd &

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Lauderdale

14th May 1894

Dear Sir

I enclose found
my Duns account and
Cheque for £35-8-5-

Mr Stewart has not yet
paid, but in enclosed
letter recd from him, which
kindly return, I expect he
will pay all right, he
should get some money now
his mother is dead -

I have sent Capt. Hume a
copy of mine acct.

Will you be able to give
me an odd days posting at
Cloghan, you wrote me last
year you could do so, but I
was then laid up.

Wm Boyd ?

Wm Stewart

English St
Ayr
8th June 1894

Capt Brox

Sir, a short time
after the Spring Assizes I
sent the 5d Ivory dinner
Plate to a friend of mine
in Hanley one of the pottery
towns, & the cost of Plates
same pattern were same
price as quoted last which
I send you see I would
order them but the plate
has been at three other
places with a like result

If you wish I will have
a further trial as I think
it is too late to expect them
for ensuing assizes

To the best of my belief
I only paid 13/- per doz for
some I bought for Donizal
5d being twenty years ago
when I first bought Mr Lane
on the subject he quoted an
approximate price of 10/-
per doz

Yours
G. M. D. S. C.

Wm. Payne

Kallymar at
Lutterhamny
Jan 5. 95

Dear Sir:

The cheque is N^o 22.12.4
not $\frac{1}{2}$ 24.12.2 as stated.

I thought it best to return
all to you that you may
see where the mistake lies.
With best wishes for happy

New Year

Yr truly

W. T. Boyd

Cheque amended and ret^d
Issued

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9.1.16.8
11.19.8
£ 69.15.5-

65/2/14 (22)

Sandwichery

2nd Jan'y 1896

Dear Sir

I enclose find
July Dinner acct for last
Summer assays, with cheque
for £24-12-2 - Mr Stewart
owns note for Spg & Sum^r Dinn^rs.
I paid in making out acct -
I did not deduct lunches off
amt of Dinner Bill, before
apportioning it amongst the
members of the mess - It can
now go into the general funds
of the fund party -

Yours truly

J. Musgrave

W. Boyd

9.16.8
21.19.3

£ 69.17.5-

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Kallymavos
Lettukanny
July 3. 95

Dear Sir,

The cheque is N^o 22.12.4
not 24.12.2 as stated.
I thought it best to return
all to you that you may
see where the mistake lies.
With best wishes be happy

Yours

In truly

W^m Dwyer

Cheque amended and void
Ismael

TELEGRAMS,
LIFFORD,
2 MILES.

65/2/14(28)
July 3rd
95

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

My dear Boy
I enclose you bills
I have paid for the
Grand jury. There is
still a bill for about
£2.10 for pass which
as the pass has not
yet been sent in
must wait until
after the assizes.

Be looking over things

The other day about
County House I found
the ante room. I thought
in such a bad state
I had to get two
fresh ones. So I had
Gunter succeed the
Ego but I don't suppose
that with matter a
that account for plan
will not come in
until after this assign

all the Sherry plans
now match & most
of the prob of Clark at
least was enough & I
did not like to order
too much at a time.
I also hope to be able
to arrange for the list
of some very chairs
during the time the
frank jury are out

I suppose we shall
meet in some on
Saturday when I
hope we may find

a Candidate, though
I hope a rumor I
heard today about
Mr. Harrison coming
forward is not true
as a man who would
behave as he has done
in being seen has
no interests at least
except his own.

With kind regards to
Mrs. Boyd. Who I hope
is well

Believe me

As true as four's truly
O'clock all right
Wm. Mox.

65/2/14(29)

Co Surveyor's Office
London Army.

Nov 16th 1845

Dear Captain: Knox.

Thanks for your letter
and enclosure, which I think is to
my mind a Precedent which we
may safely follow, I will do as
you suggest, make an application
to Co at Large Sessions. to expend
£50. or £60. on repairs of the "Country
House." I hope it will not cost so
much but, any balance will of
course go in aid. I have

Copied portions of the documents
you kindly forwarded to me
and return them to you.

I had a letter from Mr. Baper
saying the arranging and
carrying out of the alterations
were left to us, but until we
obtain a presentment. I think
we cannot do anything definite.
I will make enquiries about suitable
Settles, and the cost.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Ferguson.

Tryon H
County Board

I would propose 1895
that each year's property
should be appraised at
a valuation

that the value be used
for milling purposes

GJ/2/14

(30)

C. Coghnamore 16th March
1896

Mr. Boyd

Sir I hope your
honor will support the
following numbers before the
Grand Jury at Lifford. 195
196 197 which are very
necessary also 233 a continuation
of a pipe in fair town of Coghnamore.

= beg.

Your Obedient Servant

Wm. H. Boyd Esq. James Inoy
County House Lifford

17 March 96

That the Hon President be directed to apply
to those members of Grand Jury who are
in default in payment of their mag
bills & to inform them that unless ^{the amount} paid
before next assizes the Committee will
recommend the Grand Jury to post the
names of all defaulters on the
chaining pin in Ante Room at
each assizes & to refuse such
admission to the club ~~until~~
~~their names~~ while their names
so remain there. The names to
be taken down on payment
by them.

Col. Barton drawn up.

Colon the left to S.

By (School already laid out) the paid.

Easy chairs & letter board.

Letters to be paid for by ourselves.

9th July

Mar 96

Donegal County Archives

April 2nd 96

65/2/14(31)

TELEGRAMS.
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

Dear Bond

Thank you cheque

£3.13.7 for grand jury
Mines. I enclose an
invoice of wine for
from Clarke this assign.
As it will be useful
for ^{you} to check when he
shows in his account

If we are all spend
the best assign I

I think we should
change the sherry for
a cheaper sort very
little in drink & it
strikes me we are
paying more than
necessary. I had
discovered some very
fine sherry numbers.

I wish to try on
the subject of the
covers for bottles

which is a good idea

I think

from the
M. M. M.

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G 512/14(32) Portoboro.

4th April 1896.

My dear Boyd,

Excuse me
having overlooked
your letter - We shall
be accountable for
any damage we
may do to the
County House during
our month of oc-
cupation - I don't
think we need
anticipate that there

will be any wanton
injury - of course
all are liable to
accidents -

I understand this
is to be our last
training in Lefford
so that the question
will not arise
again -

yours very truly
B. J. Barton, Colonel
Comd^g 5th Batt
Royal Innis Fusiliers

gd Terry
1896

Donegal County Archives

Melvin Hall

GJ/2/14(33)

Melvin

1st July 1876

Dear Mr. Carey

I was rather surprised to get
a Demand for Over £13 from
Mr. Boyd of Ballymacool today
for an old Debt for Grand Jury
Diners —

Now I know there is a Debt due
to me, and I do not seek in any
way to repudiate it, but I did
not imagine it exceeded £5 or
£6 as it is, I am sure, 10
or 12 years since I attended
an Assize as a Grand Juror

I think it strange that the
matters should have been left
in abeyance for so long, when
it is so much more difficult
to check - I do not understand
me as in any way doubting
your accuracy, but I rather
think that sometimes I get
an account from you & sometimes
from Mr. Sinclair & accounts
may have got mixed up -
I would like some day, in
deed, to go into the matters

with you. I can not possibly pay
Mr. £10 he (Mr. Boyd) asks for
before Mr. Cassier, but when I
ascertain from you the accurate
State of the Account I will
pay it (D.V.) by Decees before
End of this year.

I had intended writing to
you today to say I would
attend Cassier, but certainly
now I can not think of doing
so, until the debt is paid or
reduced

Very truly yours
G. M. H. H. H.

Malin Hall

G 52/14(34)

Malin 1st July 1896

My dear Boyd

I am in receipt of yours of 30th -
It is now certainly more than
seven years (as I think it is ten
years) since I attended the Grand Jury,
for the simple reason that I could
not afford to pay for dinner & I
knew I owed an outstanding
bill - I do not believe I owed more
than £5 or £6 - It is very strange
that I have not been asked for this
before & that it has remained over
so long that it is difficult to check.

Do not for one moment think
that I am setting up a plea
of non liability either from time
or other cause, nor do I doubt
Mr. Hickey's perfect accuracy &
honesty but it is rather startling
to have a demand made for £13
after 10 or 12 years have elapsed.
I certainly am unable to pay
£10 now or before Mr. Cassin's
as I get nothing out of my estate
& have had very little work of late
but I will ask Hickey to go over
the account some day soon, with

me & will by and by ascertain how
much I owe & I will hope to pay it
off before end of year —

I had fully intended going to
these classes & had proposed
writing Dr. Colver to that effect today
but most certainly I can not
do so now

Very truly yours

Edw. H. Barry

Malin Hall

3rd July 1896

G 512/14
(35)

My dear Boy &

I have just received your very
kind letter. I will assuredly pay
whatever sum may finally be
settled on the amount due of me
to the Grand Jury Officers Committee
as hope to do this before the
1st of Jan^r 1897 —

I would most gladly attend
to this but at present

I fear I will be unable to
do so - I am much anxious
about our Railway —

Again thanking you for your
kind wish to see me at
Lifford believe me
Very sincerely yours

Ed. M. Barry

9th June
1896

Capt Keou

Will please

treat this correspⁿ.

as Confidential

C. A. W.

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(36)

TELEGRAMS.
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

9th July
Thursday July 9th 1897

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

My dear Boyd

I had spoken to Neddy
on the subject of payment
& told him we propose to
give him £2 each assign
& that he is to keep things
clean & wash & iron etc

I put it as a ^{partly} allowance
for an extra broom at
assign time for cleaning
purposes. As I said he had
then asked for such an
allowance & been refused
& was much obliged &
promised to keep a better

servant than he can
afford at present, the
staining is to be done
as soon as the militia
move out, the work is
ordered & everything is
done except the ash trays.
I could not get my hat done
in time for the other day,
I wrote as I told you to
McLay saying the winter
was to be under bright
green. Bright best &
told me he had got
good men & that his
year would be a good
thought. The new plan
would be much pleasant

If it doesn't work, we
can put the whole of the
waiting list Bright's hands
another year except a
very little. He said
nothing about the future
guilt. I took it old
again if he wanted, or
we would pay half.
I know of nothing wanted
to bring before the men
Committee but think
it would be well to
talk over what steps
he should take in the
event of the jury being
down along with, as to
disposing of the belongings
of applicants, what balance

Mr Mac has in hand.
I had for England
Monday.

With kind regards

to Mr Boyd

Belfast

Yours truly

A. Moore

65/12/14 (37)

Memorandum.

From

JNO. CLARKE & Co.,
WINE MERCHANTS,
STRABANE.

July 7 1894

To W H Boyd Esq

Dear Sir. We are much obliged for your cheque
in settlement of Grand Jury acct. for past Assizes -
The difference in the statements is that in the one
now paid there is an item charged for empties not
returned 8/- which was not included in the former
acct. ^{signed} the empties ~~not~~ being returned on July 22 -
of course should these empties be returned full credit will

be given for them in next half year acct,

We send receipt herewith

And are Yours truly

John Clark & Co

9^d June

1897

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✓ Portlaoine, ^{ES/2/14 (38)}

Co Donegal.

11th March 1898.

Dear Sir -

I have to meet
the Railway
managers in
Derry on the 18th
so I cannot be
at Lifford -

Will you please
express to the

High Sheriff my
regret at being
absent - I hope
to attend next
time -

I will send a paper
to Lifford in my
last essays
during account.
It was not brought
before me at the

Wm & Mrs S
overlooked it.

Yours truly
B. J. Barton

Donegal County Archives

G 512/14(39)

Hampden House,
Green Street. W.

June 23^d 1898.

Dear Boyd,

I regret, in answer
to the circular received from
you respecting the personal
property of the Grand Jury
of Dorset, that I shall
be unable to attend the
meeting to be held on
July 13^d next.

It is rather a sad

Business; and I do not
know myself, unless
one hears a discussion,
what is likely to be the
best means of disposing
of this property.

Yours very truly
Almon

W. H. Boyd Esq. J. L.

Duke of Abercorn

No suggestion

Donegal County Archives

65/2/14(40)

June 24 '98

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of the letter
replied by Mr. Kuntz and myself
as to the proposed meeting relative to
the personal property of the Grand Jurors.
I shall not be present, but will gladly
fall in with whatever decision the Grand
Jurors may come to in the matter.

Yours faithfully
J. K. K.

Capt Leslie

Mill fall in
Mill decision
J. Napier's

Donegal County Archives

GJ/2/14(41)

June 25th/48

My dear Boyd.

In answer to the circular signed
by Mr. Knox and yourself asking for
an expression of opinion from the
Gravel Jurors of the County Surveyor
regarding the disposal of the property
belonging to them. I regret I am
unable to attend the meeting
proposed to be called on July 13th -
at the coming summer assizes
on the subject.

I beg to suggest that if no

notable place in the pictures
of The Duke of Devon and
Susanna Stewart can be
found, such as the Court Room
at Litchfield, that they
should be returned to the present
heirs of their respective families
with an inscription on them that
they were given by the Imperial
Grand Jurors in memory of

then services & connection with
the Co. Survey.

As regards the rest of the property
Malt, Furniture &c etc,
it should be sold, and the
amount realized by public
auction, with a view to credit
of the County Infirmary, or
some just other charity, or in the
alternative, directed among the

present members of the Dorset
Grand Jury now existing who
are owners -

In the event of a bull's sale a
committee should be appointed to
make arrangements in the most
advantageous mode of disposing
of the property, and no doubt
many of the members of the
Grand Jury would wish to
obtain some mementos of

GJ/2/14(42)

a full time body whose days
are numbered but whose
admirable service in the
administration of the business
of the County can never be
forgotten.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Stewart
Chairman General.

Yours truly,

Letcher

A. Stewart

Genl Stewart

Suggests

Pictures if no
suitable place
be found should
be returned to heads
of families with
an inscription.

Property sold
& proceeds to
be forwarded to
Charity

Read letter

G.J. 12/14 (43)
4 Zion Terrace
Rathgar

Dublin

29 June 1898

Dear Boyd

I hope to attend
the Meeting of Grand Jurors
to be held in Lifford on
13th July.

I think the question of
the ownership of the "County
House" which was built by
subscriptions of Grand Jurors
should not be omitted from
consideration

Yours faithfully
W. H. Boyd
D. A. Ballymore
J. J. Atkinson

GJ/2/14(44)

July 7. 98

My dear Knox

Will you be at home
on Tuesday. If you are & I
can manage it I would go
out from Sifford to chat
about this of jury property.

I send you a sketch of
what appears to be a
feasible arrangement of
our Plate China & Chairs

I should not like to put them
up to Public Auction &
see "Donegal for ever" on
articles in a pot house or
Genian Club. I put my
suggestion on $\frac{1}{2}$ margin
so that you can put notes

I do not like the notion
some suggested of sending

The pictures to the families
of the parties. They were
not subscribed for to be
presentations to the persons
represented - but to be
Public Memorials &
what chance is there of
Sir James Stewart's which
cost over £200 being
public. at Fort Stewart!

As to the General Fund
some propose a Ball &
Supper - some to give

it to the Infirmary - In
this case we should put
it in the name of ~~the~~
Life Insurance, & sur-
rounding to account -

You might take £15 out of 20
to give a cup to McKay -
though I am not quite
keen about that -

I would not subdivide it
we ought to have some
proposal ready for Medy

Yours sincerely
J. M. M. M. M.

Malin Ball
Malin

GJ/2/14(45)

6th March 1899

My dear Boyd,

I will be unable to attend
the meeting of Grand Jurors
at Lifford on Saturday next.

I am I suppose amongst
the Oldest Grand Jurors now,
having been elected (I think)
in 1865 or 66 as my Father,
Grandfather & other G. J. J.'s
have served their Generations
for between 100 & 200 years.

I think under these Circumstances
I am entitled to a share of the
"Swag", if any is going, but as

I have very great confidence
both in your sound judgement
& friendship, I will leave
my interests most trustfully
in your hands —

I would I could, sweetly
take some moments of the
good old days & pleasant
friends who are gone.

Sincerely yours

Wm. D. Barney

GJ12/4(46)

9th July
Mr Dundas March 15th

TELEGRAMS
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

99

My dear Boyd
I was very much
pleas'd at the grand
party but by no one
more than myself.
As I had had far
from a pleasant time
of it thro' the mess
affairs. I had for
copies of Resolutions
passed some of
them I could not

Mr. The Chairman &
Gital at the moment
but I am sending
them to him & when
I get them I will
send you all the
papers. I heard from
Cochran in the train
this morning that
some of them had
decided last night
after dinner to hold
it at the house of

City Cost & Call Question
Meeting for July but
whilst that referred
to the house alone or
the house & property to
the Board, clear
all I tried to do was
to get definite instructions
from the Committee & such
from right, & personally
wrote Vatter has
paid £60 thaty been
ruined up in the
matter at all
Cochran took up a

position & declined to
move from it - in any
way with a view
to altering my terms
that had been decided
upon. But to put
a man in charge
to hold the Court House
against all comers
appears to me for
him a strong proposition.
The Mass Committee might
have a meeting some
time before very long to
say what they mean
to do. Yours truly
W. W. W.

5/2/14 (47)
Monday March 28th 99

TELEGRAMS.
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

My dear Boyd
I return for account
book & bank book
also the proceeds of
the last meeting & all
the other papers for
sent - see 26 francs
plus dues. I suppose
you will arrange with
H. McMillan for a meeting
of the new committee

Let me & decide what
steps they will take. a
My plans are to understand
of course. I think it
better to send for everything
connected with the matter
in case you should want
them & I be away from
home.

Yours truly

Wm. W. W.
You will be ^{Wm. W. W.} ~~Wm. W. W.~~ ^{Wm. W. W.} ~~Wm. W. W.~~ ^{Wm. W. W.} ~~Wm. W. W.~~
Enclosed also -

GS2114 (48)

0/21

May 4. 99

My dear Knox

I was very sorry
to see Boyd was not in
Derry. I was sure you she
would have met and talked
by Jerry. I am just allowed
out a little in a sunny spot
but that is all.

You are quite right about
removing our things out
of the County House which
we want to keep. Where

all the chairs I see
I wonder whether our Surors
will take them or any of
them - I should not wonder
if the Council made a row
about them - from what I
hear they would like to grab
what they can & sell it -
what they would do with
the money good as know
& if not tied by some

agreement they would sell
the pictures too - and I think
we must have a deed of
some sort - They may refuse
to sign it and then the
pictures must be offered to
the Duke & Sir H Stewart -
both of us would I hope
put them in the National
Gallery - The Duke does not
want this -

would I see in any way
to have in my place & confer
with you & Stony - He is on
Napoleon's Council as a General

Hannibal Sherrin

May 99

Alfred would be useful on the
committee - He has a straight
head on his shoulders. He
could go over any day to meet
you two -

The notices would be out of
order.

Yours sincerely
* Alfred Hannibal

I'm all shabby since this
heavily influenza & cannot
get right at all.

65/2/14 (49)

Linnenden

26 June 1899

Dear Sir

Rec^d yours of 22nd

Enclose Dinner acct for
Summer 98. Cap. Mackay has
not paid, also charge for
£26-0-10-

I also enclose acct of
Sp 4 99 - Spent 10 hours
not yet paid, I have written
them all again, so expect
to send you Cash before assays

The acct will show you
how mine was dispensed of
by directions of Cap. Mackay -

If all were paid there would
be £35-2-6 to be sent
you for Mine and Coal

9th July
1899

Major Hamilton thinks
there should be a lunch
on 13th and has written
me to arrange with a
Dinner Caterer to supply me
Costs to be decided afterwards
found press attended -

Mr. S. H. Hoopes writes he
will attend. I expect we
will have a good party -
if not a full one -

Yours truly
W. M. C.

W. M. C.

GJ 2/14 (50)
Jan 29. 99

My dear Hamilton.

Many thanks for
kind enquiries. I got
some insight from
Mettick, but less still
to be careful & S^r.
Which more business
than absolutely
necessary & I find
my ordinary work

ample.

I could not attend
business I fear without
risk of damaging my
rest, so have not to
~~leave~~ try, & get off.

As to spending any
part of our fund on
a museum, I do not
think the Trustees

Like any person to do
so, only the full body
of board members who
passed the resolutions.
So that I am not
writing to Mr. Cay that
I approve. Sure, to
differ from me, but
can't help!

I shall send Mr. Leper
across the statement of

All in for the party.

I have been unable to
do anything to carry
out the resolutions
but would like to do
so. & have not heard.

M. Linnich

W. W. Ward

GJ/2/14(51)

1 July 99

My dear Boyd -

Am very glad
to hear from you that
you are on the mend
but very sorry that
I shall not have
the pleasure of meeting
you at Lifford

I had hoped I would
have seen you in
Dublin. They as well
as myself will be
saving you to not
attend in London their
meeting and in such
an honourable position
you ought to make
an effort perhaps

the change might do
you good - and seeing
your old friends
might cheer you up
It is proposed to
have a Luncheon at
Lifford 8/6 ^{per} members
to pay 5/- and 3/6
out of the Map fund
I very much doubt
our power to spend
the Map money 50 -

I heard it whispered last
time that several did
not intend to pay their
dues - so that when
Mr. B right has been
paid our money chest
may be empty -

I shall regret your
not being an effort
as we agree to wind
up our ship committee
and see to the destruction

65/2/14(52)

our winding up
there will I expect
be only Major Hamilton
& myself of the Committee
left - I do not think
Mungrave will attend
Lopkinn is Vachting
I am told —

It looks feisty out
at the Cape Krusenstern
we wish to try his rifles again
if he does he will get

9th July
— 1899

Wiped out -

with hopes of
again soon seeing
you and your complete
recovery -

Believe me
truly
Yours
Jackson

GJ/2/14(53)

of our effects -

one or two members
want (to divide or
obtain) the whole of

our effects -

others wish an equal
division -

There were not
enough small plates
to run round the
table last dinner

The partitions said
to have already their
business commenced -

I was asked to mention it

for a number of 4 or
that they wished a
share of the profits
without payment as
a moment of having

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been on 92. and
they thought it but
was that as there
were 73 members living
ention it should be divided
of 92 in that number of lots
each member being allowed
to take one lot or not
as they wished - ^{later}
know conspired ^{then} the 92
and 14 said they wished
this done - but they

differed in the mode of
discussion when it came
to the voting — so it
was left to (apart from
to call a meeting — before
the paper which he has
now done — As one of the
oldest members I should
like my 76th part a month
of 25 years even and pretty
constant attendance —
I would like to hear
what you think about

GS/2/14(54)

Alumina.

5 July 1899.

Dear Hamilton.

You kindly sent me
a List of found Long
Plats & in order that
I might say what I
would take - so I
troubled you with a
Memo^r of what I
am willing to take

at the Valuations -
if they can be given
to me consistently with
the claims of other
franchisees -

If not. I am
willing to take any
less quantity that
may come to my
share -

If it is found that
the Chairs are available
I would be glad to
take 4 - (or 2 more)
at whatever price is
fair -

Qualities of iron
to be at the Assays -
but I will be unable

I think to get away
from my office at this
time -

I was very sorry I
missed you the day
you were over here -

Yours sincerely
A. P. Wallace

65/2/14 (SS)

Silver

- 3 lay Forks
- 3 do spoons
- 6 Tea spoons
- 6 Salt spoons

of the best date
that can be given

17me.
Stollman 5/14/44

= China

- 8 Dinner Plates
- 8 Soup "
- 8 Small Plates
- 4 Medium size Flat dishes
- 1 Silver Bowl

= 4 (or less number) of
of any some Chairs.

G512/14(58)

July 6. 99

Ballymacool,
Letterkenny.

My dear Hamilton

It is impossible for me
to attend to the bed post business,
I find my own
business more than enough
at present. Henry is away,
so I send you all the
papers in case a Hunt. Book.

Please note that Mr. Crag
has not settled up his Spring
accounts yet. He is the
winner of, paid to Clarke

In spring assign. & Capt
Niky was his mess file
In summer assign. 98.

I am sorry I cannot
be more help in getting
up the matter please
explain reason to the
mess committee

In very truly

W. H. Boyd

5/2/14(57)
Ballymacool, July 11. 88
Letterkenny.

My dear Hamilton,

Today I received
cheque from Mr. Eay for
spring expenses £ 27. 8. 0
a out of this has to be
paid the wine of
£ 26. 4/-. to Clarke which
I have paid today.
So that if you will
add £ 27. 8/- to the

Balance in my
L/c book & deduct
payment of £ 26.41.
to Clarke for his
share the actual balance
on hand to date.

Capt Niles owes two
assigne minus bills &
Capt Robinson owes one.

Larry I cannot be
with you on 13th.

In truly, W N Royal

Tracy

GJ 2/14 (58)

London

19 July 1899

Dear Sir

As you know Clarke's acct
was not paid through me, and without
the acct I cannot tell how much is
due to him -

The acct of Mine in Cellar
I sent you, shows what I rec^d and
how it was disposed of - The Mine
Bill at Sp 4 amounts to £34. 19. 6
out of which I paid £1. 1. 0 for order &
having bal due for mine consumed
of £33. 18. 6 out of which I sent you
£26. 4. 0. and the Bal is due by
Cookman & Hilly £7. 14. 6 -

Clarke allowed you credit for the
Mine returned of Sp 4 amount, if you
send me Clarke's acct, I will check
them with my list. I don't know whether
he was paid after each assay for all
Mine sent or only for what was consumed

Mrs Gray

John Gray

Wm Gray

9^d July

1899

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G J 2/14 (59)

Joy Richmond
21 Aug 1899

My dear Sir

I enclose reports
of last Finance Committee meeting,
and notice of motion relative to the
County House, I have heard also that
they gave the County Surveyor directions
to prepare plans for the alteration of the
Upper Rooms in County House in offices,
which I think rather premature -

Under the Local Act the County
Council may use Court Rooms for the
transaction of their business, but as
the Court Rooms are vested in the
Sheriff for the time being, I don't think
the County Council can make any
structural alterations without the
Sheriff's consent, and the Act provides
where any differences arise between
the Sheriff and County Council the
Lord Lieutenant decides the matter -

As regards the County House it
is either the private property of

The grand jury, and also the
County Council have no right to use
it unless with the consent of
the grand jury Committee, if however
it is not the property of the grand
jury it is in my opinion a part
of the County Court House, and as
such the County Council may use
it for the transactions of their business,
but as court houses are vested
in the Sheriff I don't think they could
make any structural alterations
without the Sheriff's consent.

When I was present at last
^{of grand jury at Exeter}
Meeting, I understood a resolution
was passed authorizing the Committee
of the grand jury to allow the use of
the rooms in County House by the
County Council -

The question now is what
course to adopt towards the County
Council regarding the County House.

It must either be claimed by
the grand jury Committee as private

Propriety of the fund being, and
the use of it opposed to the County Council,
but in such case how are the
Buildings to be kept in Repair.
If the fund being claimed must be
abandoned and in such case in
my opinion it becomes part of the
County Constables, and that in the
Staff - and I don't think the Staff
would consent to the proposed alterations,
unless compelled to do so by the
Lord Lieutenant, and I don't think
under the Orders the latter would
authorize the alterations, more
especially as the County Council
have the old road alongside,
portion of which could be altered
in places as they thought fit -

Could you tell me what the
arrangement was with Neely when
he was put in Charge of County
House by Committee -

Hurriedly let me know what you
think should be done, as I believe
the C.C. will act in a high & undisturbed
manner if allowed -

The C.C. Meet on 5th Sept

So it should be decided at
once what course to adopt, I
have sent copy of this to the
Staff -

Yours truly
J. M. Murray

Major M. M. Murray
Barrack

65/2/14 (60)

11 Dec 99

My dear Hamilton

As Foreman of our
Co Grand Jury you will
be very likely asked to
give evidence regarding
our House - I
venture to ask you to
remember that
1st we have held the

↳ House free from
all rent and I believe
taxes for several generations

2^d = our predecessors are
said to have subscribed
and built the House
and it has been added
to.

↳ That we have been
in the habit of letting
it to the Inhabitants at

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4th That each new member has paid a subscription to the general fund on joining called the Call Fee -

5th That on the ground Jury being about to be dissolved the Foreman asked one of the Judges if some small repairs might be done by the Co

Who gave us his
opinion that as we
used the Co House for
the service of the Co -
He considered it improper
and rejected the presentation
for the small sum asked
as we were about to
be done away with for
Co Bonds we did not
care to expend our money
on repairs -

6/2/14(61)

1st Man because
These small repairs
were done by this Co
for one I can not see
than the Co. because can
claim the whole House
it would be like a
person being making
a small repair to a
house claimed the whole

a Tenant might as
well claim my House
let to him as his own
because he replaced the
Kitchen Chimney his
own neglect allowed
to catch fire —

If the House is wanted
where in the future
Grand Jury to go

The Council can
build one for them
selves - not take ours

I would be glad
our views considered
about this matter -

As I certainly do
not see the necessity
to give up our Grand
Jury Club - to belong

to which we have
all them belong to
it have paid their
entrance fee's —
acts of Parliaments
may confer their
rights of ours but I
would not give up the
obliged by law —
with best wishes
Believe me yours
Edmund Mackenzie

65/2/14(62)

Sept 19. 99

My dear Boyd

I send you the
Bank Book & your account
book as I am home from
Boston.

I also enclose you a letter just
come from Cochrane. This
Twenty Hour business is a bother
If we meet as a salary, which
we did last. as it is we want
the room & belongings for a

Wuhsen. At the meet. feed
somehow & Sims is full of
the Law men. He could not
even give us a lunch when we
had the room. We appointed
Zome to meet the G. Journals
Zome to arrange a modest
vireudi for the present.
But their Combs did not turn up.
They did not attempt to take
the House at their last meeting.

however - There was some
resolution at one time that we
would not claim the Horse.
but we want a joint occupational
right and how is that best to
be got - I think we could
arrange temporary measures
till next session - and we may
have a meeting of Old Curors then
but Old Curors will drop off
and new Curors selected in the
old way may not attend or may
be objected to. As long as the old
ones attend we can hold our own
but what about repairs &c
There is no time fixed for talking

The moveable property so it
could be over for the present.

One or two men who have attended
about once have asked questions
that is all. - but most are for
holding on for a bit till we see
more about it.

Some of Cochrane's statements are
not suitable. 1. Over holding free
of Rent, rather makes it a County
property. It is not quite correct.
I believe some Judge did rule that
but not here at least I don't remember
it. It was however ruled several
years ago which if we could
find the ruling would be in
our favour

GJ/2/14(63)

I think if we could do so
we ought to keep up for sure
as long as we can. Betty
Lucas would like to have some
backing if they are to do their
duty. And a new lot of rebel
forgers would ignore a bill
which ought to get a chance at
least.

If we can make a temporary
arrangement till all this is
settled best. If we give
up home totally & sell belongings

The fraud jury as it ought
to be is defunct forever

We had a very nice meeting
last July & will I hope again
in March when I hope we
shall have you & Knox

there, & we shall know
more what other series

do -
Yours sincerely
J. M. W. T. W.

63/2/14 (64)

Ballymacool,
Letterkenny.

Sept 20. 99.

My dear Naughton.

Thanks to Hawk
Book, & the book
only received. But
you have not sent
me back the vouchers
I sent you. Now
does the ac appear

to have been examined
vouched & signed. So
that I require the vouchers
to vouch the ac. They
are

Wages	£ 2 -
to	1. 8. 3
Insurance	16. 0

I shall write to
Hove & see what his

ideas are about the
County House. I do
not think we can
possibly claim it
& I do not think
it would be judicious
if we could.

I hope you are all
the better for the Boston
trip & had a pleasant

time.

I am much better,
but it takes a long time
properly & fully to have
one's sleep restored
after it has been once
really broken.

With kind regards

Believe me

In Sincerely

W. H. Bond

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that
after
the
full
work.

of
the
specimens
sent
to
you
for
analysis
has
been
received
and
the
analysis
is
now
under
way.

Very
truly
yours
W. H. Bond

65/2114

(65)

Sept 23. 99

My dear Boyd

The only tolerable
Fair Rabbit man I know is
Thomas Boyers, Fishmarket
Manchester, but they are
all scoundrels. I hear several
people at the beginning of a
season tell me what good
gains they have made
but generally later on it is
the other way on. Boyers sells

On Commission I think
will not give a price all
round -

Sindair dealt with Bostock
who he said was satisfactory -
I did not -

I enclose you the Vouchers
I want for - I also send you
a statement of mine as to my
property. Wilson Melville
wants to meet you to go on

from me & I dare say from
others - I send it to you to
approve before I send it
on - alter or approve as
you think fit - you know
more of this than I do -

"other entertainment" I think
I should strike out or word
differently.

We want to maintain
some sort of right to the
must "Brag" a bit -

If I can write you to come on
Wednesday, I must go down

Tuesday to Derry as I have no
train etc. - but I have friends
coming Tuesday & can't be
sure - You & Knox could have
a chat if I don't go - & you
could tell me anything I might
be able or strike out -

I am glad to hear you are improving

Must stop

Yours sincerely

Alfred Hitchcock

85 12/14 (66)

TROY,
LONDONDERRY.

30th Sept 1899

My Dear Sir

Recd. yours of 28th. I
have written Mr Boyd and told
him that Capt Coleman and
Capt Kelly had not paid their
Spring arrears donors, the
former refuses to pay till the
question of the County House
Property is settled, the latter
promised to pay but has not
done so yet.

If the County House is to be
handed over to the County Council
as County Property, and not
as part of the County Court House,
the Sheriff would have no control
over it, and it would stand
in much the same position
as the old County Sud., of
course there is the Sec of the
Act requiring County Property

to be preserved for the purposes
for which it was heretofore used,
but as the fund may be
only in existence at Arroyo
there is no one between Arroyo
& Los Angeles interested,
and should the County Council
decide, notwithstanding the Law
referred to, to alter the whole
Building for their offices,
there would be no one to prevent
it, and once it were done,
the fund may well have
small chance of redress.

From what you say, it
appears the fund may have
practically decided to
abandon their claim to the

County House, If this is so
I believe the best course to
adopt, would be for the
Grand Jury to put in their
Claim to the Local Jrd.
Board, and stating that
they were willing to abandon
their claim on condition that
the County House was re-
appointed as part of the
County Court House in order
that it may be preserved
for their use as heretofore
as always -

If this were done the
Sherriff would have control
of the Building - The
Resolution you mention, was
that Hurter's dead weight
be difficult to find
prospiring, Sherriff

McCaughey
Hamilton
Sept 30 95

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210999 (67)

My dear Brox

re this blessed County House
1st Day see following resolutions
Gravel Quay Summer 1899

Resolved

That a Committee be formed
to arrange with the County Council
for both bodies to use the Rooms as
required and that this Committee be
authorised to reserve for the sole
use of the Gravel Quay the silver
china and silver

(Commr) Major Hamilton

3 W P Humphries (m.c.)

Capt Stoney (m.c.)

Capt Hamilton (m.c.)

Sir Jas Musgrave

John Handman

(from the Minutes)

1. County Council 5th + 6th Sept 99

Resolves

That a sub-committee consisting of Councillors Stoney, Gallagher, Humphrey, Hamilton, Bradley, Gas Sweeney and B Ward be appointed and that Captⁿ Hamilton be convenor.

2. re County House

Mr. Hayes in accordance with notice of motion which he had given moved "that the Chairman and members of the Finance Committee take possession of the County House"

Mr. Gas Sweeney seconded the motion

after some discussion however it was decided to refer the matter to the Joint Committee and Mr. Wilson solicited to the Council for them to draw up and submit a report to the Social Just. Board for their decision. Mr. Hayer accordingly withdrew his motion.

Wilson has been away so I could do nothing but he is now back over besides to me "The Council asked me yesterday about the County Home and seem anxious to have the decision of the S.J.C. before their next meeting if possible".

Have "Some information received" & what you Board once the Gov arranged

I have written to the Chairman of the
County Council saying that I think
it the same Committee of CC meet the
Committee as appointed by J. Jones there
would be no need to go to the
Jury at all

Now I know the CC do not want
(or think they can) turn us out so why
on earth say "with you" I do not doubt
I can get it arranged with the Jury
Committee as above you see 3 one J. Jones
one Bradley one B. Ward and not at
all hard words (as CC say) that we
shall use the bloomers when we want
(this the Jury gives us sec 72 sub sec 3)
but now that they shall only use it as a
mess one and no more and that the

GJ/2/14 (68)

Hamilton to
Boyd

Oct. 2/99

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We should have our meeting
at say 12 & Med. Soc. J. Council
Council 1. Whatever day it
is give us time to arrange
ourselves.

Added on envelope

"not on a Tuesday"

C. A. S.
—

6J/2/14(69)

Oct 2. 99

My dear Boyd

Wilson has written to

John to call a meeting of the
Committee appointed by the V. 2. Council
to meet our Joint to arrange
about the County House. ^{they are anxious} to alter it
Neither you nor Knox were
available at the time July 99

There was a meeting called but
the Council would not turn up
nothing was done. Now the
V. 2. are wanting to have the

County purposes since they
have as good a right as they

I think they are quite willing
to act fairly & not to destroy
the old rooms - If they

did, the Pictures must go
and as the Duke does not
care to get his & there really
is no room for Sir James
at Fort Stewart, where it
would be buried. I think
this would be a awful
pity - I enclose you the
Resolution of last July, but

As you know, we are named in
the printed regulations I think
we ought to be met at Lifford
and settle both matters together.

They want a Luncheon room
as well as we do.

We should try to have a meeting
of the "resolutions" committee & I
should say "Matters" & this
would be in summer 99. To meet the
Co. journal party & talk it over
& settle it.

Any day you name giving
time to give a weeks notice
would do. We must see them to
settle about Furniture. You must surely
should we notice to be in *Alfred Smith*

652/14(78)

John Halliwell

Kum ^{to}

Oct-2 99

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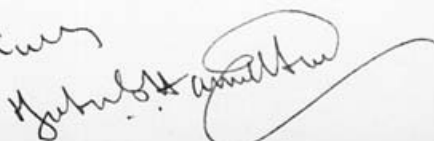
Steniff shall have charge some or before
as it is well as present hour.

as to Garrison I think it is quite unnecessary
to denote the reserved part of present
unless we wish there was no time
specified in resolutions of course it
was understood it was to be done
at once but it was also understood
that we would never meet there
again and practically it was only
matter over will to take effect when
we decide to go and many others
said at last summer session they would
attend but to tell you the truth I

don't believe they will if they can
help it.

Now I must have this done tomorrow
some time soon and as the Govt
says you and Boyer are looking
up all accounts etc so I thought
I would write and let you know
quickly how the matter stands
as to the Becker of course I have
nothing to do with that but I think
you had better have your students
that they will take care of them
and if not have them back to us

The furniture of the tube at the
Vibration well one good then
If we don't decide of chairs etc
they would probably agree that as
long as we let them use the chairs
they would let us use the rest of the
furniture as you see we shall
only want the house twice a year
they want it often of course if
you decide to decide of all at
once it means that we have no
where to go at all or if we sell them
the furniture we can't them use it
fore let me have a line or to G. Baker.

you Swiss
Hubert 

GJ12/14(21)

Oct 6, 1899

My dear Knox

You and Boyd have
taken quite a wrong view of
the action of the Grand Jury
at Summit last -

The "resolution" of July 98 said
that the furniture was to be
offered to the Co. Council first
and if refused to be sold -
Neither you nor Boyd were
available in July last and

Co. Council were pressing for
an arrangement, and there
was talk of turning the rooms
into offices. We therefore
raised a fund available
to carry out the arrangement
to keep the rooms as
they were; which was in no
way interfering with the
resolution making the
Money in Bank to be raised

over to any new Council.

The only thing you can find fault with was that the Council formed to arrange with the post was instructed to reserve for the sole use of the Society the balance.

This was to put this plainly before the Council that they had no power to arrange anything with them about these things -

You must remember also that when we passed the Resolutions of July 98 none

Expected that the salary
would turn up for the
criminal business. Now
on the contrary every grand
jury in Ireland did turn
up in full force - and if
they do so, ^{perhaps} they don't want
to have bare wales to turn
in - There was not a time
fixed for the sale of the
plate & and we thought it
might very well wait under
the altered circumstances till
we saw what other juries
might do, as none of more
than almost any salary

GJ/2/14(72)

only way I saw out of the dead
lock we were in -

There was quite enough in
the letters produced from Montgomery
Watts & Co show we gave up
all claims & treated it as part
of the County Council House - Why
under heaven we cannot say
so I can't see - You or I have
no authority to say so unless
empowered by the Mess Comms.
or we might say so in words
which would give a wrong

Impression.

The Co. may say "we don't admit it the part of the Court House & we do what we like with it" If the L.G.B. holds that good we would sell out at once they would not take the Pictures either.

Personally I am not much interested - At 76 I have not many grand Series before me

But if the Society should
work agreeably I don't see
why we should not do
our duty still what little
duty is left to us -
I wish heartily you had
been with us for I am
sure we would have come
to some understanding

Yours sincerely
Alfred Huxton

GS/2/14(78)

want a place to much in
we could not even get
Sims to provide us a bench
at last sizes, and I
James Sinclair as Foreman
& Sheriff guaranteed the
payment to Miss Foster of
Derry - but we had our
own Plate &c. What we should
do without it I don't know
and without chairs &c -

Personally it does not
interest me very much - I

Suppose my time of
franchise is near up
but I think if the other
franchises of Ireland
attend as before no legal
should not fall out of
line with them and if
we do there is not even a
decent Pub in Lifford -

I am very sorry you hit

On Friday 13th as it is over
Boregal Fair - where I generally
sell my Summer Stock -

I only mentioned Tuesday
to Boyd as that was a day
W. Wilson could not attend
and as he is Secy of the Journal
& on their Com. we must
have him - I must call
the Com. some together -

I don't see how without a
meeting with them you can
offer them the Furniture -
Are they to buy it out of their
private Funds & not use

Hamilton & Kinn
Oct. 6-99

It at all sizes -
Can they buy it out of country
money, if so both can use it
of course if jury breaks up
and is summoned like a
common jury we don't
want anything - but tell
things steady a bit I think
that jury should do
its duty.

Yours sincerely

Alma aff. m. m.

I wire to change from Friday
if you have not already called
the meeting -

I am glad to
see you are in old
Ireland again

Meerpaas & Knox



Drumglass House.
Belfast.

65/2/14 (74)

Oct 7. 1899

My Dear Captain Knox

I have delayed answering
your letter of the 5th until I
could see if I could leave
town on the 13th but I regret
to say that I have an engagement
for that day that I cannot
set aside

Indeed for the next
fortnight I have an
engagement for almost

every day.

Does it matter?— I am quite content to abide by whatever You and the other members of the Committee may determine. and I will feel much obliged if You will take the trouble.

I remember at the last assizes. there was a strong feeling amongst many of the Grand Jury. that as there

was such a large gathering
- and so many expressed their
intention to continue coming
for one day at each assize.
- It would be a pity to
dissipate the Grand Jury
furniture until it was seen
whether the class from whom
the previous Grand Jurors
have been drawn - i.e. land
owners - would really attend
- Several of the Judges have
expressed the opinion that
the Irish Grand Jurors should

Believe me, my friend
Yours sincerely
James Munro

follow the example of the
English - and continue to
have territorial Sheriffs
who would summon local
juries of the same class, and
in that way retain the right
- through the medium of the
press - to give expression
to their opinions on current
subjects - affecting the community
and not give way absolutely
to the County Councils.

Something was said
about this - and a resolution
I think passed, but what it
was I do not remember.

GJ/2/14 (75)

Oct 14. 99

My dear boy

We had a most
unfruitful meeting yesterday
which I was very sorry to
find by your wire you were
unable to attend -

The County Council have asked
me see my claim to the
County House & we agreed that
we should make no claim
but state in the 2.2. That
we considered it as part

of the County Court House in
the Custody of the Sheriff not
of the Jury -

I believe that is right & what
you mean also, but they
absolutely refused to put their
on paper, so that it might
be so stated to them - I wanted
it to be put in any form
but he would not have any
thing to do with the matter
at all - If we make no

Allice why not say so? Why
not put it in some way that
when they ask me maybe
able to give some answer
with authority. How
can they give an answer as
to purchase of Furniture if
they do not know where
the House is - If it be part
of the County Court House they
can provide for necessary
furniture - If they refuse
to take over furniture or ^{to} ~~can~~
furnish it with chairs tables
at once dispose of our ^{to} ~~state~~ ^{se.}

Knox says he would be a party
to acting on one resolution alone
we must carry all out; though
under the altered circumstances
he would say they were wrong.

The County? have behaved very
fairly to us & we ought to give
them some sort of a reply - & that
reply should be sanctioned by the
Meeting.

It was proposed & carried to defer
acting on the "Resolutions" till the
case of the Magh for Jury dining
room is settled by the local foot

I would not have been for
the delay but it was the

GS/2/14(76) Oct 16. 99
Ballymacool,
Wexford.

My dear Hamilton.

I entirely agree in
Knox's views & think
no resolution of the
Necess Committee dealing
with County House or
the delay of carrying
out original resolutions
is worth the paper it
is written on. but is

entirely letter wires.

The only power from
Ness Com^{tee} was to
carry out the original
resolutions & they had
no right or power to
travel outside their
Commission, in my
opinion.

as to calling the

County House part
of the Court House,
it seems to me to be
aboard & we now
did so recognize
it - a admit it
in a monument.

Drive has I understand
resigned, & I really
feel inclined to follow

his example, because
things seem to be in
such a mixed condition
now that it is hopeless
to disentangle them.

The original resolutions
are binding, & reversed
by the same body that
passed them. & this has not
been done. I am sorry I
can't see with you in this
matter

M Sincerely

W. H. Boyd

GJ12114 (77)

Oct 17. 99

My dear Boyd

I dont think you
understand me.

The County Council have asked
a civil question of the grand
Jury as to how the County House
is held - I have refrained from
taking possession till they get
an answer -

I dont want in any way
to dictate what that answer

shall be, but I have always
heard a civil question would
get a civil answer.

Their committee is waiting for
an answer and I think they
should get an answer -

All I wanted was to put on
some resolution which would
give them an answer -
As short as you please but

some answer

"We must refer you to the Sheriff in whose custody it is."

Quite enough if you
don't like "No. 100 House."

They cannot answer the
Furniture question till they
know where the House is
and I think we agreed at the
July 98 meeting we did not
claim the House, though we
believed it was built by

Grand Jurors - I only want
to be able to give a civil answer

Yours sincerely
Alfred Austin

The Just Commrs were appointed
at the first assizes after the
election of the 10th. Neither you
nor Purvis were able to attend
and you seem to think
this course is illegal - It only
proposes to suspend the Resolutions
till the County Court is settled
between 1st July & 10th.

65/2/14 (78)

Oct 16. 99

Ballymacool,

Letterkenny.

My dear Hamilton.

A line to say I
quite understand your
view, but it does not
command itself to me.

A question asked by the
C.C. of the Grand Jury,

cannot be answered by
any other body, not
even by the Mess Com^{tee}.

All that can be said is
that the Grand Jury have

made no claim to the
Co. House. The panel
jury evidently contemplated
the Co. Council would let
the Co. House because they
instructed the trustees to
request the Co. Council
to allow the pictures to
remain there.

I certainly would
be sorry to be a party

to any resolutions
purporting to answer
the questions put by the
Co. Council to the paid
nurs.

As to the Com^{tee} appointed
at July 99. I do not
think they have any
power to modify in
any way the resolutions
of the full body of paid
nurses. In particular

Grand jury could do so,
much less any committee
of any particular grand
jury.

I think the former
Joliettes to the grand jury
would be the one best in
position to say, there is no
one now can speak for
grand jury, but it is better
they are interested that
they made no claim to the
Co. House, & the Co. Council
had better apply to the Sheriff
who is in charge of all Co.
buildings. Would not this
meet the difficulty
In my best
W. H. Boyd

Monday Dec-30th 99

TELEGRAMS.
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

G5/2/114(79)

Mr Hamilton

I don't think anyone
can find fault with
your actions in County
House. Not me certainly
as ever since I first
looked into the matter
I have held it to be
County property & for the
Grand Jury now to make
a claim after having
it washed, lighted &

repaired at the public
expense for all these
years was to put it
nearly a question of
proceeding -

of the County Council
want information as to
property & valuation &
they must apply either
for Justice or Board
as finding myself so
opposed to the action
of the majority of the

press committee. I had
thought it better not to ask
any lawyer on the committee
& had forwarded all
documents to Boyd who
I understood was going
to send them on to you
father. I think the
Court Council has really
shown much patience &
moderation. I do not
quite understand why
they did not walk in
& take possession.
Yours truly
W. Moore

Froy

65/2/14(80)

Laidney
7th June 1897

Dear Sir

I have my hands so full with the Elections, I cannot find you assign some acct for a while, I will bring up & signed, Capt. Stone has advised me -

I thought it must be you who put acct about found my in paper, perhaps it was Capt. Stone.

I would not do such a thing without directions -

Yours truly
W. W. W. W.

12 County Down Council
94 Belfast D D

W. W. W. W.

GS/2/16 (81)

D/21

Oakfield,

Raphoe,

Co. Donegal.

Nov. 17. 1899

Dear John Hamilton

Have you pledged

yourself to support any

of the Candidates for

the Secretaryship of the

Council? If not will

you agree to go with the

whole of the Unionist

members of Council

I have already 4 promises
to this effect that we
the Unionist members
shall vote in a body for
the Candidate we consider
best. By this means
we shall probably have
the power to decide which
Candidate is elected.
and we may also
obtain some important

Concessions from for
our friends.

Let me know your
decision soon please.

I hope you will join
us in getting the Grand
jury property disposed

of
Yours truly

J. H. Stoney

P.S. Do you know if Pomeroy
is pledged? could you find out
his views?

TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
STRABANE.

25/2/14 (82)

CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

20 WED.
1899

my dear John -

Yours received.

I have been so
busy at the

Yipone Council

I did not read

the Paper

report but

Mr Humphreys

told me

something

TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
STRABANE.

65/2/14(82)
CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

20 WED.

1899

my dear John -

Yours received.

I have been so
busy at the

Ypsome Council

I did not read

the Paper

report but

Mr Humphreys

told me

something

✓ about the matter.

I am writing the Sub. Sheriff to take immediate

steps to

stop the action of the board

until some arrangement is arrived at.

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-
with best
regards to
your father &
mother -

Yrs sincerely
John Herdman

Bapt. Hamilton

65/2/14(83)

CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

5 Dec^r. 1899

my dear John.

Your card
rec^d. & I quite
agree with
you - as long
as they show
sense there is
no use in
us proposing
them. I enclose
a draft of a

letter I was
going to send
but do not
use.

Best regards
to the Major
& your mother.

Yrs sincerely
John Herdman

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GJ/2/14 (84)

CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

Dec 13. 1899

my dear John.
Enclosed from
m' boy father
surprised me
I enclose draft
of a letter
which I was
just about to
send when I got
your card
with the
chairman's -

promise. I then
did not - but
think I should
use - ask
your Father

yes sincerely
John Herdman

Grand Jury

85/2/14 (85)
18/12/99

1899

My dear Boyd

I enclose you copy of a circular
for your approval which I would propose
send to the Mess Committee first for
sanction and then to the rest of the Grand
jurors, the County Council and Citizens
a good deal of the stuff offered there and
the rest namely glass tubing ~~like~~ like
we must to suppose sell by public auction
can you send me the list of names
and addresses also let me know who
are on the Mess Committee. We think it
is you, Knose, Stoner, Lachrane, Musgrave,
and my father I do not of course quote

The resolutions to you on the clubs but
would put them in when I get sanction
of these Committee to meet
With kind regards

Yours sincerely

John S. Hamilton

Cup

Brownhall
Bullinore
C^o Down, ul

Dear Sir

The following resolutions were passed by
a fully summoned meeting of the Existing Members
of the General Jury of the County at - assess
These resolutions were confirmed by the
subsequent General Jury in -

Resolutions

In pursuance of these the articles not specially
~~reserved~~ reserved have been offered to the
County Council and accepted by them at
Mr Wain (Chesham's) valuation

It now remains to dispose of the reserved
portion, as provided above, & therefore enclose
you a list of the seven things and their
reserved of which you are entitled to a share
at Mr Wain's Valuation Should you so
desire it

With a view to finally carrying out the above, resolutions, I would ask you to mark in Margin of List what part (if any) you wish to claim on these terms

Should the demand exceed the supply you will of course only be entitled to your share and may only be able to obtain part of your order in any case when it is not possible to divide lots must be drawn from the articles

I must ask you to let me have your application before - (date) - after which no claim can be entertained

Yours truly

Hubert Hamilton
(Hon Sec. Mess Committee)

65/2/14/86

Ballymacool,
Letterkenny.

Dec. 19. 99
—

Dear Capt. Hamilton

My husband is
not very well yet,
so I am helping him
with his business
a little. He asks
me to say he sent
the papers you refer
to, to Capt. Stoney

who wrote asking
for them when we
were in England.

We came home
10 days ago, and
are expecting our
eldest son & daughter
home on Thursday
from school and
College.

With kind regards
to you all, and
wishing you a
Happy Christmas

I remain

Yours truly
P. Agnes Boyd

Ballymacool,
Letterkenny.

65/2/14
(87)

Dec. 19. 99
—

Dear Capt. Stoney

My husband is
not very well yet
so I am helping
him a little with
his correspondence.

He asks me to
send you enclosed

papers, wh. he says
he promised you
when he was away
at Blackpool.

With our united
kind regards and
best wishes for a
Happy Christmas

I remain

Yours sincerely

C. Agnes Boyd

Donegal County Archives

6512/14 (88)

24/12/99

Cups

Dear Sir

The following resolutions were
passed by a fully summoned meeting of the
County General Purview of the County, at —
as well as these resolutions were again confirmed
by the subsequent General Purview of the —
Resolutions

— — — — —
In pursuance of these the articles not
specifically mentioned were offered to the
County Council and accepted by them at
Mr Wain's (Chesham) Reception

There now remains to dispose of the remaining
portion & therefore enclose you a list of
the silver china and other ornaments of
which you are entitled to a share
at Mr Wain's Reception should you

So during it, with a view to finally
amend the above resolution I
would ask you to mention in the margin
what part (if any) you wish to be added
to you at this valuation. Should the
demand exceed the supply you will
of course only be entitled to your
share and may only be able to
procure part of your order if it
is not possible to denude tabs must
be chosen for the articles

So must ask you to let me have your
applications on or before - - after
which date claims cannot be entertained

*same goes for
H. Hamilton
Hon Sec Men Committee

6512/14 (89)

Capey
24/12/99

Brownhull
Ballintrea
Cup Donegal

Dear Sir

The following resolutions were passed by a fully summoned meeting of the Sinking Members of the Grand Jury of the County at - assizes these resolutions were again confirmed by the subsequent Grand Jury in -
Resolutions

In pursuance of these the articles not specially reserved were affixed to the County Council and accepted by them at Mr Wain (auctioneers)

Valuation

There now remains to dispose of the reserved portion & therefore Enclose you a list of the Sinner chains & chains

65/2/14
(90)

TELEGRAMS,
LIFFORD,
2 MILES.

Tuesday Dec 26th 99

CLONLEIGH,

STRABANE.

My dear Hamilton

I thank the proposed
Circular (copy of which
you sent me & which I
return in case you want
it) will do Capitally

It is not absolutely necessary
to send copy of Resolutions
unless you think it
would make the thing
more complete, as a
copy of them was sent
to every member of the Mass.

Who however probably
didn't take the trouble
to read them or have
by their side forgotten
them. If you look at
the minutes of the meeting
you will see that it
was decided not to
put the price on the
list - justified but

Merely say Mr. ^{W. W. W.} ^{W. W. W.}
I would strongly advise
you when you get replies
not to part with the
goods until you get
the money down of a

and a bit forgetful in
that respect! Personally
I hold that members
who have not paid their
last dues bill should
not receive anything
until they have paid
up. I am sorry to say that
Mr. H. S. Cochrane is or at
least was a defaulter.
I shall think it only
fair to the others who
have paid that this
should be done —
for your own convenience
I would fix a definite
date, date by which

in which I should reach for
taking care to give sufficient
time for those who will
Hays who are abroad
& answer. I would
also suggest that
you should add to
the Circular a request
that members should
inform you whether
they are in favour of
the sum that may
eventually be handed
over to the Infirmary
being from the persons
as a donation for them

65/2/14 (91)
Donoughmore
Castleside

26.12.99

My dear Major

Yours to hand, I don't think I could improve upon the notice, re Grand Jury belonging, had I written it myself. I don't suppose there will be much competition for the furniture except among permanent resident Grand Jurors like yourself.

By the way if you would a real old memento of the Court House to keep company with the Grand Jury Book, there is ⁱⁿ the passage between the Crown & Record Courts the "old Judges chair" from which in ancient times many a wretch
has

has been sentenced to "hang by
neck" & it is very dilapidated,
but looks as if it had once been
comfortable.

I am sorry to see you employ an
amanuensis, but as your signature
retains all its pristine vigor, I
conjecture there is not much wrong
with you.

Pray make my kind regards to
Mrs Hamilton, and with all the
good wishes of the season to you
and yours.

Believe me
very sincerely

J. S. Humphreys.

Return the notice as there may
be others besides me to whom you may
wish to send it, and it will save
John the writing it over again

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GJ/2/14 (92)

26th Dec 99

My dear Hamilton

~ quite agree with
you it is time to square
up the old ground jury -
map assessors - and I
am glad you have
taken it in hand unless
the Co. Co. moved with

intentioned as you say
our leaving the hours
for them to use and
then taking them away
Besides the Co will for
them furniture and
we have to pay for
it - How different
to the way they treated

us -

Many thanks for
your kind wishes for
I was - and please
thank your father for
the very pretty card he sent

I hope to have our
photo in a few days
I believe or is very
well done - I am

Setting a frame for
mine he offers to
make them at 7/6 or
9/- I have taken the
larger frame -

Humphreys spoils
the picture and puts
the thing out of place.
It is a pity but it
is not too bad
Yachman

TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
STRABANE.

GJ/2/114 (93)

CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

Dec^r 26

1899

my dear John.

I have yours of
16th & 24th

In regard to
your Father's
opinion I have
as yet taken no
steps with
regard to sending
the letter on

2/ about the
House - but I
think I should
not do so at
once.

W. Wilson was
here on Sunday
& he told me
the Bo. Council
were advertising
for tenders
for the
alterations as

per plans &
to come before
the Finance
Committee
to answer.

I am writing
a line to
Stoney.

Wishing you
Father & Mother
& yourself.
all good.

Yrs sincerely
John Herdman

65/2/14(94)



Drumglass House,
Belfast.

Dec 27. 1899

Dear Captain Hamilton,

I think the copy of letter
proposed to be sent to the Grand
Jury quite carries out the resolution
- but I was under the impression
that the last Grand Jury
discussed - and possibly
passed a resolution based
on Judge Madden's suggestion
which to some extent put a
stop upon their previous action

I think the County Antient Grand Jury
are doing this. but I am easily frightened

What Judge Madden said
was - That he would hope that
the Irish Grand Juries would
put themselves into the same
position as those of England

That is that they would
continue to be a Grand Jury
selected from the freeholders
of the County. who would have
the power to nominate the
three names from whom the
Judges would select the
High Sheriff - and who would
meet the Judges at each assize

and pass in review Criminal
indictments - and do all such
County work as did not
include fiscal matters.

Most of the Grand Jurors said
they would continue to attend
the summons of the Sheriff as
usual - and dine together on
the day of meeting.

Now if this be so. Where
would we dine? - We could not
dine in Strasburg for the Bar
dine there - and it would reduce
the status of the Grand Jury to zero
- and how could we dine in

a Council: Many thanks for your good wishes - Let me
wish you and yours many such by New Year - my sincere
James James Messinger

our present Grand Jury rooms
if they are not furnished?

I wish you would speak
to your father about this, and
if necessary, consult Mr. Boyd
and Captain Stoney - before
you disperse our Mess
furniture - I am sure no
member wants to get money
for this "reserved furniture" and
might prefer to store it in a room
in County House, when not in
use by the Grand Jury -

The County Council would
not be in attendance on the Judges
I presume, and would only
want our rooms when sitting as

TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
STRABANE.

65/2/14 (95)
CARRICKLEE,
STRABANE.

Dec 4. 1899

my dear John.

Your card rec^d.

& I shall write

to-morrow - &

send you copy -

I should have

written long

ago but for

the Chairman's

deceitful

letter to you

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Yrs sincerely
John Herdman

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GJK/14 (96)

20 Jan: 1900

My dear Hamilton

My uncle has asked me
to act for him with reference
to the distribution of the
Grand jury effects and I
wish to put in a claim in
his name. I understand
a circular has been sent
to Grand jurors explaining

What is going to be done
but I have not seen it -
Will you send me one &
in future write to me
instead of to my uncle.

Yours truly

J McSwine

65/2/14 (97)
79. Kemuter Road

24. 1. 1900

Dear Samy

Thank you reminding
me - though I did open
your first circular -

I send the List-marked
of all the Silver and Chains
are not taken up, I
suppose that those
who want them will
be given the pick -

Some of the Silver is probably
Older and better than the
rest -

I think the Silver was
just at about $2\frac{5}{9}$ per oz.

What are the prices
& China values at - ?

If no demand for
them, possibly I might
take a couple more

Chairs -

This must give you
a good deal of trouble -

I hope your Father
& your Mother are
very well -

With kind remembrance

Yours very truly
Arthur Shrewsbury

10, TRAFALGAR TERRACE,
MONKSTOWN, DUBLIN.

65/2/14 (98)
January 26th 1900

My dear Mr. Hamilton
I was at Ballymowal
when your circular reached here
and I had then to stay at
Strabane for a time hence delay
in replying to it. I am much
obliged to the Committee for
remembering me as being absent
on absence however I should
be glad indeed to get some
old article as a memento
of the happy time when off
duty spent at Lifford -

and I willingly place
myself in the hands of
the Committee -
My connection with
Dorey has been so far
been very pleasing (except
for the firm name of
Sanderson and the
ungrateful recognition of
my services by his nephew.)
and I shall always
look back with pleasure

to the County of Donegal
I have still a "nest-egg"
there, at Ballymacool,
and as before observed
should like to have some
old bit of the Plate
if the lucky lot should
fall to me -

Yours very truly

J. S. Hamilton

J. S. Hamilton Esq

GJ/2/14 (99)

DROMAHAIRE,

CO. LEITRIM.

26th Jan. 1900

Dear Mr. Hamilton.

As the Dromaire & Co
are disposing of their plates to
living members on the point who have
paid their "affiliation" fee. I did
not get a circular, but should be very
glad to buy a few of the articles if
they are going, as I have a few numbers
of other Grand Insects & should like to
add to the collection. - Do not say for
some time about 1885. I think.

Truly yours

G. Dromaire

GJ/2/14 (100)

Sunday Feb 18th 1900

TELEGRAMS,
LIFFORD,
2 MILES.

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

Dear Sir,

I shall be in Dublin
this week & unable to
attend the meeting in
Lifford on Thursday -

Major H. O'Connell
tells me there is to be a
business meeting the same day
& divide the property
will for take charge of
my 2 chairs & have
note put with front

for the Bishop. I told
John H. Aulton I thought
that all these bills ought
to be paid up before
people owing them get
any of the property. I
know Mr. H. & Cochran
had not paid him, so long
as I had anything to
do with the mes. I think
that Mr. Case's testimony
ought to be given here
now without further delay
& some arrangement ought
to be come to as to how
the funds are to be handled

from the Supervisory Committee
There is also a good deal
of other matter such as Union
plans etc to be clipped

I have never heard
from Mayor H. C. Sullivan
What arrangement he
has made with County
Council about the pictures
will you raise the question?
I am dependent agreement
ought to be made.

Yours truly
J. M. Mason

656/14 (101)

18th Feb 1900

Dear Honey

John Hamilton
Brown Hall writes
to me for the Bank
rect. for G. J. Wessplate
& keys I gave them
to you on 13th Dec^r
last & did not get
them back - Please
send them to Hamilton

at once as he wants
to get some samples
for a G. J. meeting this
week.

Yrs truly

Mr. Coe

Capt Stoney
Oakfield

6512114 (102)
Copy of letter sent by me as requested by Sir J. with
the Memorial about County House

Brownhall Ballintra
March 26, 1900

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by the ^{Memorial} ~~Memorial~~ of the
County of Donegal to endorse you a ~~rebuttal~~ ^{rebuttal}
regarding the County House at Bifford of which the
County Council seems to wish to deprive us and to
assume sole & entire control. I was also requested to
write a letter with the Memorial to explain matters
more particularly.

The County House was built by Grand Jurors at
their own private expense. I furnished & kept
in order out of their own private funds.

It was used as their mess & ante room and
occasionally for Magistrates meetings, and in the
interim between assizes they left it in the
control of the High Sheriff.

About 15 years ago a good deal of money was
being spent on the County Jail House where the
Judges sit and the Grand Jury rooms &
offices & we suggested that the County House
might be also cemented & repaired. This

He refused to do ^{so} unless the Grand Jury by
resolution declared it to be part of the
County Jail House.

The Grand Jury were quite ready to do
this, and a resolution was drafted to
do so, but in the mean time the matter
was brought before the Judges who
authorized the County Surveyor to make
this small expenditure on the House as
it was for the use of the Grand Jurors.

When the Local Govt Bill was passed
we agreed to give up ^{all} our private
rights on the building & to transfer it
to the custody of the High Sheriff to be
kept as part of the County Jail House,
to be held for the same interests & purposes
as formerly.

The County Council without permission
of the Sheriff a short time before

The assizes took possession of the
House and refused to allow us
to use the two large rooms for our
Luncheon purposes & the Sheriff
had to turn their clerks out of the
room -

I have been a constant attendee for
over 50 years on the for jury so that
I can probably give you any further
information required.

Yours faithfully
J. Maxwell

To Sir D Maxwell K. C. B.
Under Secretary -

Conroy Amur
Nov 12

My dear Sinclair

I know Garte

takes a deal of trouble

in finding out in many

instances the fact

is that these buildings

have always been man

as public property

for certain uses. And

And all the alterations will be seen when
and repairs were made in the
at the public expense that I think
you need remember my app. was
they were carried out the to Home a public
by the Board of Super building above considered
maintenance under as such make an
the order of the jury application in the repair
and paid for out of the of to you as for the
money placed at the others at the of at
disposal of the Board Session a the case of
for that purpose and the to my. has passed
the whole history of them to you from the Board

and I dont think any
difficulty will be
raised about it, and
dont think there would
be only a small extra
expense. And there
would be no economy
in letting them go to
ruin

By yours
Yours

Wm. Thompson

copy - (don't return)
Sir. 65/2/14 (104)

I was surprised to see in a newspaper report of the last meeting of the D. Gal Co. Council that instructions were given to the Co. Surveyor to prepare plans for the alteration of part of the County House for offices for the Secretary & officials of the Council without any information being given me on the subject. I would beg to

² inform you that
the County House
being part of the
Court House is
vested in me as
High Sheriff
that I cannot
permit any
alterations in it.
until the plans
for such
alterations are
placed before me
or approved of
by me,

W
H. Sheriff

65/2/14 (105)

HILLINGDON COURT,
UXBRIDGE.

charge for damages and would
be ready to pay at the end of
each training where damages
could be passed.

For my own part - I must
protest strongly against any
increase in my officers
expenses. I have very hard
work to be done in obtaining
account officers owing to the
fact - that the County authorities

HILLINGDON ROAD,
BRIDGEMAN

have almost ceased to support
the 5th Regiment; and
should any difficulties be
increased by imposts like
the one to which this letter
refers the Grand Jury must
not be surprised if the
Regiment diminishes until
it is altogether suppressed
by the action of the Government.

The Secretary
Grand Jury
St. Pancras

Yours obedient servant
Wm Pitt Rivers
Col Commanding
5th Royal Devonshire Regt

TELEGRAMS.
LIFFORD.
2 MILES.

65/12/14 (106)
Mr 2nd

CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

My dear Boyd

I am afraid I had
no note of what was
decided on last evening.
To the best of my recollection
nothing beyond what
you mentioned, except
that if I could manage
to get via other odd
places & make the set-
complete & pattern, but
whether this was settled

Oh I have not a clear
recollection. I just
forgot about the insurance
& also as to amount
but I could get a rough
estimate of the value
of the belongings & add
the little, if you cannot
find your note, & will
if you like see to this
the minute I come back
when I speak I think
I should get a chance
but Maude had a
pet company too &

We will see who gives
best-terms, Clotter for
the card table & a few
ash trays are also
badly wanted & won't
cost much. I didn't
want to get the new
carpet till near the
time but will see to
all ' before Dec. -

I think the Committee
for preparing the County
House was for Stoney
& Nye & I am not
certain Mayor Hamilton
wasn't in.

I think it more than

We will see who gives
best-terms, Cloths for
the card table & a few
ash trays are also
badly wanted & won't
cost much. I didn't
want to get the new
Carpet till near the
time but will see to
all ' before I leave -

I think the Committee
for printing the County
House was for Stoney
& Nugent & I am not
certain. Mayor Hamilton
wants it -

I think it more than

Probable that I shall
be put off the Asylum
Board. I really find
it very hard to attend
properly & honestly I should
not be very sorry as I
doubt much can be
in a board I can't
attend regularly, though
this year I was unlucky

Yours truly
J. Mason.

TELEGRAMS,
LIFFORD,
2 MILES.

65/2/14
(107)
CLONLEIGH,
STRABANE.

I decide how to use it
or whether it should
be handed to the Minister
after the Assurance of
the highest interest to
be used for income
for could put this
in shortly at the end
of it - will be necessary
to obtain some authority
of the sort as I think
the resolution says
something about the

Maple in which it
is to be from the
Superior was to be.
Thereafter decided
Personally I am in
favor of handing
the whole over to
the Superior Board
& letting them decide
but others might think
differently -
I don't know for

for job. If I am at
home when the end
comes I will give
you all help I can
but my plan is
undecided at present
& I don't think I shall
be at home for any
length of time
I have got up & the
present regard of any
place in England
likely to suit me, in
any case as I spend
so much of my time

By the summer jacketing
I do not want to set
up a new abode until
the Autumn

With the season best
wishes to you father &
mother & wife

Bless me

Yours sincerely
A. M. W.

March. 10

GJ/2/14 (108)

CASTLE WRAY,
LETTERKENNY,
IRELAND.

My dear William

I am sorry I cannot
get over to Lifford tomorrow
as I had hoped to do.

Had I been there I should
certainly have given
my vote against the
^{or division} Sale of the old maps
property - it may well

WATTLE BRIDGE
LETTERRHENNY,
DUBLIN.

probably will be useful
some day and even
supposing the decision
of the spirit to be
satisfactory accomplished
the individual share
would be so small as
to be of no consideration.
I think at least besides

the pictures were put into
the charge of trustees, the
idea is to place the
Silks, china, linen, glass
Carpets & also ~~to~~
in their hands - surely
a store room could be
found in Lifford where
it would be safe from
the County Commissioners, the

Remaining furniture would
of course be more difficult
to deal with, but like the
pictures it would I suppose
have on certain conditions
to remain in the rooms.

I hope some such course
as this will be adopted.

but on the result of a sale
being decided on they

would give the proceeds

GJ/2/14 (109)

I think those that have
borne the burden & shed of
the day and spent their
time & money in attendance
are entitled to more than
an agent whose cost money
has likely been paid by a
landlord & perhaps his
agent ^{or one} who has only
been a few times on the
jury

Letter B9

Miss S. P. Roberts

Donegal County Archives

GJ/2/114(110)

CASTLE WRAY,
LETTERKENNY,
IRELAND.

To the Landlords
Convention. To help up
the sinews of war
and the agitation they
take regarding us
England. An Education
to save from plunder
some at least of the

CASTLE WHARF,
LONDON.
1843.

Since property to the
rightful owner is I
assume ~~a~~ matter of
as much interest to
the original subscribers
or their representatives
whether land lords or

apart as any other
Christianity however deserving.

Yours truly
H. Mansfield

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