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Gweedore Hotel Visitors Books

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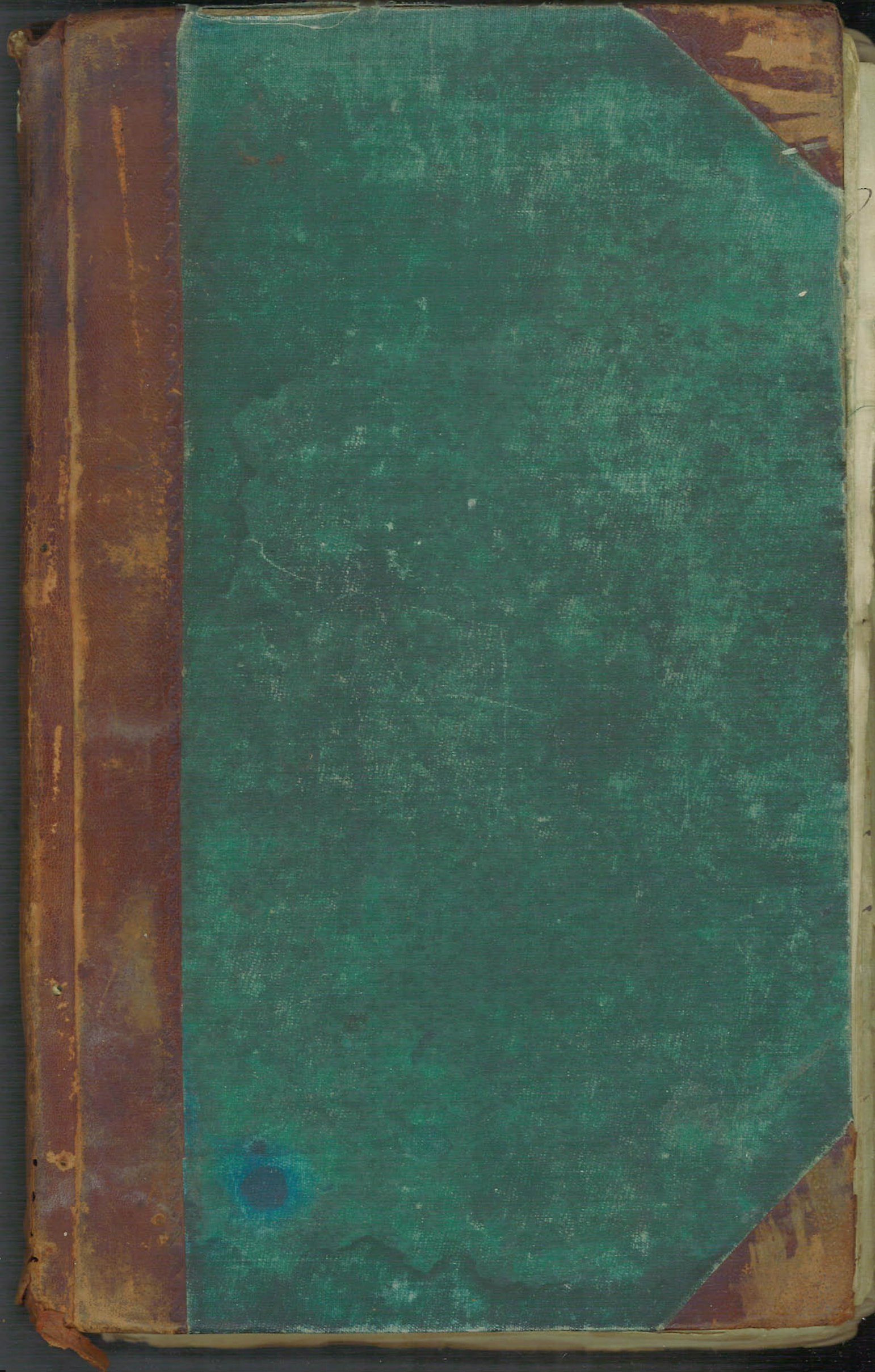
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Dear Mr
The Hon

We have been staying at the Lyndon Hotel for
four days
considering that the House is not yet finished and
consequently cannot be expected to possess all the
advantages of an old establishment. It is very
comfortable - The Beds are excellent - The Landlord
his wife and servants seem anxious to please and
give every satisfaction.

Such an accommodation in a District much requiring
a resting place which hitherto possessed no such
advantages deserves to be encouraged and we hope
will meet with that support so justly due to so
Noble and Excellent a proprietor. We have the honor of meeting and from whom
we received the most marked kindness and
attention.

September 19-1842.

Mohut Keys
Fort Louisa
Cuniskillen

Mr B. Antwa
District Ballin

My Acknowledgements
George Lodge

October 3rd 1842

I have been staying here for some time on business and have found the accommodation to far exceed my expectations, the beds were good & comfortable and the other accommodation better than could be expected in such a district.

Robert Montgomery
Surveyor & Valuer of Lands
Lifford

October 6th 1842

The warmest thanks are due from the travelling Public to the well Proprietor of this House for having afforded them, in so remote a district of this magnificent County, a substantial and cleanly Hotel, - But added to these thanks, a hearty & pretty sentiment of gratitude should be knitted in the breast of every booby of Ireland, & indeed of every cosmopolitan, towards that Gentleman, who not only lives & spends his income in his own Country, but as far as it lies in his Power, looks after his own People, & whose chief wish is to improve the moral & social condition of his Country. - Through in the rough now the management of this House is good & unpretending.

That such improvements may be the shadow of better things to come in Old Ireland is the heartfelt wish of every Englishman -

The following deserves special notice. -

Warren: Miller: Jones,
Lowry: Mason: Kent

* Why don't you
* + present

Lady Stewart, Mr. J. J. Stewart, The Misses Mansfield Mr. W. Style Mr. Hugh Law Mr. Henry Mansfield and Mr. A. J. Stewart visited the Gweedore Hotel and were much gratified by the accommodation afforded.

October 14th 1842

County Inspector Anderson, with Sub Inspector Fox & Hunt enjoyed the most comfortable accommodation provided in this remote part of the County by Lord J. Hill and which was enhanced greatly by the excellent & great attention of the Host & Hostess. The most civilized place could afford nothing more comfortable. The Resident Magistrate James Little Esq. was also of the party -

November 6. 1842.

I stopped in the Gweedore Hotel last night indeed it was curious indeed to me to come on this occasion. I must in justice say that the accommodation exceeded what I expected in this "wilderness of rocks". I have been visiting Gweedore for 5 years. I know it before Lord Hill became the Possessor. The contrast between the appearance of this County when I first saw it, & its present improved & progressing state, is certainly very marked. Travellers are not the persons, who have most reason to be grateful for Lord Hill's goodness.

Wm. Savage
Supt. Dist. School

from my Journal.

Apr 20. 1843 (6)

Most agreeably surprised by finding a very comfortable hotel in a district of Country through which I had wandered in the year '38 - at which time I was obliged to find shelter in a most miserable Cottage and sleep in a bed when I most certainly excited a civil war - My only safety arose from the divided opinion of the Combatants, for had they all pulled the same way, I should most certainly have been dragged out of bed. Now the Case is altered, there is a most comfortable & commodious Inn in a district of Country where the only accommodation a Traveller could get was such as I have described above. An Inn that reflects much credit on the spirited Landlord, and Proprietor of the Soil for a poor distant Round - as also on the kind and attentive host who takes care of the Concomitant. I have had only time to stop for Lunch which was served in most comfortable style, but I took occasion to walk through the Concomitant, and must add my tribute of praise to those which may be found in the preceding pages. I met a Mr. Fisher there a most worth and interesting Companion and who also abounds in anecdote of all kinds.

Thompson & Taddan.
Clareville, Pa.

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(2) 11
(7) 7

Mr. James W. ...
County Inspector, Anderson, and myself spent this day here, and were well attended. Found the House and accommodation, with beds and attendances extremely good. Found the host and hostess extremely kind.
27th May 1843. M. A. Wright

Having visited my Father & accompanying me I saw the many improvements on the Garden Property by Lord Grey Hill.
I have the pleasure of saying that the general improvement ~~is~~ rapidly increasing since I had last the pleasure of visiting this part of the Country and more particularly those connected with the Hotel, which is now fitted up in such a comfortable manner and so perfectly conducted by Mr. Cunningham as to add considerably to the comfort & enjoyment of those who frequent it with all our Country home.
July 3rd Wm. Walsh

without creating a ...
spirits, and for the success of the ...
a shaking box.

Shake Good-bye
And never will return to more
For it is a law. *Hiram*

I have visited Giddon
And I wish to see no more
Of swaddling and Gannon
and worship of Mammon.
And not be allowed to catch Salmon
A school and church without a people
He hopes to fill a poor good people.
A mongrel breed without crop
Save one to prove the real hope.

We do not know
"The Scriptures"
The wisdom of this world is
Frodo's with God -

~~you are~~ a traveler in the four quarters of the globe
and a witness to the truth of but one church.

in common, which would be 1863
titles of price to those who
found in the museum great deal
I met a Mr. Fisher this
with and interesting companion
and who also abounds in anecdote
all kinds.
Thompson & Addison
Clareville & Co.

My hours were at the Giddon
Hotel for the greater part of
last week and I bear much
pleasure in stating that the acco-
modation was very good and the
every care and attention was
paid to them by Mr Cunningham
Baptist J. Norton
May 1863.

We slept this morning at the Giddon
Hotel & afterwards breakfasted. We found our
beds comfortable & the breakfast excellent.

May 1863. Daniel Todd -
Baptist J. Norton

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony
to the many contained herein of the comfort and
attention to be had at this very excellent Hotel
any have any reason to believe that from
the solicitude of the conductors of it the
warrior and sportsman will also get
just as a home
May 19, 1863. Will. Walsh

without creating a prayer in its
spirit, and for the success of all the
of a shaking bag.

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Tá an "Guidore Hotel" na tís-órta deáí-írágálaí próp. Síníste
muy ata, a meafz na ríébre, ta se'na pharríar beaz ía lípíre! —

A óvne t'quallay a boáir, le zunná ar do zúllán, no plaz íayzaríeacé an do
lám, nuay a tís néutá na zraíóna, 7 ópíar óir, ná bíos eagla óir; — brídeacaf
do Lord George Hill zéabíaró tu bíos íf dooc íf leaba marz an ío, 7 p'áilze! —

So mba fára buan a deáí-óiríeacé!

Íf marz an t-íayz, íf marz an feóil,

Íf marz an fíon, íf marz an beóir.

Íf na h-óirna míl' b'íozmar,

Ópíeó an t'píeí' nar óíoláó píeín ar!

Ta huacáll zápa múnte an

áí cailín deay zóim-íúleacé glay!

Ta zicé aon díob ío próp ar marz

leígeóir, íe ar ól do íayz!

Ío an ízeul o Cíayz do Noílayz

Íf íf marz an ízeul a h'onay bolz!

Ribeard Mac Uohamh
of Belfast. 30th May 1843

June 22nd

It is in refer to the testimony of
Suzer M. Fadden Esq. to be found in this Book dated
April 26th 1842, as concerning our opinion of the
comforts of this hotel, the excellence of the attendance
and the highly entertaining persons of the gentlemen as
mentioned by that eloquent writer

John Spruce

M. Browne.

A. S. W.

called
call him?

James ^m and comfortable accommodation induced
me to visit this Hotel with my family that they might
enjoy perfect retirement — luxuriate in grand scenery —
gather health & strength by inhaling the pure mountain
air, to the noble proprietor, under the Almighty whose
steward [&] he is, I who endues his creatures with such
susceptible to the enjoyments (he prepares for them) and
we indebted for these benefits which we have fully
enjoyed. 30th June 1843

W. H. H. H.
What a spell!

Not far from the spot on which this neat and
comfortable Hotel now stands, and less than 13 years
from the present date, the writer of these lines,
and four other persons, were travelling from Dumbuck
to Bumbeg, when they were benighted, and nearly lost.
There was no Inn then, nor even a Post of any kind
in this direction; the night was dark, their only
guide a Star, and, through forgetting to make allow-
ance for its nothing as it declined, they had deviated
from their proper course, (being without Chart or
compass) and had nearly foundered in a "Shaking Bog".

What a charming contrast now presents
itself to the view!

Grateful for the comforts he has enjoyed in
the "Guidore Hotel," the writer gladly bears testimony
to the quiet and unobtrusive attention and civility
of its Host & Hostess, and also of the Servants. —
nor can he take his leave of a country, in which
it has been his lot to sojourn for nearly twenty
years, without breathing a Prayer for its future
prosperity, and for the success of the benevolent
& a Shaking Bog.

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Undertakings of its Noble, and other, Proprietors.

Should any of the writers valued friends, whom he leaves behind him, be attracted to this Spot after he is gone, and chance to turn to this Page, they may peruse the starting address of one, whose heart will ever be with them, and whose thoughts will often wander back to these delightful Wilds; the scenes of his best and happiest days. They, and the writers humble, but kind hearted friends, the poor Peasantry, will be remembered by him with a fond affection as long as he lives: the latter he has ever found kind and respectful, and grateful for any attention shown to them: they are a bright and intelligent people. Patiently bearing the most severe privations, and generous even to a fault: In illustration of which, the writer must grace these pages with the following touching little anecdote:—

A dreadful Famine prevailed here in 1831. Two of the poorer description of the Peasantry came to the writers Cottage, craving a little food, to carry home to their wives and 15 children, none of whom, or themselves, had tasted a morsel for 48 hours. They were requested to take each as much as would suffice for a Supper or Breakfast for their families, but when they saw that the writer had scarcely a weeks potatoes left, and altho' they knew that no provision of any kind could be obtained, even for money, in any other place, within their reach, with a generous forbearance, they absolutely refused to take even a single potato, and actually went away without any, saying, "there was little enough for the writers own family!" Owen Sharkey, and Michael Drogan,

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are their names, both of an age, in Templemore, and they are still living, in the same place, in a state of poverty and wretchedness, which the writer will not attempt to describe.—

A crowd of other affecting incidents rush to the writers recollection, all claiming a record here, from which he selects the following:—

In the winter of 1832. 3. Two in the bleak month of February. a Schooner, with a crew of four men, in the middle of the night, and during a tremendous Gale from the West, was dashed against the Rocks of Innis-Erris, and very soon sunk. one man was lost, the other three were thrown upon the top of a high and perpendicular Rock, within a Stones throw of the Island, (Innis-Erris)

— "as bleak a precipice, as e'er
" gave mariners a shelter and despair;
" a spot to make the saved regret the sick
" which late went down, and envy the lost wreck."

in which situation they were discovered when day appeared. attempts were made to throw them coal, of fire, and potatoes, but in vain. their fate seemed sealed. for, to attempt to rescue them through such a terrible sea was being between the Rock and the Island, was a fool's hope indeed, and appeared almost impossible.

what was to be done. if the unfortunate men were to spend another night on that horrid Rock it would, doubtless, be their last. in the honor of human nature be it told, that, six of these poor Islanders manned three Curraighs, two on each, and, watching a favourable interval between

waves, gallantly shot across the foam in their little
 boats, and gained a rock in the Rock. here a new
 difficulty opposed itself - high on their heads,
 protrude on the Rock - benumbed with cold - wet -
 bruised, and nearly paralyzed, from the combined
 effects of fear and the dreadful sufferings of the
 preceding night. As the poor objects of their
 solicitude - and, the Rock being perfectly perpen-
 dicular at its sides, there was no other way of gaining
 access to the boats but by dropping into them, at the
 imminent risk of either upsetting or staining them -
 (one of the ~~two~~^{three} the Captain, was upwards of 14 Stone
 weight.) the noble fellows paused but for a moment -
 such hearts are not easily daunted. The attempt
 was made - providentially without an accident occur-
 ring - each burrough received its guest, and the
 gallant fellows succeeded, as if by the interposition
 of a miracle, in landing each his charge in safety
 on the Island. the names of the six men are
 Patrick Boyle }
 Dominick Coll, } of Dunagh
 Hugh Boyle }
 Patrick Cafferty } of Carrick } Tulloughbegh
 John Boyle }
 Daniel Sweeney } of James man

with an overflowing heart at the re-
 membrance of the hospitality - the genuine Irish
 hospitality - and many kindnesses the writer has
 experienced during his sojourn in this part of
 Connaught. he wishes his friends every happiness -
 finding it impossible at the same time to

suppress the light, that will force its way, while
 he thus, reluctantly, bids them, all,

 8 July, 1843. - Farewell!
 Geo Stuart Lenfold. -

Major Mill of Brook Hall
 Mr. Pletcher of Milltown
 Mr. Greenwood of London
 Mr. James Mill } July 15th 1843.
 The above have every reason to be satisfied with
 the comfortable accommodations ~~of~~ of the Gordon
 Hotel and with the obliging attentions of the
 Landlady.

25th July 1843. at noon, I made this
 "splendidly comfortable Landfall." There was not
 any such thing on this spot, where I sit in style
 so soberly this. For my hand is wasted after about
 (side) 30 years ago, it makes me happy to see this
 change, and the more so, as I have learnt that
 the Noble Founder is expected this very day -
 I hereby bid him a hearty and cordial
 "Leadh-mill a Faisle."
 Whistling Genl Royal Regt
 I am most pleased with everything, and every body
 Whistling

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 We visited this place after a pleasant drive from
 Dunlough on the 3^d of August 1843. We were very
 much pleased with every thing we saw, and cordially
 wish success to the Noble Proprietor in his benevolent
 endeavours to promote the improvement of this hitherto
 neglected part of the Country. Our entertainment in
 this Hotel was of the best description and the short
 time we spent here was most agreeable.

John Keenan Curator of Henry
 W. Cochrane Lifford
 Mary Cochrane do
 Thos Crawford do
 Henry Mackinnon Kelly Curator of the
 Thos Cochrane do

Knowing the disposition of the Noble Proprietor to have
 everything connected with his property comfortable
 and in good order. I fully expected to find
 much comfort and convenience connected with the
 establishment. but what I have experienced in a
 stay of four days has far surpassed all
 my expectations, and I think it would be impossible
 to spend a day at the Hotel without being
 not only perfectly satisfied, but also much
 gratified with every thing connected with it.
 And it perhaps may not be out of place
 to remark, that the great improvement going
 on in the neighbourhood as also the stone bridge
 at Basher is a convincing proof of the human
 good that could be done in Ireland if its
 landlords or even a few of them were better treated
 with his Lordship

Giddens Hotel
 16th August 1843

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 I have great satisfaction in
 bearing testimony to the cleanliness
 & regularity of this establish-
 ment together with the attention
 of the Hostess -
 Giddens Hotel - Malinsfield
 16th Aug. 43

We the undersigned are most desirous of bearing
 behind us, our testimony to the good management
 of this Hotel having found excellent accommodation
 and extreme attention upon the part of the Hostess
 & the satisfaction derived from the above causes
 we cannot refrain from expressing the gratification
 we received from witnessing the benevolent exertions
 of Lord George with the Proprietor of the Hotel to promote
 the improvement of his extensive Estate in every
 possible manner, & to ameliorate the condition of
 his Tenantry, & the surrounding Poor, by acts of
 unostentatious, & judicious humanity.

M. Berry
 James Ponsonby
 J. T. Ponsonby
 Emily Ponsonby
 John Ponsonby
 Arch Martin

Giddens Hotel
 August 24th 1843

We have been at this Hotel for the last six days. & now depart with regret having spent our time most agreeably. The accommodations and attendance extremely good. We heartily concur with the observations already made in this Book as regards the Noble Proprietor whom we found particularly kind and attentive

Guidone Hotel
26th Aug. 1843.

James B. Ingham
Esq. N. Y.

We have been highly gratified in finding in this ~~same~~ romantically wild part of the country such agreeable and much wished for accommodations as we have met with in the most excellent establishment and must say that Travellers and persons connected with this part of the country should feel under many obligations to the noble Landlord of this estate

Matthew Hynes
Littlehewey
Alexander Belfast

I regret much that I had not the power, very fully attributed to the fortitude of being in his place at once if I had, I would have accompanied my friend Col. Pratt & Mr. Pope in their inspection of the improvements at Guidone, as well as myself on the water of Dunlough. My friend has expatiated on Lord George's merits - I will not mention, for the benefit of the disciples of St. Wa. - the fish I killed with ^{what} the tackle I killed - The birds were small, & contemptible - his was mainly the Monday was already, ^{at the interesting result} ¹⁹ ^{improvements} at Guidone; and ^{we were not only} ^{highly gratified} ^{but also astonished} at the magnitude, of these different works of improvement, now in progress, under the immediate inspection, of Lord George Hill; and whether more to admire, the utility of these permanent improvements, or the Taste and Judgment displayed in their execution, we are at a loss to define but certain it is, that his Lordship receives, and is justly entitled to, the Praise and sincere thanks, of a Grateful Country, for the repeated acts of his magnificence & kindness towards them.

Guidone Hotel
Sep 7th 1843

Jos. Pratt -
Jas. Wemyr Pope

There is not such a miserly selfish Rascal in the world as Joe Pratt - which is a pity less than

We have been at this Hotel for the last six days. I now depart with regret having spent our time most agreeably. The accommodations and attendance extremely good. We heartily concur with the observations already made in this Book as regards the Noble Plover. It is necessary that the noble Plover should be preserved here with sufficient numbers every member of the Society composed on him & the benevolent & spirited proprietors of the Hotel is establishing such an accommodation -
 9 September 1843 Edw. M. S. Tooke

You and Mrs Leatham of Chamberlaine Academy together with Miss Cooper and Miss Leatham have given reason to feel satisfied with the attention paid to them by the school and regret much that they cannot have the pleasure of propagating from the school through this medium the utility of this establishment to the higher & middle class Region or on the so exemplary character of the Noble Plover would be superfluous.
 Saturday 10th Sept 1843

I regret much that I had not the power, very fully attributed to the feathered species, of being in two places at once. If I had, I would have accompanied my friend Col Pratt & Mr Pope in their inspection of the improvements at Finsbury, as well as amuse myself on the water of Dalwood. A friend here expatiated on Lord George's merits - I will be cautious, for the benefit of the disciples of St. W. - the fish I killed with ^{what} the trank I killed - The trank was small, snotty, & contemptible. My nose nearly the Monday was almost chafed & the trank within a ripple - in a few hours I had 6 dozen in a basket. I picked both the middle & upper trank the latter of which I found much the best. My best fly was a fine brown with a green wing, & some black - it did fearful execution - a middle dropper was also fine brown with black - black - & a stem wing - my hand fly had a red body with red - black & a mixed wing of red & partridge - it was one of those known to some sportsmen as the "Sachigwin Fly" - I will advise all those anglers, whom I shot a well as fish, to buy their gear with them in the boat & if they have not rifles, to procure the best manufactured by the Messrs. Rigby & to buy them also. If they follow my advice, they may get shot at antler, & at eyes - at least I do -

Ed. Ford with red sauce
 I. Rice Dean.
 Sep: 7th 1843
 Visited the Quodow near San Francisco as a resident marked during four years ~~visited~~ the rapids project of it, & the buildings at Bombay. What though astonishing to all our judges are so apt in my humble opinion much in

22 Names of Gentlemen at the giving
 of premiums at Guidone Sept 1843-⁽²⁾

- Lord George Hill
- J. Mansfield Esq.
- Wm Leatham Esq.
- John Law Esq.
- Hugh Law Esq.
- Saml. Sproule Esq.
- John Sproule Esq.
- J. Forster Esq.
- Sir James Dombraie
- Mrs. Olphert Esq.
- Mr Mitchell B. N.
- Mr Ramsay
- Mrs. A. McFadden P. N.

in a dinner of ~~many~~ of
 His Lordships Sir ~~any~~ through
 His extraordinary regard to these
 comforts in their residences
 I would further beg to observe
 as my opinion that the presence
 & appreciated attention & regard paid
 by the conductors ^{of the Inn} M. & Mr. Cunningham
 to the different degrees of nobles
 common and no less respect
 than a demonstration, ~~John~~ ~~Thomson~~
 Sept 9. 1843

10th Sept 1843

After a most comfortable night's sleep - and
 a light good and hearty breakfast - I start for
 Bumbay - Pleased with the kindness and attention
 of the Mice & Mutton, and their attentive
 servants - ever & always bless the
 noble founder of this comfortable Landfall
 for an "Old Sailors"
 J. M. H. D. R. Royal Navy

17th Sept 1843

Remained nearly three days at the Guidone
 Hotel and was perfectly satisfied with the attention
 of the kind hearted Host & Hostess, in show with the
 comforts the Hotel afforded, having experience of
 Courts by its situation & circumstances. One
 of the days was Sunday, and getting could be in
 some respect keeping with the Sabbath, in
 some tend to call for the solemn and serious
 temple than the quiet, peace and tranquility
 that desired around. Hence a sound was heard
 to break the silence of nature, who directly
 appeared to rejoice in harmonizing with the
 Sabbath, that both men and beast were
 brought rest. I have passed a most delightful
 Sabbath morning for there is no scarcity of
 books at the Hotel, that Dr. Lippin, that he
 are kindly disposed to the present view
 - I'm quite alone as I was upon
 feeling solitary or lonely on a Sunday,
 & like the Country, or teaching me to hold
 Communion with my dear friends
 and to go forth into the world a wiser man
 and to go forth into the world a better man. 17th Sept

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20th Sept. 1843

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He spent last night at the Quindore
Hotel & was highly satisfied with the excellent accommo-
dation & with the attention of the host & hostess —

Messrs. P. Condy
R. White
J. P. Reid

Mr. J. J. F. F. F.
who wrote the
above was much
pleas'd
you lie you paper the second all
Harper's

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Having left Demfanagh on Wednesday
morning at 9 O'Clock for the purpose of
attending the branch Dispensary Cross Roads
and after going over some dozens of patients
together with as many squalling children to be
vaccinated; we were summoned by a visiting
order from the ex-high sheriff of the Co. Donegal
Wybrants Officers of Pallyconnell House Esq^r
J. P. D. L. after travelling thro' a wild
mountainous country of about 9 miles we
arrived at the patients residence where we
learned a poor woman had been for the three
previous days in a hopeless state of
accouchement. Having seen our patient
(first clearing the cabin of about as many women
and children as could well be packed therein)
we diagnosed our professional services were
not then required, being much fatigued
with the journey and having the pleasing
prospect of remaining in this filthy cabin all
night without refreshment or any other to lay
our wearied limbs, we determined on proceeding
to the far famed and beautiful hotel erected by
its noble founder at Quindore where we arrived at
5 O'Clock P.M. in an hour the attentive hostess had a
substantial and well dressed dinner on the table
and we flatter ourselves we did it every justice
The Wine excellent - Porter first rate - and the
Whiskey Punch could not be excelled by the best
Mountain dew that ever saw the face of the
Granger. altho' true Parliament - we amused
ourselves during the evening by reading over the

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Different statements contained in this book with all of which we most cordially agree and which must be most gratifying to its worthy founder that the valuable time and heavy expense he has bestowed on this district of country almost unknown heretofore is now amply repaying all his exertions and there is no doubt if other landlords would take example in bettering the condition of the tenants on their estates; there would have been no necessity of incarcerating the aged on their properties in a prison *velgo dictum* Poor-House.

At half past nine I was retired to No 6 Bed Room all accommodations in which nothing could excel, having gone thro' the usual routine of detachement we repaired our wearied limbs on a most comfortable bed at once embraced by the arms of Morpheus. But unfortunately at the eleventh hour a knock came to the door requiring our presence with our poor patient. After consultation the lot fell on the medico-elect to proceed to the house of grief where he remained all night and altho' much dissatisfied at leaving his comfortable bed he had the pleasing gratification of being able to save the life of this poor sufferer but alas! she gave birth to a dead son. !!!

Thursday 10th. Breakfast over; served up in accordance with all other domestic arrangements morning being hindering rain we now separate me for Demeraghby. The other for Dunloe & again in conclusion we must reiterate our former

opinion and now farewell to Old Guidore wishing it again and again every prosperity and success.

21st September 1843.

W. H. Riekey M.D. M.S. F.R.S.
J. W. Murray F.R.S. F.S.S.

The undersigned had every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation afforded at this Hotel

22/9/43

John Lowry
Arthur Lowry
W. M. Graham Capt 59th Regt

We the undersigned concur most fully in all that has been written above, as to the excellent accommodation in this Hotel, & the general civility from all connected with it.

Guidore Hotel
Sept. 29th 1843

F. Style
Patrick H. H. H.
Charlotte Style
Charles Style Drake
Charles Style Junr
William Style

Traveller! - Be ye Prince or Pedlar - rejoice & be thankful, like myself, that you have found a quiet comfortable resting place such as this. The 'Guidore Hotel' - has just

to every Traveller & Tourist, and to myself in particular, an humble but devoted disciple & follower of poor Isaac: benighted & weary I arrived here a few evenings ago; the blazny hearts' cheerful Hostess and ready hands, confirmed every account that Fame has spread far and near of this "Jewel in the Desert." - If you come in search of health, carry here: take boat, off packet and with rod fixed at the proper angle for the boats quater row to the foot of ^{Gardies mountain} ~~General's mountain~~ - If you take no fish - "smutty & contemptible" though they be as described by that Cock of Sportsman Mr. Henn, you are taking health; the exercise is before you: - if the day be clear, and Arrigle cloudless, ascend it - The view from the summit will repay you: - you may see Northward, the headlands of the Causeway in Antrim, & beyond, the high-lands of Scotland - Southward, you may discern Donegal & Sligo bays, - with the stacks of Broad Haven far to seaward: beneath you, lies Sir James Donbraine's Smuggery - & before you this comfortable Hotel - to which I do advise you return as you went, with ear in hand, sending vigorously to it - & bringing back our appetite, such as you perhaps never were afflicted with before, to enjoy the good things prepared for the evening dinner you will find smoking on the board: - After a few days spent in this way, you will I am sure cheerfully give testimony to the comfort & accommodation of the house - & to the cheerful & ready attention of the Hostess: -

Penguin Robbins in
& Macintosh

Wednesday 31st August 1842.

I dined & slept at this Inn last night in this Inn, built by my Brother Lord George, & has for every thing in it, the best water in the county & very comfortable. I have no doubt the Landlord & his wife will continue to deserve the good opinion of their Customers & the support & favour of their Employer, as they are both of them (greatly) people of an interest in their business, and must depend upon their own merit.

This Inn has been extremely well built & is well suited to its situation, & I hope that Lord George's excellent object, that of improving the Mountains District, & prospering as it is of many natural advantages, will not be crowned with well merited success.

Gwendolen Pan Dawsonhill

Friday 16 Sept 1842

I dined and slept at this Inn last night. I have just breakfasted this morning, and I cannot do without expressing my great satisfaction with the house & manner in which it is conducted. Nothing can exceed the civility and attention of the people; & every thing provided is excellent in its kind.

W. J. Boyer Esq. D. D. Belfast

I was travelling with Doctor Boyer & fully convinced all he said.

P. B. Gifford

September 16th 1842

I have been for the last three days at the Quilon Inn & have found every thing most comfortable & the Landlord & his wife extremely attentive -

Wm Chambers

The accommodation and comfort which I have met with at the Quilon Hotel has much exceeded any thing I could have expected, and I am great gratification in supposing my appreciation of the attention and civility of the Host & Hostess

September 1842 Wm Mansfield

is greatly delighted at finding this excellent establishment in these wild mountains at the end of a days walk from the westward, across the Passes, and I heartily join the preceding writers in commending the excellent & spirited exertions which I witnessed the efforts both here and at Dunbar. I have every reason to be satisfied with the attention and civility of the host & hostess. *Signe so badap upi papiar fola an; de fepara no a epj so glacadi*
can om aca: so hroad na picejo so d'usse-bramajazy anpa dopicaday
ette me jod: ac ni pail a fiop agem-pe cpud ay a d-eajme fird !!!

8 September 1842

W. S. Adams

P.S. See, Manchester men!, pride ourselves on the excellence of our Lancashire Potatoes, but those I found here, far exceed them - I never tasted better - Hark's - try their smoked salmon; - give a hint only - if you are fond of Lobster - & you will see such are only to be had on this coast. - & for a glass of good sherry!!! - taste it!! - at all events, don't take the Medal - until you do -

29th Sept. 1843

In the Quilon Inn are contained all the properties of a good one - Clean airy comfortable apartments - a well spread abundant table with modest and unobtrusive style at the same time prompt and active attendance. What advantage it may afford to the pleasure seeking tourist we cannot say as unfortunately during our stay the weather has proved unfavorable and we have been unable to proceed in search of the romantic and picturesque. To the Inn and its entire arrangements however we can sincerely accord our small tribute in terms of the warmest praise and in passing we trust Mr. Foster will not take it amiss that we should here notice the extremely polite attention we received at his hands and his earnest endeavours to promote our comfort during our accidental encounter?

30th September 1843

Mr. W. Callender of Greenock
Mr. D. Dunnett Fort Stewart
Mr. W. Chisholm of Greenock

Having made different visits at the Guevre Hotel I have
 had many opportunities of enjoying its excellent accommodation
 & the attention of the Host & Hostess - From the noble & generous
 benevolent disposition of the Noble Proprietor I feel
 assured, it must afford him great satisfaction, to find
 the immense benefit such an Establishment confer on
 the Visitors to the remote district - If sincere gratitude
 for so great an advantage & the regard & esteem of a kindly
 & noble Country, are any compensation Lord Galtiff
 may enjoy it as abundantly as his Lordships distinguished
 Brother The Marquis of Downshire whose conduct
 towards Iremby on his Princes Estate has proved
 himself a model for the rest of Landlords

Guevre Hotel October 3rd 1843 James Little

Lord & Lady Adams with their Servants
 have spent 2 days at this Hotel
 & have found every thing most comfortable
 & excellent they must heartily wish it &
 all to go on & all to prosper to promote the
 good of Ireland, every success. October 4th 1843

Mr. Wyndham Galtiff having been also 2 days
 here agrees perfectly with the foregoing observations
 Oct. 5th 1843

We have much pleasure in bearing
 testimony to the great attention &
 civility with which we have been
 treated at this Hotel, & also to the
 accommodation, which is so comfortable

As we could perfectly enjoy
 Guevre Hotel
 October 1843

Mrs Wright cannot refrain from
 saying a line to remind the Proprietor and
 Bilgim of this ^{generous} life to observe the noble
 & able Gospel Instruction to be found
 on the Bookshelf (at the comfortable
 Guevre Hotel in which she has been most
 civilly attended) such useful provision
 is an evidence that the benevolent
 Proprietor Lord Geo. Hill walks in the
 service of that given who freely bestows
 on all who ask - Believing
 Oct. 9th 1843

Mrs Anderson having come here with a few
 friends to view the romantic scenery of the country
 wishes to bear testimony as to the comfortable accom-
 modation well aired beds and civil attendance
 she and her friends have met with
 October 11th 1843

I have spent 4 days at this Hotel and
 am less surprised than gratified at finding
 excellent accommodation in this quarter. I
 must be both that the accommodation & attention be-
 hind hand the whole affords the greatest ^{and the} pleasure
 Guevre 18 Oct 1843
 J. H. Keating
 of Dublin

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 Nov 5 1843. Having stopped here last night I have every reason to be satisfied with the excellent accommodation afforded by the Hotel and Hostess. The bed comfortable the breakfast good and the attendance such as to be found in well regulated Hotels.
 A. Mac Bride,
 Guide Hotel.

On my way to Bonbeg I stopped at the Guide Hotel one night and it is with much satisfaction that I now bear testimony for the attention and civility I experienced from the Host & Hostess of this excellent establishment.

I have every reason to be thankful to the noble proprietor for providing such exceedingly comfortable accommodation.

Guide Hotel
 5th Novr-
 1843
 J. Adams
 of Co. Tyrone
 Ballyrann

I having been at Bonbeg & now returned to this Hotel - seen the people the Country &c &c I do say in all solemn solemnity that I never saw more partial as they say in any country have reason to

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 to be thankful to Providence that such a noble man and a noble woman were appointed to manage our Hotel. In fact I know not a Landlord that has done so much for his tenants in the County as Lord George Hill & Mrs. Adams

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 Lord George A. Hill deserves the best thanks of every Man of Business for his generous endeavours to render travelling & residing in this wild & romantic district at once profitable to the fine feelings of the mind and comfortable to the person. His Lordship's "Guide Hotel" beautifully situated on the Clady River, and in the vicinity of the grandest scenery of which the County of Donegal can boast, commands all the accommodation, which visitors accustomed though they may have been to more fashionable places of resort, can desire; and on these terms the amelioration of his Tenantry, and the Agricultural improvement of his Estate in this part of Ireland, added to the gratitude of the various parties who reside at this Hotel, must afford to his Lordship that which he alone wishes - not a reward - a pecuniary remuneration - but a lively & humanized satisfaction at facilitating and enlarging the comforts of his fellow beings. The only defect, if indeed it may be taken into account in estimating the value of this establishment, is the badness of the roads, and the

in the immediate vicinity of the Cause, but in the different lines leading to it, for which certainly not Lord George Hill but the Grand Jury of the County are somewhat reprehensible

The Experience of the Subscribers fully testify to the above, and to the persevering assiduity and uniform attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham to carry out the laudable and disinterested intentions of his Lordship

"Speed The Plough"

Quidors

- 4 Dec 1845 David Sharp, Londonderry
- 4 Dec 1845 J. D. Morrison Belfast
- 4 Dec 1845 Denis M. Cullough Ballyvaughan
- 4 Dec 1845 late of Dawn Lauff, Drogheda

This being my first visit to this part of the country and staying on a wet strong day was very glad to meet with a warm reception at the Hotel where every thing was very comfortable and for the sake of the Public Proprietor I shall say nothing about the Ballyvaughan and that of Francis Forster as to the scenery I shall say nothing about it there being a continual mist over it. I think a great deal may be left to the imagination of the reader.

Donegal 7th 1845

M. Young

Lord Hill's Estate should be capable of 60 ps per acre I hope he may have the kindness to return it to Mr Cunningham who will write to my residence

2nd April 1845 Mr. McSp. Boland

Mrs. This cloak was it appeared

dropped on the road within 58 Stephens Green, Dublin
found in the ditch, and forwarded to Mr Boland
in a few days after his visit here
these alterations in the Dublin Department
would not be out of order
A Dublin Tea would make this more intelligible

came here with my father at 2 afternoon killed by dog
tent before dinner lost fly, was hairs can mind with
yellow black hackle mist, so far from our looking
any thing we found a spew on the road before
the bridge perhaps the lost clock may turn up in
the same way (true, so it did).

April 1st 45

April 2nd Very wet - "Strange" was passing strange!

Lieutenant Pitt Royal Engineer in passing
my inspection of the Barracks at Rathfriland
having had occasion to stop for a day & night
at Lord George Hill's hotel at Quidors has
deserved the attention and comfort of the
establishment

10th April 1845

We the undersigned were residing at the Guide Hotel a week during which time we enjoyed every kind of attention and experienced as much comfort as it was possible to receive at any Hotel in the Country - or Dublin

W. Adams Deputy S. Gen. Court of
 J. W. W. Deputy S. Gen. Court of
 W. W. Deputy S. Gen. Court of

Having stopped at the Guide Hotel two nights we can bear testimony to the comfort & of the house had excellent fishing & intended visiting at

11th May 1844
 J. W. W.
 W. W. W.

We slept here for one night & found every reason to be satisfied with the comfort of the accommodation & the civility of the Landlord & Landlady.

May 12 1844
 Wm. W. W.
 Wm. W. W.

I found this a most comfortable Hotel and experienced every civility from the Landlord & Landlady - I got a very good horse & went the neighborhood -

24 May 1844

The accommodations and attention at the Guide Hotel are unexceptionable

June 7th 1844

J. W. W.
 E. W. W.
 M. W. W.
 Catherine W. W.
 James W. W.
 John W. W.

We stopped here, last night, & were delighted to find such good accommodation

June 8 1844

Jas W. W.
 D. W. W.

In "Sydney" fashion we have been in search of the picturesque for the last three weeks and have found it, my own Summit Mountain bog & Lake have found also right foot stables and the best of foot chur together with marked attention and civility. Thanks to Lord George & May have been ordered of the Bishop's kind take place of bog & heather & the valleys short for joy. We left his Dublin County towards the coast of Antrim arrived Derry & here taken least expected found the greatest comfort.

27th June 1844

J. W. W.
 W. W. W.

I have fished in the River, & rowed on the Lake,
Climbed over the Mountain, & seen through the lake,
Have strolled round Bungey, Loch, sandbank & stone,
Eat, drunk, and been happy. Success to Guidons

June 29th 1844 Ralph C. Swetten
Profsgarros

Having sojourned two days and a
night at the Hotel of Guidons. I
feel it due to the Noble proprietor
and the individuals, he has judiciously
selected for its management, to express
my satisfaction of its accommodations
and the attentions of its landlady
and attendants

July 5. 1844 Wm. Haguly
D. F. D.

I found much pleasure in stating
that I found every attention
& comfort at this Hotel

In Commemoration
July 10 1844

There appears but one opinion which
is that nothing can exceed the attention
and civility of any person connected
with this Hotel, unless the comforts
which it affords to the Mountain
traveller.

Chas. Rippe
9th July 1844

I feel much pleasure in stating that I
found every comfort and attention at this
Hotel

Waterbury
July 14th 1844

Major Hill of Brook Hill }
Mr. Greenwood of London } July 19th 1844
Mr. James Hill }
Mr. John Hill }
All perfectly satisfied.

20th Aug 1844
I am so well satisfied with this
Hotel, that I intend to come back
J. O. Woodhouse

I say ditto J. L. Mansfield

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 We understood you much pleased not only with the ex-
 cellent accommodation the Hotel affords, which are
 fully equal to any thing of the kind to be met with in
 England. - If Irish & English Landlords wd follow
 the example set by Lord George Bell, & display the same
 enlightened views, and genuine feelings of philanthropy;
 Civilization wd advance rapidly, there wd be an end of
 all agitation, & cries of Repeal, and the whole Country
 wd read an improved aspect. -

10th August 1844.

John Milford - ^{Cambridge}
 Frederick Milford. ^{Deon}
^{Senior Coll: Cambridge}
 W. Smith - ^{London}
 William Steel

Mr. Chickster of Henry Steffington have every
 reason to feel satisfied with the excellent
 accommodation afforded at the Guisborne
 Hotel - Guisborne Hotel Aug 12. 1844

Who loves the bloom of the upland heath
 The gloom of the deep Ravine
 To trace amidst the vapoury wreath
 The looming Mountain line
 To float upon the lucid Lake
 Beneath a wondrous sky
 To feel the spell of wooded dale
 See "Mountain Majesty"

And who his earthly cares would leave
 For nature wild and free
 For the wide spread moor
 The hoar peak lone
 The blue and boundless sea

Who joys to mark the Purpos high
 The futures glorious Plan
 To guide along the arduous path
 And raise the despondent man
 Let him not haste to distant shores
 Nor seek a Foreign shore
 They wait with smiling welcome here
 To greet him at Guisborne

St. G. August 14 1844

Receipts for the Guisborne Hotel
 first catch an idea and then set about
 with a rifle of brains to garnish it out.
 Here's a sketch for the painter of the point a thought
 of a lake in which small smutty trout may be caught
 among Mountain and valley being seen in lakes
 with mountains to like these if a lake you can make
 like the water of this you may make an island
 Bid adieu to Guisborne and its comforts forever
 W. S. Aug 14 1844

Having stopped two nights with my son at the Sunders Hotel, I have much pleasure in stating that I found the accommodation comfortable all that could be desired.

19th August 1844. Wm. Mayor of London &c.

I have great pleasure in bearing witness to the testimony of the pleasure & respect & kind attention of the host & hostess of the Sunders Hotel to the travellers in this wild region as the basis in the detail of the example set by the noble lord of the soil has generally followed it could no longer be said of Ireland that there was no country for which Nature did more or man less - he who visits this vale will be of the same opinion -

August 23rd 1844 - E. M. Clarke - Curate of Lifford -

Capt. G. Clarke has every reason to be well satisfied with the accommodation, and attention at the Sunders Hotel.

August 25th 1844.

The author of the paper on Ireland in the Edinburgh Review had visited the Sunders Hotel he must have excelled it. I have not room in my paper

his general censure of Irish Inns. It is eminently comfortable which is the highest praise of an Inn. but I wish the writing materials were better for my sake & that of my readers.

August 28 1844

Wm. Senior

I have found this Inn of Guideres the best country Inn it has been my fortune to meet with in Ireland.

Henry Senior

August 28th 1844.

Lt Col: 65 Regt.

Seen & approved E. M. Senior

August 28

W. Senior

I have stopped at the Sunders Hotel and am highly pleased with the excellent accommodation and the kind and attentive courtesy of the host & hostess. Such an Inn amid these wilds is a precious

to the trawler and bespeak the practical
 patriotism of its noble proprietor. May he
 be blessed at seeing the fruition of his
 wishes - the hills & dale, around, rich
 in a fertile soil - teeming with exuberance
 the people rejoicing in the universal
 joy at home made happy by the philanthropy
 of the and kind desposition of their noble
 landlord -
 29 Aug 1844 - John Dobson

1st Sept 1844
 My pleasure in adding my testimony to be down
 in acknowledging the kindness of Mr. Foster
 of the Lincoln House and as I consider that a grateful tenant
 cannot too much appreciate the assistance of their noble
 and worthy proprietors
 Wm Dobson
 Adams & Co. Exch. Off.
 Pall Mall
 W. Hayward Hotel Letter Writing

I feel very great pleasure in
 having an opportunity of recording
 Mr Foster's kindness & attention as
 well as the Comfort & Civility
 I have experienced at the Lincoln
 Hotel.
 W. Hayward
 3rd Sept 1844

Sept 11th 1844
 We think it a duty incumbent on
 us to add our opinion to those already
 written in the Book and to bear
 testimony to the great comfort &
 civility having such good pleasure
 now arrived the beautiful wood
 scenery of Conygal
 Wm. Dobson
 of Dublin
 Mr. Dawson
 of Manchester
 St. Thomas - Leeds
 John Wherry

The 'Man from Manchester' has again
 the pleasure of herein recording the
 civility and attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham
 September 12th 1844

Mr. Hunter has now made a third visit to Gindera and has always
 received so much pleasure from its beautiful scenery and such
 agreeable attention and comfort at the Hotel that he would
 feel grieved if the thought of it did not be his last - having travelled
 here seven years ago. He can contrast all present with a past time
 here and having just now looked upon the various lands sold
 for the purchase should be distributed by Lord George Bagenal
 delighted to witness the blessings (and the appreciation of them)
 resulting from his beautiful postage may be the
 only proof his high feeling of the duties of Property
 long enjoy its best Possibilities
 Sept 12th 1844

The my second visit to the grounds has been
 a scene of great pleasure which I shall long remember
 besides the comfort of the house I have been
 delighted by seeing the garden and comfort of
 the cottage which I have visited on the estate.
 May the noble proprietor be rewarded for the
 pleasure he is procuring to his tenants.
 M. J. J. J. J.

Belmont Sept 18. 1844

A residence of 14 days, with my wife, in this wild & beautiful spot, has
 fully convinced me of the justice of the laudatory remarks contained in the
 foregoing pages... These unanimous opinions are so fully & minutely expressed
 as to leave nothing new for me to add, except the hope, that his Lordship may
 long enjoy the gratitude of a Country to whose improvement he is devoted,
 & the thanks of all Wanderers -

W. Percival, Gent. (of) Bath.

Although the fame of the "Gaidara Hotel" is famous
 since to us in Kosses, the idea one forms of it accord-
 ingly falls short of the reality: & the few praises bestowed
 upon it in this book, excite a sort of local Patriot-
 ism, (if the expression is allowable) which makes
 us proud to see it so universally admitted, that
 there is such an establishment in our vicinity.

V. P. Griffith - Templecrossa Globe.
 E. L. Griffith

Sept 20. 1844

Oh that I had the Pen of Dickens,
 To tell about the Ducks and Chickens;
 But as my Mood is not pathetic,
 I'll not attempt to be poetic:
 Yet this I'll say with all my soul,
 "Right well pleased" is Charley Sproule:
 And if I might his feathers scan,
 So indeed is Mary Ann.

Guydon 20th Sept 1844

Mrs J. W. Houston of Conyngham spent
 of these very delightful days here - & regret being
 obliged to leave this interesting district so soon -
 they have found the Inn most comfortable &
 received the utmost civility & attention from the
 Host & Hostess & attendants. Guider September 23rd 1844

Upon my soul I cannot bring	I think my soul is full of love
my wandering senses when I see	Or else my heart is full of love
Just all away, when she wing	o how of love my heart is full
Like little Fair Elvies	My heart is full of love
So I must try and follow	To see my heart with love full
M.C.'s Wash recipe	and in my heart I have my love

A. J. Hunt. F.R.S.
William MacKay
William Stiles - M.D.

We found every possible attention & respect in
this establishment
Sept. 26. 1844-

We find everything comfortable & excellent
in this hotel & the security well worthy the
attention of the lovers of nature. The im-
proved condition of the presentry does honor
to the care and attention of their noble land-
lord and his indefatigable agent whose hos-
pitality we this day enjoyed at the annual
great picnic to his tenants which was followed
by the distribution of premiums
Guidone 29 Sept 1844

Thomas Fallows
Wm Curtis
John Cook
Robert Patterson
J. L. K. K.

Guidone Hotel 28 Sep. 44

I most heartily affix my name
in the Travellers Book, having enjoyed
here for three days with great comfort
& every convenience; I hope
you may to expect
James Hawes
40 & 41, Poultry
London

Major M^r and Miss G^l have passed two days
at the Guidone Hotel most comfortably; the
arrangements being excellent; the Domestic attention
and civil, and the means of travelling very superior
indeed - A. Pelota 1844.

Neatness and Cleanliness, civility and
attention are the characteristics of this
truly comfortable Inn
Wm. Thornton
Guidone / Toledo. 10. 1844
1 Oct 1844 / J. D. H.

The terms of laudation in which this Hotel
is spoken of, are so varied, and numerous, that
I rather find it difficult to add to them, and
therefore write merely say it is beyond what
could be expected in a district so wild, and
yet so attractive

W. E. H. Letterman

Guidone 4 Oct 1844

Andrew. S. Hamilton has every reason to be well
satisfied with the accommodation and attention
at the Guidone Hotel
October 5th - 1844

Having made a sojourn of three days at the
Guidone Hotel - I have every reason to be
satisfied with its comfortable accommodation
& the civility & kind of its host & household

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I have been most deeply gratified with the
improvements I have witnessed at
Bamberg. - Major de Wintham,
7 Oct. 1844

I have been these days at the Guidon Hotel &
found every thing very comfortable & both Mr & Mrs
Birmingham most attentive.
John Pearson.
Oct. 9th 1844.

I feel much obliged for the great
attention I received at this Hotel
and the accommodation most comfortable
10th Oct 1844
Henry Murgerson

Mr. Seal & Mr. Francis Seal have found
the Hotel most comfortable and by Mr Seal
had George Hill for the Madras collection they
have received from their
Guidon. - 12 Oct. 1844.

Cold was the wind, and bleak the moon,
And became the decay road,
But Oh! how different with Guidon,
And he in place of whom I made this ode.
Oh! poor is the pain my pen can lecture, (true)
And but little it adds to his fame,
I give it, this little it may one day prove,
And spread, and flourish, in flowers of his name
October 19th 1844
40 & 44, Poultry
London

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We have passed four Days at the Guidon Hotel, during
which time we have witnessed a most interesting scene
as between Landlord & Tenant, the result of whose
mutual exertions has shown itself a ready &
the improvement of the Land in the comfort &
convenience desired to the Occupiers in their Dwellings,
May every success attend such laudable exertions
& may the example make a deep Impression upon
& be followed by all Districts requiring similar
Attention. Lord George Hill has been most ably
seconded by Mr Francis Forster, who by his zeal &
Talent has practically carried out all the
truly benevolent views of his Employer.
We found the Hotel most convenient &
comfortable & Mr & Mrs Birmingham kept it
very well & creditably.

Mr Downshire
Miss Hine
A. S. Cline
Mr Hill
A. Edwin Hill
Sincerely,
R. Downshire
Guidon Hotel
23rd October
1844-

Wish it a duty which rests upon
me to attract the very best
attention of the servants of
his house
Oct 25 1844 W. W. W. W.

I had heard much of the improvements made by
Lord Geo. Bell at the wild Gyrdon, and was easily
induced by a valued friend to accompany him, & spend a
few hours at this hotel - The day having turned out very
dull, & we being thoroughly drenched with rain, we were
glad to remain for the night - The polite attention and
kindness of the noble Minister & his excellent agent, we
never deem made comfortable - I enjoyed the accommodation
of this excellently-arranged establishment. I was deeply
interested in hearing, & hearing of, the judiciously- formed, &
well-carried out plans, for promoting the comfort, prosperity,
& happiness of his Lordship's tenants; nor can I refrain
from here recording the earnest desire that other Lords
may visit this country, & imitate the noble example set
them here.

Gyrdon
Oct. 30. 1844.

Henry Carver

Having heard much of the wild and
beautiful scenery of the Gyrdon, I was
induced to visit it & I have found it
to surpass all I had heard of it.
I hope the noble Lord who has built

the most convenient & comfortable residence
for travellers, deserves the grateful
acknowledgments & thanks of all his
fellow-countrymen for having given
a practical example of what
good may be done by a noble
generosity guided by benevolence
and intelligence. He has done
more by his personal example
than all the fanciful schemes
of demagogues & interested politicians
J. P. Parkinson

I fully agree with the foregoing & consider
that the Reclamation of Waste Land which is
in progress in this wild district, should be a sufficient
inducement to prevent many persons from emigrating
to America &c. &c. and turn their attention to
improving their native Country and spending
their money and energies for the advantage of
"Old Ireland"
Guidore Hotel

J. Henry Parkinson
Richmond Place St. George's Dublin
3rd Nov 1844
Henry Parkinson, Jun
Tudor House Dalkey

" "

I have now spent two nights in this
Hotel and could not wish for more
comfortable accommodation &c &c

Nov 12. 1844

Henry Stacy Crisp M.D.
London

Again & again in Guider I have been,
 Again & again all its beauties I've seen,
 Yet never have felt ennui, fatigue, or chagrin;
 For all such as do here's a cure cannot fail -
 If you're fond of good Sherry good Port & good Ale.
 Take a bottle of each, and you're cured I'll be bail.

November 15 - 1844

Tim Linkinwater

On Guider Hotel &c.

I've stopp'd in Hotels - I will say of each degree
 From famed London City to my own town Tralee -
 A thousand I've stopp'd in and may add much more -
 But all far eclipsed by Lord G's at Guider.

To you, who the beauties of this scene would view
 The gigantic Arragyle or far-famed Dunluing
 Or surrounding Grandeur. You may well rest
 Your exhausted spirits at Lord G's Guider.

Then long live his Lordship, who deigned to provide
 This retreat of Comfort in Romantic pride;
 Long live our Hostess, of whom I've say more
 And her worthy Consort at Lord G's Guider!!

May Industry daily an impetus gain!
 Lord G - still reigning Lord of our domain,
 Happy each peasant - increasing our store -
 Success then to commerce at Lord G's Guider!

Nov. 18. 1844

J. Crosser

Dec: 10. 1844

Left last night and breakfasted here this morning - much pleased with our
 Chan son - by the way

Refused on my business I came here
 In middle winter - season dear
 With my friend Lucky Lacey
 And also in pulled the Bell
 of the far-famed Hotel

We were not fed by Ravery as a party
 But all that we could wish
 was in our Dinner dish
 And nought for to complain
 Save that our Tavern Bill
 was undischarged by L G Hill
 And that may nevermore be seen
 10 Dec. 1844 Don't

With extreme pleasure We add our certificates to the
 many noble persons who have visited the Hotel
 in favour of its convenience & comfort in this remote
 locality & remind us of Lord Perceval's celebrated
 strains:

- 1. In the desert a fountain is springing
- " In the wide waste there shall be a tree "
- And a bird in the solitude singing
- " It speaks to my spirit of thee "

Guider 10 Dec 1844

P. Petersole
 John Lacey

The attention of the servants of this house is
much to be deplored by ~~all~~ ~~and~~
Decr 21st 1844 (The pen of ~~Wm~~ ~~Wm~~ ~~Wm~~)

I have spent these days here and am much
pleas'd with the civility & attention of the
whole establishment. had I seen guided
Hotels & Lodges like Lord George Hill
English travellers could not complain
of want of cleanliness & attention & those
interested in the welfare of the peasantry
would see what can be effected by judicious
management & kind heartedness on the
part of Landlord & Agent

Henry Smith for
Guided Hotel - Jan'y 7. 1844

I arrived here last night at Eleven O'Clock very cold
and hungry (not being able to get any dinner or
lunch at Dunblow) found every person in Bed
in a ^{few} moments. Had them roused and had
a most comfortable supper nothing could equal
the comfort of the Bed rooms and the attention and
civility of the domesticks

James W. Deane
Guided Hotel 21 February 1845

Have again perused this excellent house
& can fully testify to all the good things
said of it in this book -

May that best of Noblemen who has been
the promoter of ^{all} the good in this neighbourhood
long live to enjoy the pleasing reflections
which the performance of such goodly
deeds is always sure to bring in the hearts
which wish of. Satisfactory

Guided Hotel 25 July 1845

With the first part of the above
I fully agree.
And to the latter I say

Amen
Guided Hotel 25 ¹⁸⁴⁵ ~~1844~~ ~~1845~~ ~~1845~~

It is unnecessary for us to add one word of
comment ~~to~~ to the many testimonies which this
book contains of the attention and kindness of the
Landlord and Landlady of this hotel heartily agree
ing in all that has been said in their favour

1st March 1845
Andrew Mackie
James McConnel

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Every met with every comfort during
my stay here. I had much pleasure
in adding my humble testimony here.
20 March 1845. Geo. S. Plunkton.
1845. - Quilmore.

Mr & Mrs. S. S. Plunkton, & (Mrs. S. S. Plunkton) with their
two daughters stayed one night at this Hotel
& were much pleased with all the arrangements.
They were also highly gratified at the com-
mencement made of converting a barren
soil into fertile fields & from the progress
already given there is no doubt of ultimate
success & thus a practical example will be
given to the surrounding country of what
industry can accomplish - If land lords &c. will
more generally give positive proofs of the capability
of the soil & a little assistance to recovering industry,
they will not witness such crowds of emigrants
to America as the writer has met on his
way here - Let them purchase the system
recommended by Lord G. Hill & they will
soon see their tenants add to the comfort of
the present miserable people & in place of
wretched huts & a wretched population
own fields & a happy people.

Apr. 21. 45

In Comfort's sake stay at Quilmore

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Lord & Lady Doncaster left this Hotel with
much regret after passing away happy
weeks in it & only hope they may at some
future time revisit it.
Quilmore April 27. 45.

Henry Starnell at Dungloe & did
which some is a horse, with fallow.
We determined to go
to the Inn at Quilmore.

In due time we arrived
free of hunger & deformed.
With contentment we will go
Back again to Dungloe. -
G. S. H.

Before leaving Quilmore I must say every
comfort needed for the wants of man may be
found at the Quilmore Hotel and the attention
paid by Mr & Mrs Cunningham is unceasing.
I hope the pious and amiable Nobleman may
find his labours in this part of Ireland blest not
only in supplying the temporal wants of the
people. But that his efforts for their spiritual
good may be crowned with success is the prayer
of
Benjamin Lewis Thomas
Quilmore 29. May 1845

Should any friend or acquaintance of mine read these lines, let me recommend them to make this Hotel their head quarters, till they have explored the beauties of this part of the Country - and the improvements made by its munificent landlord - they will find in this Establishment every thing comprised in the word Comfort - it being conducted more like the residence of a private gentleman, than any Hotel I ever visited - & the most moderate charges -

I have been here some days with my son & daughter. & with them visited the Stores at Dunbeg. we had the pleasure of meeting Lord George Hill who kindly accompanied us, and pointed out the various improvements made on that part of his lordships property - A most gigantic undertaking, in this wild but highly interesting district - affording a bright example how much may be effected by judicious management - by a landlord residing upon his estate. Lamenting to the moral & social condition of his tenantry -

Quisore Inn
May 30th 1845

Wrightly Hill

John King of Elm House
I am pleased to ~~fully~~ agree with
the above. Justice Girdle & they
are fully agree with above remarks
I need add no more than wish it
were the Duke's Lord this best of
luck -
April 3rd 1845

On the 7th June 1845 I arrived at the
Gundee Hotel to look over the Dunluwy
Plots in company with the Rev^d R
Binnery & was much delighted
to find such a beautiful home
in this Hotel affords particularly
in a district where a few years
since such an establishment
was not known by name -
I was especially with the attention
of the landlord & landlady &
the house combined with its
very reasonable charges -

The whole reflects good man-
agement on the part of
Lord George Hill & his Agent
J. J. Hill Esq. to both of whom
I am indebted for great kindness
& attention -

Gundee Hotel
June 18. 1845

James Russell
Adglatt

To the many incensems passed
 in this excellent Hotel by them
 who have preceded us, we
 beg to add our approval
 having experienced a day
 and a night of its comforts
 and good cheer, and the
 kind and ever to be remembered
 attention of the noble landlord
 and his Agent.

Wm. & Mrs. Gannon, Dublin
 52, Leeson St.

Mr. & Mrs. Butter, Stony, Portland, Co. Liff.

A very interesting place truly
 comfortable & creditable to heart
 & enterprise of Lord Hill

Wm. & Mrs. Gannon
 Co. Liff.

We the subscribers have passed a very happy day and
 night here, which happiness has been very much
 by the comfort and attention which we have enjoyed -
 Grand Hotel 25th June 1845

Wm. & Mrs. Gannon
 Wm. & Mrs. Gannon
 Wm. & Mrs. Gannon
 Wm. & Mrs. Gannon

July 18 45

Mr. Bay, Mr. & Mrs. Gannon &
 Mr. Davis arrived yesterday after
 a very interesting drive from
 Dunfanochy & have very much
 to say for the good of the
 Inn together with those of
 Dunfanochy & Mr. Gannon's
 We recommend all tourists
 as a resort to Mr. Gannon's
 Inn at the Old Mill near Dunfanochy

From Talca's Curra Mesa,
A valley past across the moon,
Leads to the valley of "Grados",
Where every comfort is in store.

A home suited for the stranger,
In comfort, quiet, and free of danger,
With beautiful scenery around,
Where mountains, rocks, and lakes abound.

All that is wished for can be got,
In this most sequestered spot,
The most fastidious Epicure
Can be richly repast provided.

Although the rain in torrents fell,
And hid the lofty Casapalca,
We ventured out across the steep,
To see the far famed Salmon Leap.

Very long "Grand Quilka",
Long like Lord G. Hill!
The noble prospect;
Of the sea, the land, and hills.

In "Sanctuary of Delmas",
This is the place for me,
Your friends will wish,
To see the more than true home
to be repeated, and
sung.

And the Island Male Ring,
From "Whithead" to Cape "Chico",
All finishing in concert,
With the Secretary chosen,
July 1845

Mr. B. M. Wilson, Scotland, with
Mr. John Good, Hill Street, Suffolk,
arrived here on the 26th June and for
arrived the 1st July and were highly
pleased with the comfort and excellent
experience during their sojourn.

Nothing can be better or more com-
fortable than the "Quilka" Hotel.

Wm. Stewart
D. Stewart
Wm. Stewart

The Quilka Hotel deserves the greatest
praise for the neatness & regularly execution
displayed - I spent two days here & am en-
thralled with all I have seen, as for the beauty
of the scenery around I think nothing can
exceed it - Dunlochy a short way from
this, is a lovely spot with mountains, lake,
river & trees to render it perfection. The
agreeability of our sojourn here has been
greatly heightened by the society of Mr
Forester who has had a great share in all the
improvements. A.D. July 16th 1845

It gives us much pleasure to read over
 your acquiescence in the opinion
 of our young friend & fellow traveller
 & to see the admirable arrangement
 & perfect vicinity of every thing in the
 establishment of the Guidons Hotel.
 During our two days stay here we have
 visited a few of the improvements so
 admirably projected, and carried out
 by the Noble Proprietor Lord George Hill
 & his indefatigable Agent, our particular
 and valued friend Sir Foster.
 We leave with much regret, hoping
 we long to return & see how much
 can be effected in a district almost
 neglected & almost, by a patient and
 humane, in "well doing" and we
 beg to add our most sincere wishes
 for his Landlord's success in so
 philanthropic an undertaking.

Josiah de Groot

July 16th 1845 -
 William Blacker of small farm notoriety
 & his humble pupil James Hewitt travelled
 through the Guidons Estate accompanied by
 Francis Forster by on Thursday July 10th 1845
 & slept at the Guidons Hotel that night.
 The success of Lord G. Hill's endeavours amply
 deserved by the spirit with which they were
 carried on surprised them both.
 They found the Hotel most comfortable.
 One thing only has been neglected in these improvements

that only appears to have failed, viz Plantations,
 most important point both as to beauty & shelter
 one of those gentlemen being himself a Planter &
 having bought experience by repeated failures & failed
 by ultimate success, begs to suggest the immediate
 draining of all the plantations by drains
 foot deep cutting the ground into squares
 of not more than 4 or 5 yards in diameter.
 The sods taken out of the drains to be laid on
 the upper side not scattered. Should this
 not be done in time to save the trees at present
 planted, & should the ground be replanted, the
 writer recommends the trees to be used to be Sweet
Birch, Alder, but above all Scotch Fir in the
 most boggy places. He recommends them
 to be notched into the deep Bog & planted in
 large holes where the gravel is near the
 surface. Should this plan be adopted he will
 answer for the success of the Plantations on the
 sides of the Hills least exposed to the West
 J. H.

Came to see "Guidons Hotel" & adjacent scenery
 with curiosity. Highly gratified especially by the
 improvement of Sir G. A. Hill. His example should
 be followed by all the Sandlings of the peer
 in the Emerald Isle. Long life to his Lord-
 ship. My best wishes to Mr & Mrs. Clonmogh
 for their kind hospitality. A kind remembrance
 from me to Mr. Poterham Agriculturalist &
 Japan Agent of Hotel. May I see May I see
 my face among them all
 18th July 1845 - J. J. May, Esq. Pres. Pres.

74 I am lost in admiration of the amazing con-
 trast between vegetation and, carbonation, pre-
 sents in this immediately adjacent scen-
 ery. Not only the gentlemen,
 who carry out by views describe momen-
 tary pieces. These are, then, examples
 motives throughout we would prevent
 through part of melancholy country the
 showing and, in a distant country of
 why, our system must, more of
 external improvement. The Gaudon
 Inn, is a party of Edinburgh, Dub-
 lin, &c, with much, cheaper, for-
 Charles Allen
 Come and see from all quarters!!
 The boat on the river presents the ap-
 pearance more of a, marvellous than
 natural, or artificial, movement
 C. Allen
 The writer of the above ^{has} not ^{been} ^{permitted} ^{to} ^{visit} ^{the} ^{mountain} ^{and} ^{putty} ^{partly}
 Most fully Prof. ^{Shakespeare & Allen}

The whole house is furnished here just
 pleasure in adding next to all the other necessaries
 present on the comfort of the Gaudon Hotel

Elizabeth Brown
 William Athens & family
 W. M. M. M.
 Krupp & Co
 W. H. M. M. M. M. M. M.
 W. H. M. M. M. M. M. M.

Guidone Inn
 I have got no time to write a yarn
 On the several charms this Inn presents
 But I found in all, from Bed to Barn,
 Bar, Board and Bed - Head, Hall & Shed -
 What our craving nature most contents -
 An "Oasis in the desert" here -
 We find it all we wish in cheer
 En passant, July 26/45. Dr. F. Ryan P.L.C.
 My dear, dear friends -
 "May Peace be about thee whenever thou art."
 "May life cum into thee as one Cummerbund."
 "And all that ^{with} ^{the} ^{midst}, and all that thou lovest."
 "Some smiling around ^{and} ^{the} ^{lucky} ^{pray!}"
 Magnificent scenery - excellent
 Hotel - comfortable accommodations
 civil attendance - in every
 thing expectations surpassed
 August 5, 1845. W. H. Stack & Son
 Gaudon Inn

will we
 soon meet
 again, asking
 "the who
 of Belgium
 with you
 - from
 20/12/45

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 I visited the friar's house with a party
 consisting of eleven and found every
 comfort we could desire with one exception
 which shall take the liberty of mentioning
 as consistent with truth I found the land
 I slept upon too small for two persons but
 in all other respects we were most
 comfortable and well
 attended. I have much reason to thank
 the noble proprietor of the castle for the
 accommodation which he has provided
 & which is so very valuable to ladies &
 gentlemen desirous to visit the almost
 unknown beauties of the wild and
 bold & interesting scenery of this part of
 the County of Down, which is not in
 any opinion must be surpassed by any part
 of Ireland I have visited.

J. J. Macdonald
 5. July 1845.

As I will reach the place well
 to see our moment at his feet
 I shall be glad to see you
 in person at the castle

I am
 Yours
 J. J. Macdonald

It is impossible not to feel, & difficult to keep expressing,
 when this Book is put into ones hand, a sentiment of respect
 and admiration for the enlightened Nobleman who
 has literally made "the wilderness of the solitary place
 to be glad, the desert to rejoice & blossom as the rose".
 The establishment of a school for the training of the
 young, & of that truly wise, benevolent & patriotic
 Institution - the Store, settles him to, & has already
 earned for him that most grateful of all earthly
 rewards the blessings of the poor, & of those who were
 ready to perish & will prove a monument to his
 renowned memory more lasting, more inviolable,
 and far more unmistakable than inscriptions
 on Stone & Marble. — Nor are the thanks & gratitude
 due to Lord George Hill, of the Traveller, who
 finds in this well ordered & most comfortable
 hotel another proof, of his cordial home "with business
 & bosom" of his Lordships noble & generous spirit.
 Nothing can exceed the neatness, cleanliness &
 attention of Mr & Mrs Galloway.
 6 Aug. 1845
 William, Edin. Coll.

13 Aug. 1845. Three days passed here have afforded to myself
 & my family much to interest, pleasure, & amuse, in the
 improvements making in the neighbourhood, & in the sur-
 rounding scenery. We have found every comfort in the
 hotel, and hope this expression of the satisfaction we have
 enjoyed may in some degree tend to the satisfaction &
 enjoyment of all parties to whom we, & among whom
 indebted for that enjoyment.

J. J. Macdonald
 St. Ann's

Lucerne Quilose

August 14th
1845

W. Hamilton

Having occasion to visit this part of the country accompanied by some friends, I feel particular satisfaction in being able to speak of this Hotel in the most favorable terms. The accommodation it affords is most comfortable, & the attention of the persons to whose management it is entrusted is every thing that could be desired.

E. Perry

August 15th
1845

The rapid march of civilization for many miles around this singular spot is one of the most interesting spectacles I have ever witnessed. The enterprise, the energy & the courage which have distinguished such an undertaking, as the Dunbar Street alone claim the sympathy of every lover of his country, and inspire his prayer to the giver of all good that complete success may crown the work. The Hotel is the house of a private gentleman - admirably managed - and in the warm-hearted attention & courteous civilities towards strangers by the noble host - the traveller will have his mind recalled to the far famed St. Bernard. The Hotel at Grimsby will be found comfortable. Although there is a want of abundance which ought to be remedied - The tourist is strongly recommended to see the Caves and cliffs of Horn Head, as far as Mr. Birnie's gun & Bay - the usual practice being to take the steamer only to Horn Head Point.

Aug. 15 - 1845 -

Antonielle Macmillan

Mr. W. Hamilton I am much pleased with the hotel which we found very clean & comfortable & the persons to whose management it is entrusted merit attention & civil. I shall much pleasure in recommending it to our friends
W. Hamilton
16th Aug. 1845

We have been much pleased with the attention paid to us and the comfortable accommodation we have had at this Inn. The charges appear very reasonable.

"great review"

J. O. Woodhouse
J. W. Woodhouse
Mary Woodhouse
Charles Woodhouse

16th Aug. 1845,

One of the greatest pleasures in travelling, is the arrival after a weary journey at a clean & comfortable Hotel, such will be found here, & connected with the system of improvements which surrounds it, cannot fail in producing satisfaction to all who visit the wild districts.
Aug. 16, 1845

We have been much pleased with the accommodation afforded in this Hotel & the attention of the servants.

19th Aug. 1845

John Mitchell
John Macdonald
Thomas

It is with much pleasure we have
 the opportunity of expressing our
 gratification of the great comfort
 civility and attention we have
 experienced in the Guidone Hotel

20th August
 1845.
 To Neville
 Pettitt Irvine
 Tuesday

21 August 1845. Climbed Erigallid from its
 edge counted 24 lakes. Time from the foot
 to the foot again 2 hours & three quarters.
 Our line of ascent directly up the scarpment
 difficult & even dangerous. Our descent
 by the shoulder of the hill an easy &
 pleasant track & the summit repaying
 every labor by a view of wonderful
 sublimity

J. J. Paget & Senior



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The Resignation

When last I crossed this Mountain Waste
 I sought and found Guidone
 And felt such comfort round me placed
 I'd never ask for more
 Again I crossed the dreary wild
 Again I sought Guidone
 But fewer comforts round me smiled
 Of all that I had before
 No room or bed I now I had
 But had to attend gone
 Nor yet what I'd be valued most
 No home to bear me on
 And yet with all I feel resigned
 Nor the any one feel less
 Who thus Guidone like me shall find
 All craves to excess

J. J. P.
 - see Page 75 -

We have had a good opportunity of witnessing
 the manner in which the house so convenient
 for the Tourists & Travellers is conducted during
 our stay here which has been about a week; the
 situation is delightfully situated in the midst
 of wild mountains the scenery of which will
 be highly enhanced when the time arrives that
 the valleys shall be made to wave their heads
 of crowning corn. Oh! What a delightful change
 in the contemplation of which we must stop
 to pay encomiums to the skill & energy display

ed by the Landlord Lord G. A. Hill & his
Agent in their various improvements in bring-
ing the useless wastes into a state of beneficial
utility. The Hotel & Buildings are fine
& substantial & well suited to afford comfort
to the traveller who may reasonably expect
to find that attention & ease which is so
desirable at such a time; from the circum-
stances of our having met with the aforesaid
civility we consider it our duty to express it
in these few words & hope that all future
comers may experience the same at the
this famous Windsor Hotel. From the
quantity of Travellers who have arrived here
during our sojourn here we think if a Coffee
Room was added it would be very desirable.

August 22nd 1845.

James Russell
Carm. Russell
John Russell
Henrietta Russell

23 August 1845

Having enjoyed the beauties of the wild mountain
scenery in this neighbourhood - I beg to recom-
mend to visitors at this hotel not to let slip
the opportunity of a similar enjoyment - the
view from the boat & the beautiful scenery
along the river will amply repay the labour

of the ascent & the distance. ⁴⁰⁰ But may be rejoined
The great improvements at Bomby must excite
surprise as their extent & admiration for their
skill & the poor of this County would. While the
accommodation at the Hotel & the attention of the
house keepers are such as to make any person
regret having to leave it.

John B. Poyne

Ballymacroot

I visited this Hotel & found every thing
to the satisfaction of all our party.

23rd 1845

R. M. F. T. C.

No. 100

We also visited Bomby & were amply repaid by the fine scenery
around, and by the extensive, and well arranged buildings erected
there, and particularly the Store which must be a great accom-
modation to this wild & extensive district. In fact the improvements
altogether, evidence the sentiments of a true Philanthropist in Lord
George Albion, who personally inspects, and takes the most lively
interest in the comfort and welfare of the people ~~and~~
around him.

Sept 3 - 1845

The Duke, Earl of Devon, & the
Marquess of Winchester

We were much gratified with our visit to the
4th Sept. 1845.

Andrew Crawford

John Crawford

Wm. Crawford

Henry Crawford

I have at last realized a long formed wish of seeing the scenery and improvement going on in this part of the Country with regard to the former very few parts of the Alpine or Pyrenean District equal the views of Puyal & Muckish but in short the contrast between the Mountain scenery round the Hotel and the richer Country between it and the ferry at Plameton by which way we came makes me astonished that so many of our Country People spend their time & Money in visiting distant scenes so inferior in every respect to what they have witnessed the two last days.

But the principal object of my visit here was to see the improvements made in this State, and to get acquainted with Mountain Properties who are best capable of forming an opinion of the features of this Country ten years ago, the wonderful change that has been effected, can only be appreciated. The improvement in the social condition of the people and the rapid development of the natural Resources of the Country have been conducted in so judicious a manner as to insure success. None of the prejudices that must have abounded amongst a people hitherto shut out from all knowledge of what was going on in other parts of the Country by want of roads or communicating with any individual capable of understanding them, were interposed with that hasty or violent way that has often impeded useful improvement in other Districts. In short it would take far more space than I could presume to occupy, to express the gratification I have felt in accompanying the Proprietor of this Property through places the changed appearance of which must afford the best recompense to a benevolent mind for the trouble and expense incurred in effecting it.

Had the pleasure of being accompanied by Col. Knight & his son whose sense of the beauty of this place & the comfort of the house is well shown in their being his second visit this year, and also by Mr. W. Blunt of Durham who fully participated in all that I have said of the Management of the Estate and the Scenery through

which we have passed - The Hotel whether respect of the sleeping accommodation, the living or the attendance, was managed in the same manner I would wish to see in any private family and though last night there were nearly double the number in it that it could accommodate there was neither hurry nor confusion or inconvenience

3rd Sept 1845

Robt. Bateson of Bastwick

The spirit of the interesting late Colony of Guiana has exerted a cheering influence over our minds, and bids us hope that the bright and philanthropic examples of its spirited proprietor may be so extensively followed, that the wretchedness and misery produced by bad & persecuting (but happily, bygone) laws, and a want of kindly interest in the welfare of the people, may speedily disappear, and peace and happiness reign over our lovely Land. - The Name of Lord George Maitland will live long in the memories, and his kindness & politeness shall ever be gratefully felt by

James & Isabella Thomson Stewart
 Hoyle Bank - Bedford

X For Foster too, I have a stroke
 Long may he live to catch a joke
 And with his laughter-brambling eye
 Cheer the pains of poverty!

The Guiana Hotel has everything of Comfort & Convenience to recommend it

September 5th 1845

X On bread

It is said by a pleasing poet
 that a certain lord's apartment to the
 I do not think it so with
 as the former you approach the more
 are you surprised and delighted
 S. H.

"Comparisons are odorous" as Dryden
 says; but if any visitor to this hotel
 be dissatisfied with its comforts, I
 recommend him to pass a night at
 Pezley's Hotel Dunglea, the next stage
 South. However mean, he will there be
 sufficiently entertained, & though he may
 not dream, yet will the joys of memory
 not forsake him, as he lies the live-
 long night, when he remembers Gweedore.

The Campbell's Visitor
 Sept. 5th 1845. — The Times' Commissioner
 And to say I. 22nd April 1846. M.H.

We see Mr Robert Andrews remained at the Gweedore
 Hotel from the evening of the 4th until the morning of
 the 6th of September, gratified by the polite attention
 & courtesy of the owner of the estate & his excellent
 & indefatigable agent who happened to be there
 at the time; and delighted by being eye-witnesses
 of the movement in the right direction, which has
 been made on the Gweedore Estate, for the social
 & moral elevation of the wretched & previously neglected
 inhabiting the district. Matthew L.D.

In visiting the Gweedore Estate, the mind
 unavoidably turns to the consideration of the proposed
 remedies for the ~~apparent~~ miseries & wretchedness
 of our country. As to legislative interference,
 which is the present remedy, it may be useful
 to prevent inhumanity & injustice, but it will
 be found impotent for good, & may be fraught
 with evil, if it shall endeavor to regulate
 the interior or arrangements of landlords
 & tenants. There are abundance of good
 landlords; but, unfortunately, there are too few
 who have a paternal feeling towards their
 tenants; — a sense of duty that forbids uncharit-
 able interference in what exclusively pertains
 to conscience & to God — a spirit of
 perseverance that yields not under dis-
 appointment, and rises above occasional
 failure — a feeling of love that pities
 that the unweariness & obstinacy of humanity,
 & forgives, not-again times, but seventy times
 seven. A neglected tenantry have no less
 to unlearn than to learn — the eradication
 of bad habits, the cultivation of good. The
 visitor at Gweedore has the opportunity of
 witnessing both, in progress, under a system
 which injudicious legislation might frustrate,
 but no legislation could originate or promote.
 The social & moral condition of man, to a
 great extent, depends on himself — tyranny
 or injustice, if it were attempted, ought to be
 prevented, & barriers ought to be removed, when
 individual exertion could not effect — but it

is a delusion to expect a Legislative path to prosperity — man must work out for himself his social, moral, & intellectual advancement. To teach him how to set about these great & important duties is the first object of the Patriot & Philanthropist — & when well begun, the work is more than half done. Instruction on this principle seems to be the basis of the improvements at Guidore — it is a noble & philanthropic undertaking, conceived with benevolence; commenced & directed, as far as human eye can see, with great judgment & ability; & destined not only to disseminate happiness & prosperity in the district, but to extend those blessings to other regions by the force of the injunction it will convey, to "go & do likewise" (H)

I cannot leave the Guidore Inn, without saying that I found every thing most clean & comfortable throughout the Establishment, & was much pleased with the civility & attention of all connected with it. I regret that the weather prevented me from being able to record the amount of the Enquiry — but I trust it is only a pleasure deferred. Sept 2^d 1845. John Deedes - In Dublin - London -

Most fortunately for the Stranger in this Country he cannot by any possibility make Guidore Hotel his first resting place in Ireland, as the safe dreams of comfort likely to be indulged in from his experience of it in the highest degree here are some to be most cruelly disappointed before he

travels 10 miles in any one direction East West North or South, in fact if he meet so comfortable an Hotel "in all his wanderings thro' this world of care" he may count himself "the son of a white bear" (H) Hamilton
Gallina filus alba 12th Septembris 1845
J. A. Traversmonte
If the poor bitter stranger with Stomach
wants not let him stop for a week at Guidore

We have experienced very comfortable at the Hotel and were much gratified by our visit. Where we were accompanied by Mr. Robertson to whose attention we are much indebted I would be kept for Ireland had she may could be like Lord George Hill And better a gent than the undersigned of my own kind. 12 Sept 1845 James W. Hill C. A. Reed

Spent two nights at the Guidore Hotel & can add my cordial testimony to the many which have preceded, of 4th comfort, & regularity with which this Establishment is conducted — Inspected V. School ^{at Bumbery} & though the numbers are as yet small — all appears to be managed by 4th Master & Mistresses in the best manner — the works of Industry especially — All persons visiting Guidore should make a point of seeing the Stores at Bumbery, & they will be much pleased with the facilities there afforded to V. Inhabitants of these remote parts for disposing of produce of their own Industry & supplying their wants — Lord George Hill has proved himself a disinterested Patriot by all his improvements upon this estate — & did other landlords had with him that Property has its duties as well as its rights — they would see the benedictions of 4th poor — & there would soon cease to be complaints

The Distribution Clerk Mr. Sydney Place North

I cordially agree with the observations of my friend
Mr. Baker with whom I visited this interesting vicinity.
I have found every comfort at this Hotel, my party,
consists of 6 & includes all well. } Mrs. A. Medley,
pleas'd with our journey here }

Mrs. Smith, Miss Barton & Mr. Miss Sinden,
spent three days here, much more would
be spent with the ^{one} party.

Lyons Hotel Sept. 18 1845
Mr. & Mrs. Letham accompanied the above
party and coincide in their remarks.

In the state of this district through the exertions of its present
Noble Proprietor as contrasted with its condition a few years
since, we see what true Patriotism, directed by Intelligence
and the faithful application of Capital, can accomplish.

New Industry, Prosperity & Contentment seem to have taken
Root; where Poverty, degradation and Hell had reigned
and the Powers of doing good is increased by the effort = Effor-
ditous providing Capital. But whilst the Traveller is de-
lighted with the Scenery, and the Agriculturist with the
cultivation of the barren waste, let neither overlook the moral
Principle which pervades the whole, on which is inscribed
"Holiness to the Lord". Such an undertaking conducted on
such Principles cannot fail of blessing and being blessed.

Whilst we have every thing to commend in the Hotel
and its arrangements, every thing else is of so much greater importance
that it seems idle to dwell upon these.

- Geo. D. Mansfield
Elizabeth Mansfield
John C. Mansfield
James A. Mansfield
Robert Mansfield
- W. Mansfield
Henry L. Mansfield
T. Mansfield
J. Mansfield
- 25 Sept. 1845

My first (Orthography aside,
And all its cramping letters,
Pray with the sound be satisfied,
No scan too close the letters.)

My first is He whose prowess shew
A magnet famed in story;
My next encloses to the view,
Or bars, the way before ye.

My Touth while holy thoughts I sigh -
Can bid man's bosom thrill,
Shall link in undissolving tie
Humanity and Hill!

W. Acker Butler, A.M.

Top of Evrigal, Sept. 26. 1845.

We are most willing to record our opinion of the comforts of this
Inn and the civility and attention which we have experienced
within its walls - Mr. Cunningham accompanied us to Quaker
and gave us every information respecting the former & present
state of the Country round. The wonderful improvements which
have been already effected in this vale & round district
confer the highest honor on the mind that conceived and the
certain spirit which has carried out a system of practical
and lasting benefit to the Country.

- J. J. Hamilton Humphreys
14 York Street London Wm.
- John Humphreys
Milton Down, Strathmore
J. P. Humphreys
- John Humphreys, C. P. Humphreys, Annie Humphreys
Strathmore, Sept. 26. 1845.

2 Hours to the top, with 25 minutes rest. 40 minutes descent.
We strongly recommend John P. Down as a Guide.

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We spent a night & day here
and found everything remarkably
comfortable. I would enter more
fully into all the praise
the place deserves were it not
nearly impossible to write
with this pen

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Sep 27th 1845

Susan Read
A. D. Ford

We the undersigned having visited this
truly interesting locality on the 27th Sept 1845,
cannot think of taking our departure
without bearing testimony to the meritorious
efforts that have been made to carry out
the intention of a benevolent Landlord
to ameliorate the conditions of his people.

In respect of progress in the short period that
has elapsed since Lord George's commencement
his improvements would show utter unac-
-quaintance with the numerous obstacles
and difficulties that have to be overcome,
and the time necessary to effect such changes
in the appearance of so singularly wild a
district as to come up to the standard of
the more favoured; but so practical have it
must be evident that a vast deal has been
done towards accomplishing the immediate
object of the first proposition, with a certainty
of his ultimate reputation being fully realized
the more only commend with respect to the Hotel

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that we found very comfortable and
that could be desired -

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The Hon. Mr. George Eden
The Hon. Mr. Charles Fox

Simply breakfasted here after a visit drive
from Southampton, and then walked over
to Lyndhurst to see the Stone School as well
which I was much pleased, the Hotel very
comfortable. James Newton London

Sept. 29. 1845.

Visited this neighbourhood for the first time
Sept^r 29th 1845 along with my brother the Rev. R. Ramsey
and we were much pleased with all Lord George's
improvements, and with the very comfortable accommodation
of the Quire Hotel - J. H. Ramsey
W. H. W. W.

We the undersigned were present at the Annual Ex-
hibition & distribution of prizes to the most industrious
tenant labourers of the tenants on the Quire Estate.
We were highly gratified with all we saw & we beg our
respects for the progress & improvement in all the schools
in the neighbourhood.

Wm. H. W. W.
William H. W. W.
John H. W. W.
R. H. W. W.
Wm. H. W. W.
John H. W. W.
Wm. H. W. W.
John H. W. W.
Wm. H. W. W.
John H. W. W.

Guidon Hotel

I walked over here from Dunfanaghy yesterday and have received every attention and comfort in the Hotel which I was surprised to find in so wild & beautiful a part of Ireland. We talking to my poor country man on the way here, I found that Lord George Hill was a subject of envy. I trust many who here it in their power will by seeing the kindly feelings that exist on this estate) remain tho' by going home and doing likewise.

As an Irishman I wish every success to all connected with Lord George Hill.

Wm. Wilson Milford of Belfast
Oct 1845

During a very gratifying visit of 3 days we have received every kind attention at the Hotel, and leave the country full of respect and admiration for the noble Proprietor, and ardent wishes for the complete accomplishment of all his patriotic designs.

Wm. H. Carter of Mallow, Co. Cork

Oct 6. 1845

I have passed this day in examining the improvements on the Guidon Estate, and have been much pleased to witness so much success attending the benevolent exertions of Lord George Hill, to ameliorate the condition of his tenantry. I have passed the evening at this Hotel which has found, a well regulated & commodious establishment.

Wm. Stewart, A. C. S. House

Guidon Oct 6. 1845

We the undersigned have been much gratified with our visit to the Guidon Hotel and feel much pleasure in stating that we have experienced every comfort and attention.

Elizabeth W. Brady

Francis Brady

Jane Brady

We have been here five days and have much gratification in acknowledging the great attention and comfort we have met with. It is really a subject of thankfulness in every point of view!!!

Oct 30. 1845

J. F. Fortescue

J. F. Fortescue.

We have much pleasure in giving our testimony to the comfort and attention which attend visitors to this hotel.

Guidon Hotel, 2nd Nov 1845

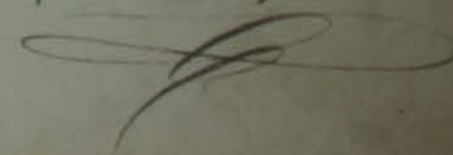
James Hardman

George Hardman

Combined with comfort and economy, you know civility and attention at the Guidon Hotel. Second of none in Ireland; the establishment of such a house as this, in such a locality is with one debate to his lordship's head & heart.

Guidon
8/11/45

John Brown
"of Glasgow"



I have visited the Hotel with increasing
 satisfaction. I trust that the
 Hotel proprietors of the State will be, as a
 reward Providence long spared to a
 grateful tenantry, but I have observed, the
 beautiful inscription in St Paul's Cathedral
 in memory of its architect Sir Christopher
 Wren, would be very applicable
 to Lord G. Hill.

Signaris monumentum, quae circumspice.

E. M. Clark A.B.
 Lifford

Regis Monumentum aere perennius

I have very great satisfaction in restating my
 opinion of the Hotel which I have already re-
 corded in this book, (4 Dec 1845) and have much
 pleasure in adding that the roads leading to
 it are very much improved, which I am per-
 suaded to understand, is altogether owing to the generous
 benevolence of Lord G. Hill. Indeed the improve-
 ments on the Curragh Estate, and the amelioration
 of the peasantry in this formerly neglected district,
 are keeping pace with his Lordship's generous
 intentions, and are advancing rapidly. I cannot
 conclude these hasty remarks without recording
 the words of Captain Sciolan, in proposing the
 health of Lord G. Hill, at the last dinner of the

(over)

St. John's Farming Society, identified as they are with
 my own feelings. "Lord George Hill stands foremost as
 amongst benevolent and improving landlords, and is
 one of whom his Country may well be proud".

Paris Sharp, Londonderry
 December 1845

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I remained three days in the Hotel and
 found the accommodation comfortable and the
 Landlord and servants attention and civil
 O'Wrighton
 15 Decr 1845

Thanks to the Noble Proprietor of Curragh
 He has made me a Parish - 19th Decr 1845
 Brig. H. Holmes Resident Magistrate
 Glenties -

I leave to others to praise the unsearchable
 arrangements, the good cheer, and the hospitable
 treatment which may be found at this most interesting
 spot. I am not insensible to a due regard for the
 creature comforts, nor do I value less than his Honour
 the Duke of the Corns the difference between the Regent
 and the humble hostler of poor Philomena Doyle at Dun-
 beath. I feel that it is possible to praise the one without
 offensively sneering at the other, I too, have seen both.
 but, let us hope the higher things, since my arrival
 here I have for the first time in a long life, been realized
 my long cherished vision of a judicious and well conceived
 project for improving the condition of a population

a remote district of Ireland; here there existed all the difficulties which arise from those insular habits, which are the result of centuries of seclusion; and which are so much opposed to the progress of improvement; here was a sterile soil, an unequal climate, and a total absence of those circumstances calculated to promote an effort at improvement; but, God in his mercy sent a Master Mind; one who uniting ~~the~~ Philanthropy and Benevolence with good sound practical common sense - desired and knew how to do good; and who fully anticipates the most successful results from his admirable arrangements, I have devoted nearly two days to a close examination of the whole system which has been introduced; I could see every thing to admire, nothing to disapprove. By rather a curious coincidence it happens that on this spot I have terminated a circuit of the whole Coast of Ireland; and I can most emphatically declare that on no similar occasion have I experienced so much of the pleasure which the scenes of this day have afforded to me, the happy home and the happy it affords which should have, in ~~no~~ no small degree to be compensated to me for the reflection that I am now 250 miles from my own friends, & the loss of that great mercantile where those who have hearts long for home; of that my man blessed with the same measure of all conveying Blessings on his fellow beings that into the noble individual who has laid this blessed Corporation paper, should throw his eye upon the latter, I would earnestly say to him "God bless you!"

24th December 1845

JMB

I have passed two days in this locality, with the views of the opinions expressed in the preceding pages; and concur in every word he has written. The kindness and comfort experienced at the Guidore Hotel leave nothing to be desired, even at this season, when short comings of good heartedness are so sensitively discernible. To Mr Foster I feel grateful for his urbanity and attention; towards Lord George Hill my feelings can only be appreciated by those, who, after a long and painful journey, find at every step, the goodness of physical comfort and moral elevation, where the climate and position of the Country had led them to expect a barren waste, and the representations of mercenary writers, a debased and unimprovable population.

24th December 1845

John P Brophy
Dublin

(NOTE - on a remark in the preceding page (97) signed - "B. H. Holmes, Resident Magistrate." which see -

If this be true, and you such bliss but prize,
You'll hence be "Resident" in Paradise!
Then thus and here, the Traveller as he roams,
And all beside, shall find their "Happy Homes!"
Whilst "Home, sweet Home" will suit - (let each go tell.)
For Song, or Sentiment, at this Hotel -
- (Commentator.)

Having remained but one night at Guidore I have not had the same opportunity of judging as some of those who have signed their names in this book; however from the specimen I have had of the accommodation &c I can only say that it is my intention to return at a more favorable season of the year.

W. G. G. G.

Having spent the night at Guidare
Hotel I found the accommodations
the servants attend to the guests before you

February 5th 1846

We came at this Hotel today and found
ourselves well accommodated having not spent
a night we can make no further observations
but for the time we remained we found the
charge very reasonable

February 10th 1846

From Coromandel to Jy Labrador
No Inn can equal this O'famed Guidare
Ametit towering mountains reaching to the skies
The hospitable hearth securely lies
Kindness and plenty in thy halls abound
Improvement marks thy features all around
O may thy noble Owner find his high reward
In these outpourings of the travellers regard
May his example throughout Erin be
Followed by those who have the power like he
His his ~~the~~ harbinger of many more
And let each Irish County have its own Guidare

20 Feby
1846

J.B. Porters

I cannot avoid here expressing my warm admiration of
his successful and humane endeavours in favour of his poor
people; and my warm gratitude as a traveller, for the
comforts which his Providence has enabled me to enjoy
in a district where comfort was previously unknown -

I think the Guidare Inn is without exception the most
comfortable that I know whether in Ireland or England
Bed provisions, wines &c the best that can be - and the
civility of Mr. Cunningham the Hotel Keeper and of his
servants nothing can surpass

May 2 - 1846 J. Kennedy

We found the accommodations at Guidare
found every thing comfortable at the Hotel

May 2 - 1846 J. Kennedy

Henry Johnson

The Great Room & the small lounge to take
the many comforts Guidare Home
We have visited this house, where we remained all
night, and were much pleased with the accommodations
and attendance.

Guidare Hotel

May 30 - 1845.

J. G. Clarke
Edmund Smith
J. H. Clark
The Duke of Devonshire

Farewell to the Ropes, & Guidare Farewell
You've shown me much kindness, you've treated me well
You gave me good eating, and capital drinking.
I'll see you again very soon I am thinking

J. D. Fupwell
A. J. P. P. P.

In the early part of January, I had occasion to visit this part of the Country. This Inn was then in progress of Building, there was at that time no place for a Traveller to put up. I had the good fortune to get a dinner (without Bread for there was none to be procured) at Lord Gains Hills apartments at Prouby through the kindness of Francis Foster Esq. How changed are all the circumstances of this beautiful Locality on my present visit June 4th 1840. I am now writing these remarks, in as comfortable an Hotel as can be found in any Country place in the United Kingdom. Beds good, and everything perfectly clear. Good Food, and excellent Wine, and above all good Cooking and attendance, with great Civility and attention. The whole face of the Country in the Valley is changed, owing to the unremitting exertions and kindness of the Noble Proprietor who by example has shown his Tenantry that the soil is capable of growing good Crops if properly farmed. There are at this moment, as fine crops of Oats, Rye Grass & Potatoes growing as in any part of Ireland. I most heartily congratulate his Lordship on the success of his arduous undertaking, which will hand his Name down to Posterity as the Benefactor of Man-kind.

J. Marshall
D. C. G. Great Street

- On a couplet to be found in Page - 105 -

Ah! how would such "thousand tongues" awake,
A deafening thrill o'er moor and Lake!
What awful echoes would issue thence,
From Clady Bridge to the poisoned Glen!
Thou noisy Stentor, why - if able -
Make "Paradise" a Tower of Babel?
Why shock the silent solitude around,
Or disenchant the scene by such a sound?
And spoil the quietness of an Inn;
With a rude - unmeaning - monster - din! -
Well then may we all in heart rejoice,
That you command but a single voice;
And though aspiring, can do no more,
Than loud, in one tongue, renound Glendore.
Harpocrates.

(*see page - 97.)

a heavy fall of snow so that I could not judge
of the improvements so energetically commenced by
Lord Hill and his popular agent Mr Forster for
whom I as well as most visitors here received
very polite attention. Lord Hill is about to enlarge
this hotel and I can recommend Guendon as a
delightful retreat from those who wish for a time
to retire from the noise & impure air of crowded towns.
Guendon June 11th 1846 ~~Forster~~

Mr Nutt and myself after a
stay of four days at the Guidore
Hotel have been agreeably surpris-
ed to find all the favourable
reports of this Establishment,

and the improvements made by
Lord G. Hill fully realized, under
the indefatigable attention of his
agent Mr Forster

Guidore Hotel 14th June 1846
Rich^d. Nutt

The ~~annual~~ immortal bard when he wrote
the above simple but expressive words,
meant to convey the impression of an establish-
ment which the traveller feels perfectly
at home. Such the Guendon Hotel
has been.

The best part of the Stan offer of
regulation & satisfaction of the
is my third visit made within the year,
not for necessity or from business but from
choice.

Hotel -
June 7th 1846. ~~Forster~~
I have just returned to the present region
by my friend ~~Forster~~ who has
promised to supply his own feelings & reports
which may be considered as fully increasing
in these observations.

John Corroy
Curate of Wrenay
Stratford

I have just concluded a visit to this part of the
country and have been staying at the Guendon
hotel for nearly the last three weeks. when I
was very well entertained and found every
thing excellent and extremely comfortable.
My last visit to this neighbourhood was during

105. 106.

G W E E D O R E

If Hospitality and fun you think a treat
At Gweedore Hotel you will with it meet -

Also every comfort you will there get -
If in any place it is to be met -

The Landlord and Agents (without any jest)

To make it comfortable have done their best -

What can you ask what can you wish more

But **GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS TO LORD G. HILL'S G W E E D O R E**

Written by a constant visitor
and a coach hand at Meire

107. 109.

We have spent the last two days at this
Hotel, & found the accommodation excellent
& Mr Cunningham & the servants extremely
attentive; We visited the School, which
appears admirably conducted by Mr & Mrs
Cramer, who seemed well suited to their
situations; We also went to the Stones
and buildings at Buncbeg, which
reflect great credit on the spirit and
enterprise of the Noble Proprietor, we met
with great civility from Mr James
who was kind enough to show us everything
worthy of notice in that locality.

Gweedore Hotel
19th June 1846

W. J. Cunningham
Carranor Lifford
June 20th 1846
Mary Cunningham
J. H. Humphrey
56th Regt

The sublimity of the wild of Donegal
exceeds my most sanguine expectations,
the Hotel is raised in a beautiful spot,
which gives grandeur to its wildness,

The attention & comfort combined with
moderate charges, deserves the warm
commendation of all the lovers of law, peace,
order

Gweedore Hotel
20th June 1846

J. Hill
Chatterham

x Of this comfortable and well kept Hotel we
 think it unnecessary to add anything to the many
 and well deserved encomiums already passed
 upon it by all who have visited it. What is still
 more pleasing is to witness the already satisfactory
 results of Lord Jersey's patient & indefatigable
 exertions, directed by his Agent Mr. Patten, to improve the
 condition of his Tenants by introducing a better
 system of Agriculture, Encouraging Industries and
 Sheep Raising & by discontinuing illicit Distillation
 the fertile source of idleness & intemperance. But
 above all the Moral & Religious Education of the People
 has not been neglected by his Lordship, & we sincerely
 hope his laudable intentions to carry out more
 extensively his plans for this latter purpose will
 be crowned with success.

Graceacre Hotel
 20th June 1840.

J. M. Reed
 Lushie Hill.
 Wm. Mears
 E. Peas O. Down

"I. It was three years since the weary
 Diligence of this ^{has she passed away yet} transitory life, took
 me from the travelling Booth &
 she has during short periods occasi-
 onally come with pleasure some visits
 to spend a night at the quiet and
 comfortable Graceacre Hotel. And observed
 around the gradual improvement of
 the peasantry their cottages & agriculture
 encouraged by the judicious arrangement
 and indulgence of their generous Pro-
 prietor - being a fulfilment of the pro-
 mise to the Righteous - that "whatsoever
 he doeth shall prosper"

In the foregoing pages some visitors
 lament the want of planting - ^{what think of a summer's work} ^{that humbly} ^{of 2000} ^{the} ^{the}
 saying one not permitted to be by
 "Let there be planting" - and perhaps
 were there a font before this man
 "win in his own conceit" he would
 cut it down 'tis in my way -
 but let him wait patiently the
 Blessings of Divine Providence
 and he will eat of the Fruit of that
 one barren soil, so says the weary
 Diligence - If Weight

I have had the weight in low price
 (1840) 1840
 Yes - Yes
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The excellent arrangements and conduct of the noble proprietor and his ^{Wm Gray Esq} superintendants at the Luccombe Hotel are worthy of all praise. - 26 June 1846

C. R.

Visited this Hotel with my family and had every reason to feel satisfied with the attention both of Landlord & servants - also with the entertainments.

William Gray
Graymount
Belfast

29th June 1846

I slept at this Hotel last night and found the accommodation and attention of the servants everything that could be desired.

8 July 1846

Francis Carey

I slept at this House and found every thing most comfortable

7 July 1846

A. MacLachlan Esq R. A.

On revisiting this hotel find it entirely to my satisfaction.

July 9th 46.

William Allman

Ditto Ditto

July 9th

Ralph E. B. Newton

We found the accommodation at this Hotel most excellent and the servants extremely attentive -

John K. Ingram 98

George J. Allman

(This is my young man
see page 98)

July 9th 1846 -

Especially gratified with all I have heard & seen of the Luccombe Estate - Buncay & this Hotel

Sam McClinton

9 July 1846

Tranah Lodge - Derry

10 July 1846 Visited with my family this most excellent and comfortable Hotel, which for cleanliness and comfort is unequalled in the county. The formation of such an establishment in this hitherto wild & uninteresting part of the County reflects the most favorable credit on the noble proprietor of this Estate in addition to the improvements this Lordship has already made and is at present progressing with was taken as an example and followed by the many first class proprietors who, in consequence are induced to spend their time & money here almost constantly. It would in my opinion be the surest method of preserving the hitherto impoverished and in numerous instances neglected County prosperous and happy. If I might state the liberty of suggesting one addition or an improvement to this establishment, it would be that of getting up a public coach to run direct from the Hotel to Letterkenny (at least during the summer months) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday returning the alternate days. This would I conceive be an inducement and afford a facility to many additional persons to visit and enjoy the scenery of this place and would fully defray any expense attending same.

William Clark
The Duke

20th July. Rich^d Benson & Michael Benson
of Currowmoran visited this Hotel for the second
time & on finding every thing as on former occasions
pleasant and comfortable the servants attention
and service

23rd July 1826. We have much pleasure in
adding our testimony to the excellent
arrangements & comfort of this house. We
have visited the store & buildings at Bumbeg
& have been very much gratified at the
judicious manner in which the old &
deeply rooted prejudices ^{of the peasantry} are made to give
way before improvements which must in
the end raise the social condition of the
whole country. - If the praise of humble
travellers be of any value to the noble &
excellent proprietor of Gwendrae or to his
intelligent agent we give it with all
our hearts

William Ford London
* "Mr. Spetter" Northampton
at White London

July 23/26 Lines to 'Arag-gael Mountain' 115.
Amid the mountains of wild Donegal
One towers on high more lordly and more tall
Standing against the clouds in bold relief
'Tis the White Champion Arag-gael the Chief
Proudly he rears his peaked head on high
To catch the cloud wreaths that adorn the sky
And from his summit he vent'ur'd down descent
To fall in the springs on the gentle Hill
Whose fertilizing influence again
Flows kindly forth o'er valley and o'er plain
Oh Arag-gael 'White Champion' be thou still
Guardian of Virtue, not base, and still
Thine be the power to charm the earthly eye
It's the ambition reaching to the sky

* Arag-gael signifies in Irish
the White Champion metly

In point of comfort nothing can exceed this Hotel.
July 23/26 Wm Ford

24th July - Too much cannot be said for the comforts
of the Gwendrae Hotel, in every respect. They impress the
Traveller with the ~~best~~ idea of the comforts of home -
One visit to this place, and to the incipient
Sea port of Bumbeg, which we sincerely hope its
philanthropic proprietor may live to see the flourishing
Metropolis of this new Colony of Civilization, of which
he is the Author, has afforded us the most beautiful
satisfaction. The noble proprietor has exhibited
the true - the only practical method, by means
of which the great work of ^{regeneration} ~~accomplishing~~ the

condition of Ireland, ^{can be accomplished} May the landed Gentry of the Country imitate the noble and patriotic example which is here exhibited to them! -

E. G. Halliwell in Strand Gloucester

J. Collins Repin York

Stopped at the Hotel one night and found everything comfortable, cleanliness and attention in every department
July 25th 46 -

Wm. Porter Ballymore

Having arrived with a large party of friends, 17 in number, the sublimity of the scene around, when the mind involuntarily turns "from Nature up to Nature's God." I am well prepared to respond to the universal burst of admiration which appears in the look, as reaching this well supplied, well regulated and excellent Hotel, and although not disposed to agree with the poet when he says

"Whoso'er has travelled life's dull round,
When on his stages may have been,
Went blithe to think he yet had found
His warmest welcomes at an Inn!"

I am well appreciate the generous philanthropy, and painstaking exertions which send this grateful dominion here in the wilderness, to supply the wants and furnish the comforts of those who, with similar views to his own are seeking the incivitation of their fellowman, or more especially a taste for the sublime - ad. praise be to the man whose charities planned and whose unvaried personal

superintendance has realized what a willing mind with not many simple means, but with the love of the creature emanating from the love of the Creator, may be enabled to effect in his generation.

I almost forgive our late luck - Had his presence for his coldness to the real interests of this unhappy land, when I consider the admirable poet who, which he dictated in his closing speech, the attention of those who weaned hearts to draw their country, to the bright example of this unostentatious nobleman spending and being spent in his varied labours of love -

may be able in our different stations
suff. to emulate this true patriotism,
may each of us say to ourselves -
"May I go, and do likewise"

July 28. 46.

Wm. Porter - Ballymore
James Van Hornish
James Van Hornish
J. William Iron A.B. S.C.D.

Wm. Porter Ballymore

Saml. Ellison Gortnawere

I stopped at the Hotel
two days good bed
and every thing complete

E. G. Halliwell

In company with my family I visited the school, the store and the other buildings and establishments at Columbus. We had been greatly gratified by the information which my inquiries elicited and by the evident improvement of the district. We reflect the greatest credit on the Spiritual Directors. We have done much for the temporal interests of the people. May we be enabled to do more for their spiritual state.

We found every person courteous, attentive and ready to communicate information. We found the Hotel comfortable. The provisions excellent, the charges most moderate, and the proprietors very attentive.

W. Robert Seymour - Bath
July 20th - 1846

We have visited this hotel and admired the beautiful scenery around and found the ~~service~~ ^{Cater} in excellent order.

Gwendon Hotel
31st July 1846

J. Stewart
R. J. V. ...
John V. Stewart
W. Myrtle ...
W. ...

I have visited the Gwendon Hotel and feel great pleasure in saying that the order & propriety which I first there and such with respect to its Proprietors. The Scenery too is well calculated to excite pleasure and admiration in the beholder.

July 31st 1846

J. Doherty
Dongal

I have derived great pleasure from examining the progress of reclamation of these Gentlemen with results and they may not be so immediate as many might anticipate. Yet I trust it will lead to a course of gratification to the Noble Proprietors that he has used the foundation for the improvement of the social and moral condition of the people in this district on such a basis that they must continue to advance.

It is almost needless for me to add any further to the merits of the Gwendon Hotel.
3rd August 1846
Robert M. ...
W. ...

Placed as the Gwendon Hotel is, amidst the wild and beautiful Mountain scenery of Dongal I consider it a most delightful and comfortable establishment.

James Stephens D.D.
St. Johnston.

Having visited this Hotel for the first time I must say that the accommodations are excellent, and the scenery around magnificent.

W. M. ...
Upper Lempson

Never go up M^r Erigal in
Tennis shoes.

I have found the Gweedore Hotel most comfortable. The improvements in this neighbourhood prove how much judicious perseverance can do in overcoming ignorance and prejudice.

Wm. W. Murland
Mountjoy Place, Dublin

Major Russell passed this morning on his way to Police Inspection and expressed much regret that want of time prevented his staying for a few days to see the many improvements in this part of the world of which he had heard so much.
5th August 1846

We have much pleasure in expressing our satisfaction with the comfort we enjoyed at the Gweedore Hotel, and also with the more important consideration of the increased comfort of the people of this neighbourhood, in consequence of the improvements made of late days in their habitations.
5th August 1846.
Charles Jenkins
of Liverpool.
J. W. M. M. M.

The extreme comfort of the Gweedore Hotel must have my approbation as fully as any of the gentlemen whose names appear in this Book - The improvement of Lord George Stiles, and the advancement in civilization in this part of the Country far exceed any thing I ever led to expect, and I have no doubt that our Lord's Lordship will be amply

repaid in every way for his praiseworthy exertions
D. M. H. Lambey

Gweedore Hotel
8th August 1846

This is the third time I have visited the Gweedore Hotel & I am truly happy to add my humble testimony to the many others who have preceded me of the extreme comfort, civility & experience on this & the former occasions.
James Daly
Brecks T. Jamaica

Mr. G. P. Stewart, Miss Stewart and Miss Stewart having spent a day & night at the Gweedore Hotel have much pleasure in expressing their satisfaction with the example of proceeding tourists to this picturesque and astonishingly improved district. In recording their tribute of praise to the comfort & good accommodation of this Establishment they cannot but be adding that in their visit to Gweedore their interest in all they saw and heard was much enhanced by their having been so fortunate as to have the pleasure of Mr. Stewart's company.
Gweedore Hotel
August eleven 1846

August 12 & 13th

It is a pleasure to entertain the opinion
so universally expressed of the Governor
Mr. and Mrs. S. Apollon Miss M. Gandy Mr
and Mrs. Misses Collins and Mr. Mann
have only to add that the comfort of the
Hotel and attention of the servants has
fully answered their expectations

In Mass. Boston Lowdowny
13 August

Captain A. Morgan has experienced
much gratification in visiting the
improvements of this most interesting
locality - nothing can exceed the
comfort of the Greedore Hotel nor
the Romantic beauty of its situation
15th August 1846.

After a sojourn of four days & while the horses are
putting to the carriage, I am requested by a party of
half a dozen to say a word in approbation of this
establishment, & of the patriotic, wonderful, & unexampled
labours of the Noble Lord of the soil, but time will not
permit me to say enough for the former & remaining
pages of this book would not afford scope for the latter.

19th Aug. 1846.

W. Reilly
Kinnet. Reilly
W. Reilly
Francis Thayer Reilly
W. Reilly
E. Reilly

seen both in water & land

Mr & Mrs Smyth, Gallony, Doctor Measins,
Lavan & Mr Robert Mease, Blington
Dublin have been very comfortably
accommodated at the Greedore Hotel
September 9th 1846 =

Mr. Donnan
Greedore 10th Sept. 1846.

Greedore Hotel. Thursday September 10th 1846.

The undersigned, having been present
at the Annual exhibition of manufactures at
Bunbeg, and the consequent distribution of
Prizes to Lord G. Hill's Tenantry, desire to express
the gratification they experienced, not only at
witnessing & sharing in, the business of the day,
but also in observing the happy intercourse sub-
sisting between the Noble Landlord & his people,
which dispenses a cheering ray amidst the gene-
ral gloom of present times.

Anne Chamberlain
Sophy M. Patton
W. Patton

Charlotte Forster.
W. Chamberlain
Mary Anne O'Shea

Daniel Chamberlain
John Chamberlain
Edw. Thompson
Mary Mansfield
Josie Lee
Wm. Ramsey.
J. Wright
E. Brady
Patience Griffiths
Saml. Phill Cox
J. Fennell
W. G. O'Shea

130. There can be, I think, but one opinion of Eyedore Hotel, and ^{that} all who come within its walls seem to agree in feeling, how successfully their individual comfort has been studied in its admirable arrangements; and I myself gladly bear testimony to the cleanliness, order, and comfort pervading the whole establishment, & the attention which our party has received from each person connected with it: and which is best proved by the regret with which we leave it after a sojourn of three days.

I cannot quit this wild but deeply interesting district without recording the pleasure and surprise I have experienced in this my first visit to it: altho' I had heard much from time to time of the means which Lord George Hill was using to benefit the numerous & hitherto neglected Tenantry on his Estate, I had no idea until I stood in it, of the suitability, extent, or success of his varied and benevolent plans & they ought at least to speak by example to Albany "Go and do thou likewise" and I trust it may please God in His good Providence to span him long & give him the only reward which I am sure he seeks in permitting him to witness the elevation of the Moral and Social Condition of his People -

Sept 12th - 1846 - W. Chamber
 I have been desired to affix the names of the members of my party who perfectly concur in all I have said
 Daniel Chamberlain
 John Chamberlain
 Wm. Chamberlain
 C. W. Patton
 C. W. Patton

131. My connection by Property in the District of Eyedore having ceased by the disposal of Demuloooy I feel that the placing before the frequenters of this Hotel a few additional facts from Eyedore may not be uninteresting to them. Having purchased Demuloooy some years before Lord G. Hill became the Owner of the property in this neighbourhood I can bear more ample testimony to the changes that have been wrought and the customs which led to them than probably any other person could do and the more so as I believe I was in some measure instrumental in inducing Lord G. Hill to settle here and have for many years had the privilege of enjoying his friendship which it is impossible to estimate too highly.

In the Summer of 1832 his lordship accompanied me on a Tour round the West and N.W. Coast of Ireland. The wretchedness he then saw and the bad management or rather the absence of any management on many Estates first suggested to his benevolent mind the idea of purchasing a property and working out his own means as to raising the People to a moral and social scale of civilization. His lordship eventually succeeded in purchasing the property he now holds and most assuredly a worse selection in it than elsewhere he could not have made. In encountering the extreme difficulties incident to all properties more or less so circumstanced he may truly have been said to have "taken the bit by the bridle" In order to show the great changes that have been effected I shall briefly state that my first attempt to see Demuloooy (then for sale) was made on Horseback. I left James Gallyhart at Buncy and

parts look and to where the road then terminated at
 Ballinoge was then four miles from Dumloug with
 nothing but a dangerous Mountain track before me
 and as night was coming on I was compelled to
 return and for the time gave up all idea of having
 the Purchase. Some Months afterwards I was induced
 again to attempt it. I then walked from Bunn by
 over the Bog and by the side of the River where the
 Hotel now stands and by the margin of the Lake
 to Dumloug. I subsequently succeeded in getting
 the line of Road made from Malins to Gweedore
 and in effecting other slight improvements but
 the nature of my official duties precluded the
 possibility of doing much to improve the People
 whose habits of self will and lawlessness
 required the most constant and watchful care
 to check and amend.

The extraordinary pertinacity
 with which the people cling to their small and
 insufficient holdings offered great and indeed
 almost insurmountable obstacles to the abolition
 of the Bunkle system and the determination
 they evinced not to give up an Inch of their land
 was even greater to overcome. For instance a Tenant
 of mine at Dumloug who had got into possession
 without the consent of the former Proprietor and
 whose land it was necessary for me to have
 to enable me to build my House he refused to
 quit until I paid him 20 years purchase of his
 Rent to be annuity and even after receiving so large
 a Sum of Money £80 left his case upon his hands
 so that no one would afterwards inhabit at

I purchased other Tenants out on similar Terms but
 they quitted without leaving a similar blessing

Spirit distillation was another serious
 obstacle to improvement and the difficulty of checking
 it by any means or threats on the part of the Landlord
 may be best shown by the fact that until the Maps
 of the Ordnance Survey was published I did not
 know that a Still had been regularly worked
 at Dumloug within 200 yards of the House.

The changes that have taken place
 speak for themselves. The Tenants upon his Lordship's
 estate have all been placed on separate & distinct
 holdings well fenced and drained their Cottages
 are clean and comfortable and the people (from
 being the most lawless) have been brought into
 habits of industry and good order and all
 this has been effected without harshness or
 severity his Lordship possessed that quiet firmness
 coupled with the most mild and affable disposition
 which has worked its way to the hearts of the
 People and enabled him to overcome difficulties
 which to most others would have been insurmountable.

Few Persons would have
 viewed the heavy expense attendant upon
 building the Corn Store & Shop at Bunn by the
 sole object in erecting the former was to take
 away the pretext made by the People for selling
 their grain to the Spirit distillers viz^t that they
 had no Market for their produce. His Lordship
 did me the honour to consult me upon this and
 other occasions my sole object in so doing
 it is to bear my testimony to the success of

purpose which induced him ^{to spend} such large
 sums of Money for the improvement and
 the amelioration of the condition of the People.
 Notwithstanding the aptitude for
 the task which his Lordship took in hand
 if working the great changes every where described
 on his property yet it must be obvious that
 his occasional absence would have caused
 some derangement in his best concerted plans
 unless they were closely followed up during his
 absence and here again his Lordship has shown
 his sound judgement in the selection of a Gentleman
 in every respect so well qualified as Mr Foster
 to act as his Agent, known, regarded & respected
 by all, he is his Lordships faithful & anxious
 promoter of his views, and at the same time
 the poor Mans best friend and adviser.

I trust I may be pardoned this long statement
 but my feelings would not allow me to
 withhold the tribute due to the perseverance
 and noble exertions of those for whom I
 entertain such sincere regard and esteem

Greenore Hotel
 16th Sept 1846

J. Dombrian

After what has been stated it is clear it
 is superfluous to add that the comfort and
 convenience afforded at the Hotel have
 been most fully appreciated by me and
 Lady Dombrian during our stay here
 for a few days.

J.D.

Today I went out with a friend in his boat
 and met an event which to me was of note:
 Very excellent sport we found on the Lake,
 We not only had bites, but I had a take:
 I was taken with it too, and well-fought;
 The trout was secured and the hook dis-entangled.
 Though tempted to mix in the warfare of strife,
 'Tis the first I've taken in the course of my life.
 Yet this poor little trout suggests to my mind,
 To seek something else, though less easy to find.
 And now I've not one Old-Maidish Margivine,
 But think it ^{is} time I should fish for a living:
 For why should I not put a fly on the thought?
 "There's no good fish in the sea as ever was caught."
 And so I must try, ay, and with a line too,
 To see what some playing with the B- - b will do:
 And should such a plan prove a suitable bait,
 I'll look on this trout, as a part of my Fate:
 And if I succeed, I shall never deplore,
 The day I went fishing with my friend at Greenore
 - Wrote

Friday, Sept. 1846

~~Annals of the ...
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We have been to the Judge's Hotel, having previously
 spent the forenoon on the Islands of Jola and
 Iruin-Nakha & the contract was such that we
 almost supposed ourselves to be in Paradise

Greenore Hotel
 16 Sept 1846

Robt M. King
 Genl. Smith

So long had slothful Healthy Wildness
 In this dear district seen a stain
 But active cultivation's mildness
 Now here begins to hold her reign.
 Man here allowed to pine and perish
 In hopeless slott - in helpless want
 No hand to raise - no heart to cheerish
 Proud councils Advice might taunt -
 But mark the humble kind behaviour
 Of one to worldly high things born
 He comes to imitate his saviour
 The Poor to comfort - not to scorn -
 With mildness not determination
 He seeks his fellow men to raise
 From slothful hopeless degradation
 Themselves to aid - their good to plain
 Scenic as Drones of the poor nation
 Ye heartless Irish Absentees
 His lessons favour imitation
 Be proud and glad in haste to seize
 Withdraw from idleness and pleasure;
 Your time and talents waste no more;
 But seek the glory and the treasure
 Won by the Hero of Guvedore

To Guvedore Hotel
 19th Sept 1846

We have been much gratified in witnessing the
 improvements made in this wild district by
 the patriotic and benevolent exertions of the
 Noble Proprietor, and find the Hotel most
 comfortable and cleanly, and the attendants

Civil and Policing

Mr. Makister Hunter	} Brungful } God Down
Mr. Makister Houston	
Mr. Makister Hunter	

September 19th 1846

Having now revisited the Guvedore District after
 an interval of some years, we can bear testi-
 -mony to the great improvements that have
 been made since then; the improved ap-
 -pearance of the country around this is a
 fair criterion by which to judge of the success
 of Lord George Hill's exertions to improve the
 People of this District - The Hotel itself we
 find most comfortable in every respect -

Mathew Mullin	} Thomas Platt } Sweet Platt } 2-4 Street } Thomas Platt

The Marchioness of Londonderry who had of
 late been strenuously endeavoring to improve the
 condition of the Dublin Tenantry and Estates, having
 requested me to visit the Guvedore District - I
 came here yesterday, and through the kind
 attention of the Noble Proprietor and his indefatigable agent I have been enabled to glance at
 the works done and in progress; and it gives me
 very great pleasure to record my humble testimony
 with those of so much higher worth inscribed in
 this Book to the admirable system which has
 been pursued, by which in the course of a few

years the wilderness is likely to become a fruitful field. The prejudices and pernicious habits of a numerous and uncivilized peasantry, which in other parts of Ireland they would have shed blood to maintain, have here been overthrown by a gentle and wise effort. The kindness and condescension of his lordship and the energy and intelligence of his Agents and above all, the liberal manner in which the people have been treated, have accomplished a great change for the better both on them, and the Country; and by opening the eyes of an obstinate public to what can be done under the most discouraging circumstances, have proved a National benefit.

10 Sept. 1846 - Mr Austin -

We have much reason to be satisfied with the accommodation at the Hotel. - 20 Sept 1846

- Another Grace Guildhall London -
- A. L. C. Preston Key St. Kew
- D. McClean
- C.E. - Spinnaker Coleraine -

We have been much surprised & pleased with the very great improvement manifested thro'out the whole of this district since our last visit to it, upwards of six years ago.

George Lemmon - James H. H. L. V. Derry
 Mrs. O'Shea - M. L. V. Derry
 C. L. Derry

Never having been here before, I can only add to what my friends have stated above, that I have been greatly pleased with all I have

We have been here for the last three nights and have found the Hotel to our satisfaction and the attendance good.

Augt 19th 1846

And J. Austin
 of Waterloo College
 Ave
 N-73

James McConnelley
 Dugly's Point Derry
 John Austin

In school

Must have been awfully thick

I have much pleasure in stating that during a stay of five weeks at this Hotel, I have experienced the greatest comfort & received the utmost attention, which was only exceeded by the kindness and urbanity of the noble Proprietor.

21st August 1846.

James Montgomery

~~Approved for publication~~
~~It is strongly recommended~~

We have visited the Sweden Hotel and found it is exceedingly comfortable. We also went to "Bumbley" and were delighted with the improvements made there by the noble landlord.

29th August 1846

Chas. Dyer to
Samuel Coakman
Sunderby

We have been to the Garden Hotel and have found it very comfortable and we are greatly pleased with all the improvements made by the noble landlord.

J. Platt & W. W. Platt
Carpenter's Cottage
The Minster, J. Platt
Robert Platt
J. Platt House
W. Platt, & the Minster, D. Platt
Through to J. Platt
J. Platt & W. Platt
W. Platt
W. Platt
29th August

We have visited the Sweden Hotel and the Bumbley Store, and have expressed our admiration of the ^{comfort of the} one, and the utility of the other.

7th Sep. 1846. E. Moresworth Glascock of
Wm. Emerson Printer

"Where noble Lords retail
We drink good potent Ale"

Wm. Irvine, S.T.C.D. B. at Law.
Wm. Irvine, S.T.C.D. B. at Law.

With the exception of a few days I have passed the whole of my time at this Hotel since the 15th of July. I have only to record in common with all those who have visited this well regulated and comfortable establishment, that I have experienced very attentive care from the servants, and enjoyed all the quiet of a private house.

It must have been said on the subject of the beautiful scenery abounding in every direction in this fine wild district, as well as of the various improvements carried on under the eye of the noble proprietor, that there is nothing left for me to say. I have only to add that I am infinitely obliged to his Lordship's most kind and generous kindness, but enabled me to pass my time here very agreeably. I have been, it is with regret.

J. Blackall
4 Sep. 1846

5 Sept 1846 - Visited Suedore to report to Government the state of the County & to recommend the best means of relief - The Stone at Bembly perhaps may facilitate forming a Depot which could not have been found in any other part of the locality & had the want of such an accommodation at this moment might have been attended with immense & serious consequences to the poor - What an excellent example does the proposed improvement about Suedore offer to all Irish Landlords!

* There, after visiting the Suedore Hotel but at no period with greater pleasure than this, witnessing the deep and heart felt interest Lord Gort & Hill is now put such an awful crisis of distress and famine owing to the total failure of the Potato crop & taking to themselves the pitiable wants of his tenants, by would to God there were a Lord G. Hill in every parish in Ireland. I need not say that the Hotel arrangements as usual are first rate &c &c

Suedore Hotel
5 Sept 1846

J. G. Littleham

seen both in & out of doors since I came into the Gweedore district. J. W. Beuws. Incumbent of Paul's Postarlington

Mr & Mrs Montgomery & Miss Montgomery of Newrydon
Mr Alexander & the Misses Alexander of Langley
* Mr William Alexander of Black Heather
Mr Knox & the Misses Knox of Glenties
Mr Ferguson Esq of Army Park
have spent two days with much comfort at the Gweedore Hotel

September 23^d 1846

* I have tried of Derry and Reflex

impossible to withhold from his Lordship a large amount of Praise, not only for the attempt, but for having succeeded, to the extent he has done, in ameliorating the condition of the People in this locality, it required an ardent & philanthropic mind to undertake the one, & an energetic and patient perseverance to accomplish the other.

Much Distress is at present felt in this District in consequence of the failure of the Potato crop, a calamity with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict the Kingdom in general this year. It must be admitted that the Irish have too long subsisted on, almost exclusively, & been content with this lowest denomination of Food, a new system must now be adopted, & the Tenantry on this Estate may congratulate themselves on having a landlord, residing amongst them, anxious to instruct & improve them, disposed to anticipate & alleviate their wants, & to elevate their Moral

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I arrived here after a tour thro' the wilds
of the West and North West of Ireland,
I have remained a day, and am about
to start, and one inconvenience I feel
which is a disposition to linger here another
day - it would not be consistent with my
duties to do so, but I have been greatly
~~tempted~~ tempted by the enjoyment of the
comforts, the quiet and the attention
rendered at Queedone - I would recom-
mend all disinterested travellers to come
here, and test their abilities in fact - judging

A. S. 22th 10th
and yet must look for it Hill is now

but such a awful Crisis of distress and famine arising
to the total failure of the Potato crop, taking to themselves
the present wants of the country, by would to God
there were a Lord of Hill in every parish in Ireland.
I need not say that the Hotel arrangements as usual
are first rate &c &c

Queedone Hotel
5th Sept 1846

J. G.
Letterkenny

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As usual very well pleased
and satisfied with the accommodation
& attention at the Hotel
Scourge of the poor &c &c
J. O. Woodman Esq.
10th Oct, 1846

It has induced me to visit Queedone,
& from all I have seen I must say the epithet
"Monday", usually applied to the Lady, is in this
instance at least altogether inapplicable.
Considering the state of this Property when purchased
by Lord George A. Hill, & viewing it now, it is
impossible to withhold from his Lordship a large
amount of Praise, not only for the attempt, but
for having succeeded, to the extent he has done, in
ameliorating the condition of the People in this
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& alleviate their wants, & to elevate their Moral

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social condition, & they will shew themselves not only ungrateful, but blind to their true interests, if they don't second his benevolent efforts, and strenuously cooperate with him in carrying out his useful & enlightened views, whereby the productiveness of the Soil will be increased, Employment will be more largely afforded, Industry promoted, & Food of a higher, & more nutritious character become more abundant. Having long known his Lordship's family, I regret his absence prevented me having the opportunity of renewing my acquaintance with him, however he has my best wishes, May the good work prosper & may he not become "weary in well doing!"

I cannot conclude without expressing my satisfaction with the Comfort, Cleanliness & Domestic character of the Hotel, & the attention of the Host & Hostess, not forgetting the humble attendants the Diet, yet affection, "Tho' gentle, yet not Dull."

Grosvenor Hotel
October 14th 1846. A. H. Darsham
Esq. of Down.

E. Tansleton - Octbr 10 1846. - entirely satisfied with the arrangements of the Hotel -

If the above is Twickenham of the poor law Commission
then is it so great a blessing above that is most true
A Poor Law Guardian

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In a district so remote, and so far removed from civilization, we have been agreeably surprized to find every accommodation and comfort which a more Southern Hotel would afford. After all the evidence this book affords it would be useless in us to add further encomiums on the noble proprietor who has rescued this tract of country from a wild and weary wilderness formerly cold and inhospitable to the stranger, and has rendered it the attraction of the admirer of nature by affording him every comfort and more comforts than he could expect from the impoverished aspect of the Country

Thomas Lane & P. Steer
October 26th 1846

Lieut. G. East. Royal Engineers
Grosvenor Hotel. Nov 5th 1846.

No place can equal the Grosvenor
In comfort and the great value
Jack Puffer

I'll strive to pass the tedious moments
 Scribbling in the Travellers' boots,
 While I'm waiting for my dinner
 Now preparing by the Cooks, the also to prepare it -
 Here I'm dropped just fresh from London
 The Channel crossed like any Pan
 Laid out on her, my eye how funny
 In what they call a "faunting Car".
 I saw the Lake they call Duntlooy.
 A lovely calm unruffled basin ^{was he ever there in}
^{a nor-wester?}
 Placed there by nature like a mirror
 To bring to see his face in.
 Saw the River winding gently
 Thirst and hills of rock, and heather
 Saw lots of girls all walking barefoot,
 No doubt to save the cost of leather.
 But to mention all the wonders
 Here created by a Mill.
 In this land of hill and mountain
 So beyond my feeble quill,
 Through such scenes as these I've travelled,
 Such scenes I never had seen before
 When in a jiffy up we rattled
 To the Hotel of former Guendore.
 The boasted Leipzig Hotel of Bond Street,
 Nor yet the old or new Stummumers,
 Never proved half so delicious,
 So keen to the cold and to any courses.
 But here's the grub, a slight snow Cherry
 From the bog and mountain tops,
 In the twinkling of a bed post
 I'll be at the Dissolution Press.

Mary being a great of Rosy,
 Let me haul a pint of stout
 Steep your stumps my Lapsie will you
 Oh! what the psalmist are you about?
 Sitting now in Contemplation
 Cosily in a large Arm Chair,
 Mayen to think that London
 Is a better place by far.
 Rural scenes are very well,
 For lovers of the picturesque
 For loving Swains and love sick maids,
 To others they are sheer burlesque.
 Better far the wild emotion
 Of the life that's spent in town,
 Where we spend our lives so gaily
 Little caring what may come
 Then to smoke the mild Vanilla
 Cheroots along broad Regent Street
 And sip delicious "Cold without"
 In every Tavern that I meet,
 Eat mutton kidneys at the Coal holes,
 Or at the Shades drink brisk Champagne,
 Step into Almack's and then to wit,
 To the waltz Polka's strain,
 Or strolling mightily independent,
 All along the Quadrant wide,
 With the many looks of London
 Plying up on every side.
 But in these momentary places
 A City Dandy never lasts dwell
 To tomorrow's Sun shall see me
 On my way to dear Pall Mall

Dec 15

M^r Foster of Norwich
Marcus Sordley of Clon
& Ernest Duke of York

passed a day at this comfortable Hotel & was
well satisfied with the attention & civility of the
attendants

Dec 31

I have experienced much comfort and attention during
my short stay at the Grosvenor Hotel

W. Milward Lieut R.A.
Inspector of Police & Inspector

During my stay at the
Grosvenor Hotel, I had
every reason to be satisfied
with the accommodation

Chas. Keble
Chief Engineer

4th Jan 1847

The accommodation at
this Hotel is as good as any in
the North of Ireland. Res. most compl.

Henry Haslett

Qu'on guide me
toi que j'aboue
ne plus te voir
est mon espoir.

maison Jobie
par moi Penie
dans un desat en toit hospitalier
avec Guidore peut me reconcilier

Dearest Son, How well I know your wishes.
Should you visit this place - I think it would be very
Henry

Jan 7 - 1847

"Guidore" what every body says must
be true - "Gains a very comfortable House".
Hills! My Lord George, long may you reign
To enjoy the state by the wild Mountain Storms

G. Friend
Ernest Duke

Dennis Doanell is perfectly
satisfied with the season weather
he has received

D. D. 7/1/47

Whose 10 bottles give advice to those
who wear a sword and find from their
own pocket. That others are better
Liquors than themselves

W. B. 10 bottles
10 January 1847
at 16. 6. 1/2

John Burgoyne Esq. of the 10th Regt of Foot
9th Jan 1847

Doanell
with my own Government
that hospital was
I believe to be very good
the water

Greenore Hotel March 27th 1847.

Upon Monday last, within 12 miles of the metropolis of Ireland, at what is called "the head inn" of the town of Magnooth, every room in the house was so cold, cheerless and damp that I was compelled to pass a sleepless night. Here in the wild but romantic district of the far North West, I have found that great desideratum, a clean, comfortable country hotel.

x To add any thing to the just eulogiums already bestowed upon by so many travellers from all parts, upon the true patriotism of Lord George Hill in his endeavours to improve the social condition, not only of his own tenants, but of the surrounding country, would be indeed superfluous, but I cannot omit the opportunity of saying how much I feel indebted to Mr Foster his Lordship's agent, whom I had the good fortune to meet here, for the kindness with which he pointed out to me the wonderful improvements at Bunclogh the stone, the shop, the mill &c, with all of which I was extremely gratified.

As my official duties will occasionally bring me to this part of the County, I anticipate much pleasure from the comforts of this Hotel, & I hope to derive much valuable information in witnessing the other improvements in progress, by Lord George & his agent, which I had not time to view to day.

J. H. Shiel

The character of Lord George Hill and his residence at the Greenore Hotel is almost universally known, its host and hostess remarkably attentive, charges moderate, and the scenery around most magnificent.

Edward Price of Londonderry

Greenore Hotel 3rd April 1847

April 5th 1847

~~I~~ Lunched & dined at the Greenore Hotel and found every thing most comfortable - This is much the best Inn I have seen in the North of Ireland - can't get it in mind of being Inn Lutherdale Shire -

April 5th 1847
Dorra gude, Sandy
yung one for his sake!!

J. M. B. of County
92nd St. N. York

Lt. Colonel Gule
Lieut. Stewart
Mr Scott

26th March 1847
Royal Engineer
R. E. Department

23rd April 1847

I have been now five months in the County of Down in connection with the Board of Works & without exception, this is the most comfortable & best regulated Hotel I have been in

Alfred H Brown C E

21st May 1847

A most excellent & well regulated house and had I not heard of it before, should have been truly surprised at finding so comfortable a Hotel - so well & distinct

Wm S J M S

Captain - Royal Navy

Arrived here after a long march from Hillsborough and was much pleased with the Hotel comfortable and very well Hotel.

Henry Fisher
B. P. P. P.

Guadalupe Gate June 21st 1847

I traversed this day from crabs roads & must say that till I came within the precincts of Lord George Hills estate - did I see any thing approaching to my notions of practical farming - I have seen thousands of acres - which might be farmed productively & at a very small cost of Capital - the principal manure being procurable from the strands - namely Medical of lime & alkali which the shell sand in this coast abounds with - Draining in my opinion is only a secondary consideration - a deep bank fence at about 20 feet asunder would answer the same purpose I have seen crops produced independent of drainage in lands not approaching the fertility of the country class - instead of carrying out the drainage act I would recommend to leave the face of the country naturally fall to the lakes - that in the first instance open drains be sunk & that the produce of those open drains be directed equally on the ridges between them - after that the application of what I consider for years past to the inhabitants of this County - namely the sea sand which when applied in shells will afford a double manure - the shells acting mechanically in opening the ground & the Mineral lime acting chemically in the soil - instead of the well known quantity of E. K. K. K. in the sea sand produce - I am of opinion that if the portion of County or at least what I have seen from crabs roads to here were judiciously farmed it would give life & independence to 10,000 people

P. Villian L. S. P. H.

show much pleasure in adding my testimony
to the very many who have preceded me of
the comfort, good cheer and attention
of the persons interested with the care of
this establishment - that for my family
have enjoyed for the last ten days

John Bond
24 June 1847

Mr. & Mrs. J. Shaw of Manchester, visited
the Gweedore Hotel & have every reason to be pleased
with the accommodation, the most particular
being attention, which Mr. & Mrs. Shaw cannot depart
without than King. Mr. & Mrs. Shaw probably find them
-ness & facility in their own land - James's peed
improvement to be seen at Ben. by
July 6th 1847

Mr. Henry has spent four days at the Gweedore Hotel
and has found it most comfortable in every respect.
He strongly recommends winter here to ascend Benigne
which will well repay them. The summit can easily
be reached in an hour and a half: and there is a very
extensive and interesting view

July 13th 1847.

Major Stewart, and Mr. Stewart spent several days
at this Hotel, they found every thing most comfortable
and writes to General Coak, it cannot but be gratifying
to see such efforts made, and so successfully in
improving the part of the County, had as much been
done in the other parts of Ireland in the same time
as what has been done here, to Benigne for the last
ten years - Ireland would be now a different County
from what it is -

17 July 1847

I have much pleasure in adding my
testimony as to the comfort and
attention received by me during my
stay (two days) at the Gweedore Hotel
John Bond

22 July 1847

We have passed a night at
the Hotel which affords evidence of the
noble propriety & anxiety to provide for
the comfort of strangers, as does his
estate in general, of his patriotism
and philanthropy

James Marshall, Junr. Secy
Samuel Marshall Depy Secy
William Marshall Secy
John Marshall Secy

I have stayed in this hotel
two days and have been
very comfortable

W. W. White
July 27th

I have been at Gwendon several years ago & could
not possibly believe that such improvements could have been
made in so short a period. I was greatly pleased at the
appearance of the school in particular, indeed every thing
connected with the Lord's Hill arrangements, must
give heart-felt satisfaction to every person interested for &
anxious for the improvement of the poor by general

August 2nd 1847 W. W. White

August 2nd 1847
W. W. White & Kallysomela House
Marches Gage Jam Laghtaro

Miss McCausland Waterloo Place
London
visited the Hotel School House
& store cannot but feel gratified
with all, so conducive to both
Religion & Morality Aug 2 1847

* Right & a t!

I have remained two days at this Hotel, &
with pleasure I record my entire appro-
bation of the admirable manner in
which it is conducted; The accommo-
dation is excellent, the fare good, the Land-
lord, Sam Stady, & attendant most civil
& obliging, & the charges for every thing
very moderate.

With respect to the improvements which
both have already been, & are being at pre-
sent made on the Gwendon Estate
by Lord Gage Hill, in my opinion nothing
could have been more admirably con-
ceived, to ameliorate the condition of
the people, or to develop the resources
of the soil, & I trust he may yet be ten-
fold rewarded for his most Christian
Humanitarian Philanthropy.

4th August 1847. Wm. S. Charles
Surveyor General in Belfast

To the praises, good wishes, and benedictions bestow-
ed on Gwendon, my heart responds amen, and to
the Master, who has so far led this once "gainsaying
and rebellious people" through the wilderness, I would
say, may he not only from Pisgah's top, view the
promised land, but may he cross the Jordan,
and enter in, and there be welcomed by well
come, good and faithful servants, there has been
participation over a few things, I will make thee ruler over
them, but in to the joys of thy Lord." So sincerely thy
the Christian Standard
Obenath M. M. M.

Feling confident that the existence of such hotels as that at Glenties would be one of the first means of inducing strangers to visit the picturesque scenery & object of interest in the remote districts of Ireland, I am delighted to find another added to the, as yet, meagre list of comfortable stopping places in this country. The manner in which the mind receives impressions of such objects is so much influenced by the bodily condition of the individual, that many of the unpleasant ideas formed of Irish people & Irish things may be traced to the discomfort experienced at the very uninviting hostels which are generally met with in such localities. I am therefore certain that strangers visiting the "Ultima Thule" of Donegal will now carry away very different impressions from those which, ten years ago, they would have contracted, and that satisfaction at the comforts they have met with in this wilderness, will be combined with a desire to do their part, if circumstances should put it in their power, in raising from its degradation a noble country, which God has done much for man, little; while they cannot but feel that any exertion, if attended with the prudence & judgment which Lord George Hill has displayed, must lead to equal & happy results.

Jas Macadam Jr. Belfast,
Secretary to the Royal Society
for the Promotion & Improvement of
the Great & Small Harbours in Ireland.

Among the 'agreements' which Sweden offers to those who may sojourn within its bounds, may be named;— for the lovers of picturesque scenery— the Loughs, the Fionn Valley, ^{Dunlewy} Lough, the Islands of Gola &c, Arannund & others;— for the Connoisseur, the strands north & south of Dunbeg;— for the Geologist, the rocks of this district, & the crystals of Enigal;— and for the Sportsman, the salmon & white trout fishing of the Swedish river, & the common trout of the Claudy & Dunlewy Loughs. In the hickman, the aspect of the country as affected by Lord George Hill's improvements, which he cannot leave without the farewell

Quidam zo bpaē
Azur beanaoē leac!

Imag

Mr. Robert Lecky, of London Derry, have spent two days here and found this hotel in all respects most comfortable— They were highly gratified in observing the extensive improvements effected by Lord George Hill as well in the Culture of the Ground, as in the minds of the Peasantry of this heretofore wild and neglected District.

Brightest, purest, proudest Wreath, the noble Patriot wears,
Than laurel round the Victor's brows, bedew'd with Blood & Tears,
from marshy Wastes, with matchless Skill, he plants his Camps up & carries
with light, & Peace, & happy Home, Poor Paddy's Heart he cheers
Quidore 13th August 1847

very poetical, very bad writing,
and very absurd.

non voyez page 146

Peut-être mon compagnon de voyage & moi nous sommes les premiers
francais qui venons visiter Gweedore: nous ne serons pas les derniers si
nous pouvons exprimer à nos compatriotes toute notre admiration pour
ce qui nous avons eu toute notre reconnaissance pour l'hospitalité qui nous
a accueillis.

J'ai vu les lieux de l'île où le colosse fuyant
força la mer d'Irlande à remplir son canal
& grandiose artiste, admiré d'âge en âge,
fonda deux monastères sur l'une & l'autre plages:
en l'île Staffa, son palais sous-marin;
en l'île de Cet orgue en basalte; en la main
de l'immense buffet modulant l'harmonie
des géants des rochers vif le génie.
Jusqu'ici le géant n'avait point eu d'égale,
mais Lord Hill à Gweedore a surpassé fuyant:
le géant n'a laissé qu'une pierre stérile
& Lord Hill a rendu la tourbière fertile.

Gweedore Hotel 18 août 1867

Amedee Pichot & Paul Batsy

These travelers coming expressly from Paris to visit Gweedore.

Now with reason, je suis un des derniers qui
visite Gweedore pour la première fois et je suis
enchante. ce 30 août 1906. 59 ans après ce qui
est écrit en haut. Geo. Proizy of London

Gweedore Hotel 16 Aug 1867

We have the greatest gratification in
bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which
the affairs of the Gweedore Hotel are conducted,
and we are desirous of expressing our admiration
of the patriotic liberality and humane feeling
of its noble proprietor

- W. J. M. M.
- Mrs. Hall
- James White
- J. A. R. Carr
- E. W. Fisher

X Rupert Green

Oh! Gweedore's lord mountains, rich valleys
and streams

On thy wild Irish character providence beams
Be grateful to him by your virtues
and skill

Your philanthropic Patron and friend
Lord George Hill

1867

We have great pleasure in adding our testimony to
that of the many recorded in this book in praise of the
comfort & cleanliness & good order of the Hotel. Donegal
August 17: 1867. Edwin G. Brown

Delighted as we have been with the
 Witness and Sublimity of the surrounding
 scenery, we cannot take leave of the
 Suedore Hotel, without expressing our
 thanks to the noble proprietor, for opening
 these beautiful and hitherto unfrequented
 districts to tourists, and providing so
 admirably for their comfort and
 accommodation -

Joseph Moore - Home B. Dublin
 Elizabeth de Moore Molanau
 Moore Home Street Dublin
 Robert Patton Close O'Connell
 William Moore Alderman

Wills Sutherland

10 Aug 1847 -
 Arrived -

~~Discontented myself - to destroy the happiness of~~
 persevere - William T. Owen.
 Aug 18. 1847.

It is very pleasing to see Sickenan who has had some
 bad opinions of the hotels of his native land, to find
 after a partial general acquaintance with those of Suedore
 in which for comfort cleanliness & attention, may
 well bear comparison with any of those in the sister
 Islands - about 14 years ago I spent two nights at

Monday. I remain at the house of the Deputy
 & congratulate for the present & wish that of the Deputy
 knowledge of our heads to get to find such a change
 and the great good promise of improvement in other
 things.

Aug 18.

John P. Moran
 Staple Clayton, Bucks

London that may compare advantageously
 with the best hotels in the Lake District.
 Aug 18th - To the best Inn: Mr. De

I have found every thing
 comfortable at this
 We have had much pleasure during
 our short sojourn at Suedore and its
 neighbourhood, pleasure to which the
 romantic scenery of the surrounding country,
 and the comforts of the Hotel greatly contrib-
 uted, but which was mainly derived from
 the great improvements effected in the culti-
 vation of the Soil and the character of the in-
 habitants, by the energy and benevolence of its
 noble proprietor - We wish his Lordship every success
 in his arduous and praiseworthy exertion, and earnestly
 hope he may "persevere" and prosper, to his own pro-
 fitation, the well being of his tenants, and the glory
 of his "when Dennis, make it rich" -

Joseph Weston Rectory St. Andrew's
 Marthon Weston
 William Newman Student
 Thos. Gifford Student
 James Howard
 Aug 19, 1847

We have this interesting place with much respect,
 delighted with the beauty of the scenery and
 truly pleased with the comfort and regularity of
 the houses. May the better prospects of the city
 long live to enjoy the pleasing reflections in passing
 by his philanthropic exertions effected so great
 improvements in this remote district.

August 20th 1847

Emma Sarah Weston
 Anne Phillis Capt. W. & Mrs. W.
 Emily Jane Lybott
 Maria Sarah Brown
 Mary Harriette Gilbert
 Catherine Theresa Nelson

The accommodation at the Hotel & the attendance
 are very satisfactory
 Saint Croix Deny
 Aug 21st 1847

Sick of the glands and
 much pleased with the attention & comfort of the Hotel
 W. Cappella meat all fresh.

Went to work after Mountain and Moor
 At 12 in the night we arrived at Grenada,
 When hunger & pain were quickly forgot
 And pleasure, not sorrow, became soon our lot,
 For the Swamp & Morass were beautiful & tough,
 And English top was both flinty & rough;
 When warmed with good cheer, and lively & hearty
 A treat was proposed by one of our party.

"My Friends let me trespass for once on your topic
 While a health I propose in extempore Rhyme,
 For Rhyme has been ever the Landlord's friend,
 And the health of this Trust, is a Landlord indeed.
 Who is the Guest, or Tenant at Will?
 Who wishes not health to the Noble Lord Hill?
 Then fill up your glasses, fill fill to the brim
 Let every life drain their in honor of him,
 Whose name long Renown'd in the Annals of War
 Eclipsed all its fame in the Dale of Grenada."

30 August 1847
 Grenada

H. Kennedy
 Edw Gibson
 Wm. Batchelor
 J. Kennedy

A Traveller must be unreasonable not to be perfectly satisfied with the comfort and accommodation afforded by this Hotel. Had the scenery is as peculiar as it is striking and impressive. But the most interesting part of the whole is the social & moral improvement observable throughout the whole estate. Lord Geo. Skillo's undertaking has been indeed onerous, requiring a degree of self-sacrifice very uncommon. May his life be spared to see his designs completed, and may the children inherit their Father's virtues, and imitate his noble example.

Gloucester Sep: 2: 47

Edw. Preshut
Hitcham Surrey.



I have been here since the 20th July and I have only to repeat that I quit you with regret

Yours truly
C. H. Marshall

I Had rather an uncomfortable journey from Killybegs, and was glad to meet with such an excellent Inn, I only know of three others in Ireland at all like it viz at Westport at Achill, and at Lord Rodens Lodge gate Co. Down. - The journey from here to Killybegs had better be avoided till the road is improved and there are better conveyances to be had. I have been in every part of Ireland, and there is no County where the roads are so bad as they are in Donegal, and the Inns at Dungloe and Glenties are very bad.

September 3rd 1847.

C. H. F. W. M.
Northampton
Surrey.

Gloucester Hotel

11th September 1847

We have spent ten nights in the Hotel, and feel much pleasure in adding our testimony to the many that have gone before us to the comfort to have experienced, as the attention to have received from all connected with the Establishment

Wm. W. Arthur
Marianne W. Arthur
of Gloucester

I have passed two days in this beautiful Valley. The tempestuous state of the weather precluded my seeing as much of the District as I wished: but I did see enough to convince me of the beauty & resources of the Mother Meads, which has the power to produce within themselves a beauty not to be met with in the Country of the Hotel. We are indebted to the highest praise

Marianne W. Arthur
Wm. W. Arthur
of Gloucester

The comfort & interior economy of this Inn is equal to its outward appearance, which in my opinion is high praise, for a more substantial well built & commodious house with stable byre &c &c it would be difficult to find any where, or impossible to imagine in any other part of Ireland of so wild a character as this. It is

To take a fair sample of the Lord George's
 Hill's 'doings in Foyah' which have
 effected such an extraordinary revolution
 in the space of a few years in the habits
 of the people & the appearance of the
 country - substituting cleanliness &
 industry for sloth & dirt - & changing
 bogs rocks & heathen into cornfields
 & potatoe gardens, that one scarcely
 knows whether most to admire or
 wonder at the transformations we behold.
 I must not omit to record the civility of
 the landlord & landlady, to whom great
 praise is due for the order & general
 neatness of the Hotel.

Succeeded Hotel
 Sep^r 17. 1847
 Brod Street
 Capt. Thott
 Godmersham Park

We the undersigned have experienced
 much to our pleasure and surprise
 situated in a remote & mountainous
 district, a well appointed and
 comfortable Hotel (The Guedore)
 affording all the accommodation
 of a private house of the best class
 with attendance cleanliness & liberality
 and have it with regard this 21 day
 of September 1847

R. Barry
 of Inverness, Governor
 of the ...
 J. P. Laughlin
 Deputy ...
 J. P. Malloy city of Dublin
 Merchant

I have great pleasure in certifying to the comfort, atten-
 tion and entertainment enjoyed by me during a visit
 at Guedore Hotel

John Dal. Moon

Sept. 21st 1847

I have passed two nights at this Hotel
 & experienced every comfort & civility - I
 consider the arrangements excellent - I have
 been much pleased with the improvements
 so judiciously made in this remote district

James O'Connell, Bristol House

8th Oct 1847

A most delightful spot - an oasis in the surrounding
 wilderness - the Hotel all that man could wish

Oct 12th 1847

Wm. Stewart
 Esq.

J. L. Smith

Oct 15/47

J. D. Gray

I stopped at the
 Hotel ... for a night
 great comfort & ...
 Lieut. Genl. W. D. ... } Oct 16th 1847
 W. D. ... }

Much pleased with the accommodation
 & attention I received at the Hotel

John S. Charley

Oct. 1847

Principal House
 Belfast

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28th October Much pleased with the
Accommodation and attention I was
and Independent

The accommodation and comfort
in this Hotel is as good if not better
than many others in the North of
Ireland and I must say reflects
credit on its proprietors and Manager

Wm Caldwell

22nd Nov 1847

Dec. 5th 1847. Sir J. W. Foley, Captain Lovell. have
passed several days at this hotel and are
highly satisfied with the hotel in every respect.

March 6. 1848

I arrived unfortunately at Fwoodon when
the Hotel had been ordered to be shut up for
some time in consequence of fever, nevertheless
I found the establishment which the kindness
of Mr. Foster enabled me to inspect to surpass
even what in my wildest dreams I had
pictured to my imagination & I am very happy
to add my name to the list speaking of
its merits

John W. South
Captain R. W. Fusilier

The Greenstone Hotel to the traveller is
like meeting fairy land, in the midst
of a desert, I have spent two nights here
and feel happy in adding my testimony
to the comfort and attention which I have
received;

22nd March 1848

W. McGeoghegan
Barrister at Law
In reader, location and public attention

Captain Leach L. D. Grant R. Duff and
Mr. Scott R. Duff Deputys visiting this
neighbourhood on duty, have spent
three days at the Greenstone Hotel and
have experienced every comfort attention
and civility -
Greenstone

13th April 1848

Guidon, Guidon, Guidon Eucow
Eucow, Eucow, Eucow Guidon
21st April 1848

Bosh
Sord.
fabrath

About the year 1806 I went over a considerable part
of this property and was astonished to see the
great improvement lately made by Lord G. Hill
both in the land and people who are more civilized
than I could have conceived. The outlay must have
been considerable from the buildings lately got up
in the best manner, a Quay, Store, Glebe House, &c. &c.
the land and an excellent town. Greenstone 11th May 1848
The following
Alexander Duff

When I determine on coming to Gwendore
I did suppose it Paradise, lost for ever man.
Led on by a smooth road, on each side, Peak & Mountain Hills
I at length found lodgings at Lord George Hills
The Hotel is good, and kept in perfect order
Which must always reflect credit to the awarder !!!

M. C. Ann
Practical Instructor of
Poetry ^{Drinks} — Orthography. &c.

Gwendore 24th May 1848

May 26th We are very much pleased
with this hotel and its accommodation
R. P. Gray & C. H. Gray, Newcliffe, Cheshire

After the lapse of nearly four years, and in the company of the
same valued friend, I again visit these extraordinary scenes; and
not merely would I acknowledge the attention I have met with,
and the comfort I have enjoyed, in this excellent hotel — but record
the pleasure with which I have just inspected 15 acres of splendid
eye grass & clover on a part of the hotel farm, which, on my first
visit, ^{I saw} in the state of nature, and in progress of preparation for
the receiving of a crop. A view of the present state of this
farm, is, in my humble opinion, sufficient to convince the
most sceptical of the possibility of profitably improving many
of our wild mountain tracts, and making many of our wilder-
nesses bloom as the rose. Honour to the noble Lord who
has set, and still continues to set, so fine an example
of benevolence, patience, and true love of country!

June 2. 1848

Henry Casse
Clea, Clunhill

We have passed three days in this Hotel where
we have found all the arrangements extremely
good. Breakfasts and Dinner excellent with
Moderate charges and prompt attendance —

Gwendore 3rd June 1848

John M. Clare }
Mont. M. Clare } Derry
G. M. Clare }

I must say that this is an excellent
hotel; and meeting it here in about the wildest
part of the wilds of Connaught, surprises me as
equally as an oasis found a wanderer
through a desert when it meets his weary men
Richd Lawler

15th June 1848

Master District Inspector of Schools

Capt. & Mrs. Beatty have to their complete satisfaction
sojourned during the last six days at this justly celebrated
Hotel, and they most cordially coincide in all that has been
so well & ably & justly stated in the books laudatory of all
that has been accomplished, & is being done, in this District
by the noble Lord George & Hills in improving the condition
of its peasantry by reclamation of waste lands & teaching
them the useful arts of culture & a better husbandry, and
although their deeply rooted prejudices make it almost
impossible to convince them of the disastrous nature
by which his Lordship is influenced in this his labour of
love; he cannot fail of being justly rewarded by the
enlightenment & of enjoying what is of infinitely greater value
the approbation of his own conscience.

Gwendore Hotel 26th June 1848

Alexander Scott

Having spent the last two nights at this comfortable hotel we had much pleasure in adding my humble testimony to that of those who have preceded us as to its quiet comfort & general excellence in the land of
 we contain a flood of peints by land & perhaps also by sea such an establishment cannot fail to be appreciated but when taken in connection with the other improvements it is a standing witness if not a benevolent hand may direct employment in what is apparently one of the most distinct & be hand by some of the directions been shown through the Mill stores at Dundee you shall not however warm with your praise what is there open to general observation and fully appreciated by all who visit the place such an undertaking needs only to be known & the reward of these remarks will not deny themselves that pleasure has been limited maybe the thing

Specimen } John Patterson of Londonderry
 30th June 1843 }
 Geo. G. Green
 Londonderry

Bad manners to the schoolmaster that taught you Latin and to your Green companions

As Experience teaches you to speak And being in the service of the R. F. Society of Ireland, I have been located in this district for a few weeks in the summer of 1847 and now again - 48 a few more, and having become partly acquainted with the Facts of Goodenore, I now feel myself justly called upon to add my humble testimony to the many previously inserted in this Book As to the good order, regularity, and Hospitality of the Managers of this Hotel & few if any could find a fault the subscriber finds none. And the Improvements that has been made in the Goodenore Hotel speaks volumes to the praise of its proprietor Lord G. St. Hill. If the Landlords of Ireland would take example by him, and the spirited proprietor of Dunlewy Mr. Russell, our long neglected, despised, and disrespected, Ireland; would soon become a place of Comfort and Plenty, O May prosperity attend each Noble hearted Man Who to improve our Emerald Isle goes on with heart & hand You Cloudy rally now rejoice your Bowen days are past Your heather must change for forest trees on the far Mountain You Arizal that standeth forth among the hills a King of the Mountains and also faith your presence now to bring The Marble Base on which you stand must show by change To rear the proud Monument tower and bear the inscription And now farewell to each my friend Goodenore & home I wish May love and peace attend you all, not forgetting your Goodenore July 3rd 1847.

The above coming from a Flax Agriculturist - may be safely termed a "Yarn" - and the worst I ever spun I have seen. Alpha

Alexander Smith

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Visited Greendore on the 6 July 1848. and
not without having our expectations
fully realized.

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Wm. J. J. J.
John W. J.

We have spent two days at the Greendore Hotel
and have been especially of the fruits of Lord
G. Hill's enterprise & benevolence, of which we
have often heard and read, and to which
we bear our grateful testimony.

The accommodations at the Hotel are of
an excellent nature, and we have met with extreme
attention & civility.

John Allen - Brighton -
P. H. Allen
Happy Allen
July 8. 1848.

The 8th July 1848
A Right
J. Woodhouse
M. W. Woodhouse
T. W. Woodhouse
R. D. Woodhouse
John Davis Woodhouse
Mark. aged 5 yrs

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W. J. J. J.
Katharine
July 12. 1848.

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This gentleman might have added
a few words in approval of this
very comfortable Hotel R. P. T.
can only wish his name.

Col. Longhead and daughter, Major
Stewart and Mr Ch. Minton arrived at
Greendore Hotel on Thursday the 15th
and remained until Saturday Morning
Visited Bunbeg, and sailed and fished
up the Liffey, as far as Dunlewea House.
found the accommodation at the
Hotel very good.

Greendore July 15th 1848

I have great pleasure in adding my
testimony to that of the many who
have been in praise of the comfort
& cleanliness and good order of
this Hotel.

John King
July 17th 1848 Manchester

I leave this Hotel with much regret after
a short visit, and feel bound to state that it is the
most convenient and comfortable I have met with in my
recent tour through Ireland.

21st July 1848

W. J. J. J.
Katharine
July 12. 1848.

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Charles Taylor } July 21 + 22
H.C. Webster) 1848

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This is my third visit to the Quindore Hotel where every comfort civility and attention await the traveller.
Ch. Macadam Col.
R. E. Cutler
July 27 - 1848

Quindore Hotel July 28. 1848. We have visited this Hotel and are highly gratified with the excellent & affable and also at the improving state of this part of the Country. And with attention & courtesy to strangers visiting Quindore is worthy of all commendation.

George Webster Straban
M. Infanter
Henry White Remington
M. White

From a short visit to the Quindore we are highly gratified & find the comforts afforded at the Hotel say things that could be wished for

Geo Gordon Straban
H. Scott
Henry Scott
Walter Scott Bart
John Scott

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J.R. (presumably) spent a most agreeable day at the hotel and the its neighbourhood & found the Hotel in every respect worthy of its reputation. July 28. 1848

Judge Perrin & Mr Perrin two of their sons & two daughters return their thanks to the host & hostess for the attention & entertainment they have received during their stay & express at this interesting & delightful spot, they feel much obliged by the polite attention of Mr Forster, the well art attempt to improve their sense of which obligate their visitors, the neighbourhood rich as well as poor, & the whole country are under the excellent & example of the Proprietor
August 5/48

We have much pleasure in recording the satisfaction we have felt in visiting the Quindore Hotel. And in recording the attentions of the Host & Hostess

John Hunt Esq. M.D.
& Highgate Water
Alexander Straban

Aug 7/48

We have been much gratified by the attention and civility shown to us during our visit here, and regret we are prevented from prolonging our stay in consequence of the accommodation at the Hotel being so full

Quindore Hotel
August 1848

Wm. H. H. H.
Henry H. H.
Alexander H. H.
John H. H.

Alexander Straban

The day so fine, with all combine
 Our hearts with praise to fill,
 The air so sweet, all such a treat,
 Our thanks to Lord George Hill.
 Who built this Inn, placed all within,
 That here the Traveller might rest,
 Long may he reign, is now our strain
 Of men he seems the best.
 For we were fed, had such a bed,
 Just at the Inn given done,
 With host so kind, all to our mind,
 Thought left to wish for more,
 And now we're here, and all have seen
 This at Lord George's Inn.
 God bless the man, that it did plan
 With say for our wine.

I have had great pleasure in again
 visiting the Green Hotel, where
 excellent comfort is found in every
 department. The country is
 also much improved by the
 important extensive works
 but for the sake of his excellent
 & welcome with great heart to the
 August 11th 1840. *W. Cotton*

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For those names are undignified
 have paid a heavy but most
 agreeable visit to Goodenore. I
 have been most gratified, & will
 hope that the exertions of the
 patriotic & noble hearted Proprietors
 may be met as they deserve by his
 Lordships servants - of the whole
 District

W. Cotton

Hill

W. Cotton 1st Lieut & D.
 R. S. Kennedy
 Geo. (rotor) M.D.



August 11th 1840

Capital dinner

Thomas Conolly

Long Yarns Thate (and more)
 Long regards to relate!
 Come three hearty cheers for sea and shore
 And for the place they call Goodenore.
 Come again no time to lose
 Three cheers again for Hill and Frost
 Fill your glasses = stand on the floor
 Hip Hip Hurrah for the Goodenore

The Echo

One cheer more, Hip Hip Hurrah
 For they are right good fellows
 Which no hole can deny

(S. B. O. H. H.) and A. L. P.

Alexander Hill

I have spent one night at the far famed
Gwendon Hotel and have found every comfort.
I have much pleasure in adding my testimony
to the kindness and civility shown by the
conductors of this excellent and truly noble establishment.

James Stewart
I Very

12th August 1848

I am happy to bear my humble testimony to
the order and cleanliness with which all things
are conducted in this Hotel, also to the civility of
its servants

N.B. I made the housemaid pay 6^d for an umbrella
worth about the smallest copper coin - P.F.
P. Foley
St. Patrick's College

Mrs Peers, of Childhampton
referred to, passed this night here (August 21, 1848) at
of much enjoyed the comforts of this hotel after a
heavy road drive from Letterkenny, and found reasons
to assign with all previous testimonials to the attention &
ability of the host & staff - and in admiration of the
improvements effected by the noble proprietor - Happy for
a country when those who have the power, have also the
will to imitate the examples of this "Hibernian" "Man of
Cork" -

This has been one of the
pleasants^t and most agreeable days
of my life which I have passed at Gwendon
and most anxious shall she to return

Lord Fitz-Rois

Miss Stewart
Kewtown Limerick
Miss Stewart
Kewtown Limerick

When you see
the little girl
from Kewtown
Kewtown Limerick
Miss Stewart
Kewtown Limerick

The accompanying
at the Hotel

Spent a few days here and
am delighted with the
Hospitality. My wife has the good
effect of stimulating visitors to
the waters at Home

26th August 1848

London

We have found everything at this Hotel tolerably comfortable

Aug 26th } G. Wells. King's College London.
 } W. T. Bea. Kensington Palace London.
 } W. Wells - Kensington - London -

Do they know what comfort is? Salmo Trutta.

I have spent a most agreeable week
at Gwendon, & have much pleasure in
testifying to the civility, attention &
good arrangements of the Hotel.

29. Aug. 1848 J. W. W. W.

I have spent some days here
and have found all the arrangements
of the Hotel very good and the
servants most attentive and
obedient

Wm. C. C. C.
Gwendon Aug 29th 1848

My sisters and I are very much pleased
with the care and its accommodations

August 31. 1848

Thomas P. B.
Belfast

Alxandra ...

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We have much pleasure in bearing testimony
to the good accommodation and civility of the
attendants while remaining at the Guadua
Hotel

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2nd Sep: 1848. Henry Ferguson, Esq. Attorney at Law
White's Refractor Street - W.L.
only

Have remained here for one day, and have been treated with
attention and civility, and found the accommodation most
comfortable - Did not the charges very moderate. We should
be an improvement if a distinct charge were made in the
bill for servants as in most hotels in England.
Sept: 1848.

A. M. Fairbank
Dublin.

I P.S. about some the customary - if not also expected - that travellers
should send their opinion not merely of the hotel, but also of the
District, I may observe, that I have been much pleased
with most of the principles in which the Guadua estate is
conducted - but I collect from the first clause of the fourth
paragraph of the Notice to Servants, and also from another
source, that his Lordship is not in the habit of granting
leases - and that his Servants live at Will - and
the second clause seems to ~~mean~~ be very objectionable in
so far as it relates to the enlargement of Houses - in fact,
it converts the Servant into a mere Wife - The result
of the other principles appears very satisfactory -

A. M. F.

Mr J. B. Hill. W. Ferguson's separation } 6th Aug: 1848.
Mr Hill.

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I'll only say what many have said before
I wish every success to Lord Hill's Executors.
A. Ferguson

I am truly sorry to say, that this is the last evening
of our pleasant sojourn at Guadua which (by the way, has
been rather a long one, extending over a space of 7 weeks -
If I add, that this is our third visit, I shall
have given the most satisfactory opinion of the many
improvements of the hotel. Verbum sat Saperienti

Sept: 1848

W. P. Carr
London Street.
Lovely Lane &c

I spent one day here & am perfectly satisfied with the arrange-
ments of the Hotel. - I am very much pleased with the character
of the people on Lord Hill's estate as the exhibit a degree of highness
& politeness not to be found in any other part of Ireland, which
must be very gratifying to his Lordship

W. Wigram
London

Sept 19 1848

Many thanks for the attention & accommodation given at this excellent Hotel
on a very transient visit. W. H. Martin Sturges & Carter

20 Sept 1848

John S. Pelcher Proctor

Having been visited by my Son, Mr. Hill, who has just returned from the
advantage of Mr. Cunningham's finally pursued he could not help expressing
admiration of the beautiful view & the display in the garden which
is honorable to his Lordship & so beneficial to his health

24 Sept 1848

John S. Pelcher
Proctor

Alexander Hill

Six years since or little more
 There was nothing at Gweedore
 Desolation on the shore
 Where is now a busy store.
 Travellers then said, what a bore
 "That there's no Inn at Gweedore
 "When of miles one's walked a score
 "Oh how sweet to find a door"
 Vain hope, no sound along the shore
 To break the wild Atlantic's roar
 No hand to till, no eye to explore
 The bleak expanse of hill & moor.
 Now all is changed. I stand before
 A good hotel - its name, Gweedore.
 My bed room's on the 2nd floor
 My sitting room a little lower;
 That butcher's nag is no bad goer,
 The baker comes too, somewhat slower
 Acres of cornland I look o'er
 Your field of grass demands the mower
 Each cottager is now a grower
 The Post comes in at 1/2 past 4
 The Doctor's car is at the door -
 The statesman, who in Paris deplore
 The ills of Ireland think this o'er.
 Believe her true & sound at core
 And learn from him who raised Gweedore.

G.T.K. Sept 22 -
 1848.

Visited Gweedore September 23, 1848.
 John Browne, Dublin &c

Visited Gweedore

W. John S. Charles Mr. Matthew Clark
 Drury House, Belfast, - Mr. R. Harvey
 Liverpool -
 1 Oct. 1848

Visited Gweedore were much
 pleased with the accomodation

Lady Garraugh, Mr & Mrs Cannings 18th Nov
 A. Spotted Wood Coy.

I have been most greatly surprised in this
 mountainous and wild district to find, an Hotel
 which in point of substantial comfort is hardly
 surpassed.

19th October 1848 W. M. Harvey

We have been here frequently and can say
 by our own said before that the accomodation
 is excellent and the fare good
 1 Nov. 1848.

Andrew Castle
 James McCombe
 Post office, Drury's Point
 Bury

Visited Gweedore a lovely day
 Much pleased with all we saw
 & very well satisfied with the excellent
 Nov 9, 1848 The Ophir

A. L. Vady
 A. M. Stewart St. Charles
 Brody Horroan
 L. M. O'Connell
 Alexander ...

W. Massey !!!
Royal Engineer
10 Nov 1848

Thanks to the great and noble Proprietor of
Gendore Hotel, he has raised a Paradise in
the midst of a mountainous country. And
the accommodation is first rate, and here we are?
The greatest kindness which I may say
William Hall A.C. Dr. Plymouth

I have slept here last night, and feel bound
to acknowledge that everything I have witnessed
about this place reflects great credit on
the Proprietor, and also on those acting for
him. My slightest wishes have been anticipated
and everything connected with the Estate and the
Manner of the people, has been kindly committet
to me by the ^{the} Host. B. W. W. Londoners, farmer
Dec 7th

visited this neighbourhood for the
first time the 19th January 1849 and
was indeed surprised & much gratified
with Longhills improvements and
with the extremely comfortable
accommodation at the Gendore Hotel
Wm. W. W. 53 Lane, Baggott, Dublin

We have this day been on an excursion and
visited the Gendore Hotel and found it to be
beautifully situated and ^{the} accommodation

Gendore April 14th 1849 J. Massey
Capt. W. W. W.

Well pleased with the accommodation and attention
received at this Hotel
7 May 1849 W. W. W. London

An excellent Hotel
of May 1849 Thos. Thirlwall London

May 16 - 1849. Mr Charles Mozley of Derby has
spent two days here very pleasantly. He was perfectly
satisfied with the accommodation & attention he received

We spent one night here and found
the hotel very comfortable.
County Down, Drury, James A. Doyle
Edge Hill
Leob Doyle
Very good fishing
May 31st 1849 J. Doyle

... by to subscribe on ...
in testimony of the gratification he felt at
having travelled in this beautiful country
and in all respects of our thanks to the
Proprietor who has established the excellent
Hotel. - 6 June 1849 James W. W.

We found every possible attention, and comfort, at this Establishment.

John Montgomery
June 7th 1849 * And J. Montgomery
Resident Magistrate. Dussak

Much pleased with our visit, and the attention & accommodation of the Hotel

8th June 1849
W. G. Gorton Cairn }
Henry Blower } Liverpool

The Quocedre Hotel maintained its high character for cleanliness, comfort and civility. I much regret that on this my fourth visit I had not the good fortune on former occasions to meet the noble physician whose benevolent disposition and active exertions have done so much for this secluded and interesting locality.

J. Macpherson Coll.
15th June 1849.

Most comfortable.

Sam. Swigg Esq
July 4. 1849
Magherafelt

* As nasty a fellow as any in Europe

Mr & Mrs. Thos Bond of Dury have passed the last three days at the Quocedre Hotel, and found every thing extremely comfortable, and they cannot speak in too high terms of the civility and attention of all the persons connected with this excellent establishment.
9th July 1849.

18th July 1849

I have spent five days at this Hotel. It is well to say more first visit Henry Jenkins Esq Liverpool.

The Rev. Mr. Thos Bond party stopped at the Quocedre Hotel for one night and were delighted with all the arrangements and accommodation of the House.

Passed a night at this hotel and found the accommodation good in every respect. For guided journal this, I am indebted to Mr. Bond, who was most kind and attentive in all respects. I was here on the night mentioned and was exceedingly well treated every attention paid. &c

The Rev. Mr. Bond
Esq. Liverpool

Mr. Dr. Major & Sir George Burrow found the accommodation here very good in all respects.

Esq. Liverpool

Spent last night here and much pleased with the attention paid and the manner in which the establishment is conducted

Supt. Jas. West Mr. J. K. Johnston Steward
Wm Johnston Somagh

Found attendance & accommodation good

2 Augt. 1849 -

J. M. King
C. B. Lee
E. W. Lucas
W. Lucas

Aug 2: 1849 An Omen in the Wilderness
Edw. Whitwell Kendall

4 Augt. 1849. Have seen Curlew, with joyful astonishment, with many others not to be written here. Could find all Irish Landrats, I see, examine, go and do like - mice! - I see, with a few more, in visiting early morning to such and autumn

Hotel most comfortable & the improvement around most cheering to us here Augt. 1849 W. Thacker

Found this Hotel unusually comfortable & the attendance good

W. Bellairs 49th Regt
J. Bellairs Capt. 49th Regt
J. W. Jackson 49th Regt

Mr & Mrs B. M. Southall. Mr & Mrs Cassadon
Mr Cook and Party. Visited Guidice Hotel
Spent one night here, were much pleased with the accommodations & attendance
by August 1849

Aug 8th Hotel and attendance very good
Wm. S. Westcott

Having spent ten nights in the Proceeders Hotel, we have much pleasure in adding our testimony, to the many recorded here, of the comforts of the house

Proceeders B. Aug 1849
J. S. Cook Spanaway
John K. Reid New Orleans
Ernest Reid Louisiana
James M. Howell Mobile
Wm. H. Reid Turfport
The Misses Mackay Bienville
Mrs. Kelly Bienville

I have again passed two days nights at this hotel & found the same comfort as upon two former occasions
Aug. 15th 1849
Sawdys

Recieve every comfort & Attention in this House
 as a Traveller could or should expect.
 23 Aug. - 9 Geo. Blake
 Dublin.

An excellent Hotel & every body very
 attentive & obliging
 W. Burnett London

27 Oct. 1845

I have remained here for several days. I have been treated
 with civility and found the accommodations excellent
 called Woodland - Dublin.

We have been much pleased with the attention
 & civility we have received during our stay at this
 hotel -
 2nd Sept. 1849

Thomas & James
 R. R. Thomas

Visitors are requested to make their remarks as
 to the accommodation &c. they meet with at the
 hotel - It would be a great injustice
 if this request were unnoticed by two
 English Travellers who were induced to
 prolong their stay for a period of three
 weeks by the comfort attention & civility
 they experienced -

While they have pleasure in adding
 their testimony as to the excellent management
 of the establishment in all its departments
 they have yet greater gratification in
 recording their respect & admiration

of the generous efforts made by the noble
 proprietor of the district to ameliorate the
 condition of its wretched population, and who
 has devoted his time, his wealth, & the
 best energies of an active mind to encourage
 them in habits of industry & to promote
 moral & social virtue among them.

May he long be spared to witness
 the fruits of his benevolent enterprise,
 and realize the yet higher reward of
 a good & faithful stewardship

Sept 4th - 1849

Geo. Ferard Brighton
 C. C. Ferard - Jane Temple
 London

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Westbury with their
 and Mrs. Scrimin Dublin, spent a night
 at the Hotel and as usual, found
 every thing most regular and
 comfortable. Sept 14 1849

I have found every thing most comfortable, at
 the Gweedon Hotel.

7th Sept. 1849
 Mrs. Highgate
 to Cole 57 Regt.

10 Sept. 1849

I have ~~been~~ taken a deep interest in Lord George Hill's proceedings from the time they were first noticed in the Times newspaper, & in the House of Commons, and I rejoice that I have now the opportunity of seeing some of the results of his labors, with which I am greatly pleased. The devotion of time & talents to improve the social & moral condition of those under his influence, is at all times a noble work, & an example to others, & a encouragement to them, to engage in the same ~~work~~ ^{work} of labor of love, ~~as~~ ^{as} Lord George Hill's is invaluable, and I believe it has already had its effect, as during a journey of 800 miles in Ireland I have seen a spirit manifested, by several parties, particularly Mr Butler & Mr James Ellis, which if more general will soon render Ireland what it ought to be a land of industry & plenty. May Lord George live to see the fruits of his labors, not only in the improvement of his own property, but ⁱⁿ those parts of this beautiful Country, where such a landlord ^{will} be the best of Patriots. I regret I cannot remain until Tuesday

in this very comfortable Hotel, to witness the distribution of prizes, and to have the opportunity, which I should have much valued, of seeing Lord George Hill.

William L. Hoar

11 Sept.

We have found this Hotel and the attention we have received all we could desire

W. L.

We have passed a day and night at this Hotel and found the accommodations most comfortable, and inmates in management most obliging and attentive.

12th Sept 49

David Walker
Margaret Walker
Henry Walker

Visited this place near it with feelings of much interest with Sir Edm. St. Austen & a family party given (Sept) 1849 - Every thing about the Hotel very satisfactory

Sam. Gurney of London

Mr. Thornely M.P. Miss Thornely and Mrs. Mary Thornely have made a most agreeable visit to Sweden, and have witnessed with great satisfaction, the manifest improvements in the district both as regards the Country and the condition of the People. The Hotel most comfortable and well conducted

15 September 1849.

I much commend the arrangements of this Hotel & heartily admire the efforts made by its noble proprietor to benefit the people on his estate and to improve the land. I cordially wish him prosperity & success in all his undertakings

Sept 15th 1849

Edw. A. Burton Esq

10th 19th Sept. 1849

John Charrington of London

19 Sept

Passed the night here & found the accommodation very good

James W. Newman

of London

A. Logan

Shaw who does him?
 C. G. Meethy

Having passed a night at the Gweedore Hotel in company with my friends Mr. Keogh, J. K. & J. D. I have to thank Mr. Hill for excellent accommodation in a part of the country where in former days it is better than the most miserable town would hardly be found. I trust that in the course of a few years the various improvements undertaken by his lordship for the civilization of his country may be rewarded with the success they so cordially merit

20th Sept 1849

J. W. Ward of London

22nd September 1849 Visited this Hotel and received every attention & the most excellent repairs. Leopold Edmund Dublin

Mr. W. Maudslayi party of Smithells came here from Ballyporell House & lunched were highly gratified by the accommodation, the beauty of the scenery & the enterprising spirit of the noble proprietor.

Gweedore Hotel 22 Sept. 1849

Happy the country if all proprietors were like Lord Gweedore & happy the traveller if all hotels were like the Gweedore Hotel

James W. Newman Esq
23rd Sept 1849

Switzerland has its Mount St Bernard and its monastery - Ireland has its Gweedore and its Hill.

Horace Graynes
September 24. 1849

Sept 24th Left at Gweedore Hotel much pleased with the great comfort and regularity - and inspected at the Medical Chamber - J. W. -

24th Sept^r 1849.

x The works immediately about the Hotel are chiefly agricultural, to show what can be done with a natural descent. The works of a more uncommon kind in labour Bumbeg, show what can be done in a social descent. St. George Hill has aspired to reconstruct society upon his Estate - & to put the people in the way of satisfying all the wants of civilized man. It cannot be that ^{so many} an effort shd wholly fail - It is not to be tried by the financial result alone - but all good men ^{might} rejoice if in that respect also it ~~is~~ succeed.

Let no pilgrim, satisfied with the comforts of this house, omit the harbour, the Store, the Mill, the School, & the remarkable coast scenery of Gweedore -
 J.P. Spedding

24th of September 1849. -

x I am glad to be able to put on record my admiration of what has been done here by Lord George Hill to improve the condition of his fellow countrymen - He has done his part well in struggling with the greatest evils of modern times, and he is deserving of honour and respect from all who wish for the future regeneration of Ireland
 Thos. S. Madlam M.P.

The hotel good in all respects. T.S.H.
 T.S.S.

Having passed last night at the Gweedore hotel ~~in a~~ we found it a small comfortable house and both adds much to the attractions

of this romantic spot and reflects very great credit upon the noble proprietor -

Sept 26 1849

Mr Boyd M.P.
 R. J. Macdonnell
 Belfast

Visited Gweedore for the first time, - feel well pleased at the excellent accommodation afforded at its well conducted Hotel

29th Sept. 1849

John Casey

Well pleased with the excellent accommodation at the Gweedore Hotel -

29th Sept 1849

Amelone

3 1st Oct^r - Was well satisfied with the accommodation and charges of this hotel
 C. J. Musgrave London
 I recommend to the attention of antiquaries the round tower on the hill opposite this house - (77)
 Much pleased, & interested with all we saw & heard during our stay at this comfortable Hotel.

Sydney Reville Clk
 Alfred Goodigate

Mrs Charley of Ballyfinnagh House & party remained two days at this Hotel & were much pleased with the surrounding scenery & with the exertions of the Noble Proprietor to improve his tenants.
 The comfort & neatness of this house is highly to be commended.

4th October

1849.

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I stopped 11 days at the Greenore Hotel and was
much pleased with the accommodation & the attention
I received; and, altho I have had better fishing
and seen finer scenery, I have never passed
a pleasanter time than on this occasion -

Hoping to be able to repeat my visit. I return
my hearty thanks to the noble proprietor

Thomas Wyse, Commander R.N.
Sunday October 10th 1849.

10th Oct 1849

Joseph W. Taylor, Cincinnati, Ohio U.S.
Joseph W. Taylor, Liverpool

Well pleased with the comfortable accommodations of
the Hotel, & interested at witnessing the improvement
that has taken place in the appearance of the
country & in the condition of the peasantry.

During near 6 mos. travel in
Europe I have not been at a Hotel more
interesting to me than this, situated as it is
in a barren district; the cultivated fields
and improved Cottages on this Estate conclu-
sively show that the soil and the peasantry
of Ireland, may be reclaimed from the effects
of long continued mismanagement & neglect.

Joseph W. Taylor Cincinnati }
U. S. America }

July 12th 1873

J. F. Murphy

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On my only...
I have...
traversed a great part of this country
who had been greatly impressed with a sense of
the "gigantic enterprise" and the laudable zeal
of Lord George Hill in endeavouring to accomplish
a Moral & Social Reformation on the degraded
barren and superstitious inhabitants of this abso-
lutely wild and barren district. How far these
noble efforts have been successful can only
be judged by persons acquainted with the
condition of the tenants previous to the estate
coming into the hands of His Lordship. It
must appear evident to the most casual observer
that the desert literally in many parts had
begun to "blossom as the rose" and that
the example has not been without effect -

The accommodations at this Hotel
are all that could be desired and
the attention paid to travellers not to
be surpassed -

October 30th 1849 } John Storey,
Londonderry Sentinel

Having slept at the Greenore Hotel last
night I have great pleasure in bearing
testimony to the excellent manner in which
the Establishment is conducted -

23rd Nov 1849

J. F. Murphy

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Garrison Hotel
March 12th 1850

I cannot take my departure from
this Hotel without adding my humble
testimony to all that has already been
written in this book. Every mode of ex-
pression would fall far short of
conveying a correct idea of my
feelings. Suffice it to say that I have
resided here more than three years
& wish ever feel grateful to Mr &
Mrs Cummins here for the many comforts
I have enjoyed during that period.

The noble proprietor has my best & most
grateful thanks for the many acts of kindness
he has shown me during his frequent
visits to Concord & it will be my greatest
pleasure in future days to remember them

G. J. Brady

G. J.

I visited this Hotel July 12th 1853
J. J. Murphy

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March 14th 1850

Notes of (exclusion) were put after my name
in the first entry of the slaves in this book by
some person just capable of making !!!
I now simply sign myself !!!!

My love
W. W. was at
Sept at Royal Ensign
13th March 1850

Ann Jones

The attention paid to "man & horse"
at this Hotel deserves to be recorded.
The man can answer for himself, and I
can answer for the horse.

J. W. Oskill
C. S. N. E. D.

Mr E. H. Vaughan lunched here this 8th day of April 1850
witness my hand ~~that~~ every thing is excellent ^{as far as I}
can judge. Edward Henry Vaughan.

Having remained last night at the Gwendore Hotel.
I found it most comfortable, Entertainment & Attendance
first rate.

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No^o Sunday
Saturday
29th May 1850

* If he be the true patriot who makes
two blades of grass or two stalks of Corn
to grow where only one of either grew
before - how much truer is he who
makes thousands of both to grow where
none ever grew before. To the noble
Proprietor of Gwendore this word of
praise is justly due.

The Hotel we have found most
comfortable - with a comfort not
least in the catalogue of a traveller's
enjoyments - Moderate Charges -

To the Geologist a visit to Bamberg
will be found highly satisfactory, as
exhibits some mineral specimens not
often so clearly developed within so
narrow a space. So far as my
recollections serve, the more illustrious
"two of facts than even the 'Spout of
Balleger'"

H. Cooke D.D. L.L.D.
30th May 1850 William McBlane

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I have visited this place in company
with my kinsman John Lucas Jr. Esq. of
Milford, and had the pleasure of meeting
with the Rev. Dr. Cooke, of Belfast at
the Gwendore Hotel, and it gives me pleasure
to add my testimony with those Gentlemen
who preceded me, that for comfort and
kind attention I have never in all my
travels been better accommodated than
at this Hotel.

May 30. 1850

James Gray,
Philadelphia,
U. S.

I can only agree with the universal opinion so often
expressed in the preceding pages that for comfort and
attention the Gwendore Hotel cannot be surpassed

June 3rd 1850

Wm. Nimble
Derry

We have spent a short time at the
Gwendore Hotel & have great satisfaction of
bearing testimony to the comfort & attention which
we have received.

Quatre Hotel
8th June 1850

Henry Mayne
St. Augustine

Mr. & Mrs. Burbough arrived at Genoa (from
 Rotterdam) on Monday the 15th of June 1850.
 They have much pleasure in stating that
 they found the Hotel extremely clean and
 comfortable, their table well served, and
 their sleeping apartment attended with
 every comfort. They also experienced
 much attention from the host & hostess,
 and also from the waiting maid.

Mr. & Mrs. Burbough also received extreme po-
 liteness from the noble proprietors of the
 Hotel, and cannot conclude without re-
 marking that if all Ireland's landed
 proprietors acted the part of this noble
 benefactor

Ireland would blossom as the rose

Now fare thee well wild, wild, Genoa
 May looking seas surround thy shores
 Genoa 15th June 1850

We were ^{much} pleased with every thing which we
 have seen at the Grandeur. Our gratification
 was increased by the pleasure of meeting Lord Hill, & by
 the kindness of Mr Foster -

Frederick Colfield } Templemore Place
 Sarah H. Colfield

June 15th 1850

Die foria Gert ist Maurus' Krot,
 Das im die von - bist du nicht Dumm
 Du lauchst die sind von William Ziel,
 Lauchst die die Maurus' offra die Krot
 die Gert - die Gert in die die die
 June 14th 1850. R. S. Plattner

Lyman Lytle and in letter a lot in a chance good
 of Lytle's you and you Lytle
 you and you Lytle
 then you Lytle and you Lytle
 and Lytle Lytle Lytle
 The the Lytle & Lytle Lytle Lytle
 June 15th 1850
 John Lytle
 Master of the
 Lytle

The Mrs. J. G. Madison } Carnage
 & family
 Much pleased with the good accommodation
 & civility they have experienced at
 the Grandeur Hotel
 June 21st 1850

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After a few intervals I have
again visited the Hotel and I have derived
additional gratification from the attention and
comfort I have experienced upon this occasion
21 June 1850
W Barry

We have much pleasure in adding our testimony to
the comforts of this far famed Hotel and to ^{the} great attention
paid to visitors by those in charge of it
Gardine Hotel
27 June 1850
The Milk Park Villa Elms Grove
John W. W. Kametson
John Lavender, Mepord
Wm Smith, 95 Douglas St Glasgow

Mr. Beaumont - Master George Beaumont
Miss Barklie
Miss Neave
Mr. Barklie

remained here from the 29 June till
the 2^d July - and found the accommodation
in all respects excellent.

Alex. Barklie
Mullamoa, Coleraine

On Sir James Donbrains remarks in Page 133 of this Book.

You might have had the good taste to omit the allusion to illicit Distillation. for to y^r shame
be it told - you countenanced Smuggling when entreated with orders to suppress it. You
purchased Potteen in great quantities - and brought it on board of the Revenue Cutter
of which you had charge - You were the most scandalous Governor ment
since - and the inquiries into your conduct proved it Sir James -
so don't be blabbering - you old fox -

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Sub Inspector of Mr. Lynch and Sub Inspector of Mr. McNeill
Arrived at Quare Hotel July 2/50. And remained for the
Night. The Comfort, Cleanliness & Attention met with in every
Department of the Establishment both our thanks & a pleasing
to your for the weary Traveller.

I remained three days at the Gardine Hotel & can add my testimony
to the excellent manner in which it is conducted the comforts it affords
& the kindness of Mr Foster & the other Gently in the neighbourhood could say
much to the attraction the Scenery around presents
5th July 1850
Richard Smith
Letterkenny

We have great pleasure in recommending this Hotel
for Comfort, civility and moderate charges -

James Wilson
Kantles

John W. D. O'Connell
Gibber

5th July 1850

We had heard much of the comfort and order of Quare
but we found more than we expected and kindness and
attention from all in the house Mr & Mrs James Donbrains
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We have great pleasure in being able to state
that we have met with the greatest
civility & attention, in this Hotel

Robert Foster

Dublin

Macneil Beadon
Dublin

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The Colonel, and Mrs Hartly having re-
sided at this Hotel during fifteen days,
cannot quit it without expressing
their unqualified satisfaction with
its arrangements. For substantial
comfort it is unsurpassed by any
in the Kingdom. And any deficiency
his such expert, would be amply com-
pensated by the manifest anxiety
to please exhibited by every one con-
nected with it. The determination
and untiring exertions of the Public
proprietor to improve the condition
of his tenantry, and raise them
in the social scale, it is not our
province to eulogize here.

Exeget monumentum in perenne
July 23 1850

We lunched here to-day & found every thing as
satisfactory as possible, and were much pleased with
everything.

Alex Stewart, Ards House.
Lord & Lady Kellam Lifford
Lady Georgiana Wall
Mr John J. & Lady Helen Stewart
Mr Lamm
Mr & Mrs W. H. H. H.

July.
Belonging to The
Old Gentlemen

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I came here yesterday and spent the day
din'd here and receiv'd every thing comfortable
Slept, and Breakfasted, and receiv'd a very
kind reception from Mr & Mrs

David Broadwood of Salford Esq
City of Beverc Rshire Teet...

Fasted three days on the Hotel and found
all the comforts of a Home it is gratifying
to find that the many and frequent instances
of civility seems only to encourage the
proprietors in endeavouring still further to
add to the comfort of their visitors -

25th July 1850
George Stoddart
Alice Lodge
Black Rock

We have enjoyed the accommodation afforded
by this hotel for the last 3 days: and have been made to feel
quite at home: the simple kindness and attention shown to visitors
here, together with the character of the scenery, and quietness of the
places, render the Grosvenor Hotel most agreeable & attractive -
Robt Maddock.

Mr & Mrs quite due to the attendants.
Both wish to thank the house for
say that they were most attentive
and kind.
5 Wp Pembroke St Dublin
Mrs Maddock
30th July 1850

I have visited this property and Hotel with great pleasure, and been greatly gratified with the improvements on the one, and the comfort and style of the other —

Robert McBreen
Grange House
Strabane

August 2 1850

I have had the greatest satisfaction in visiting the improvements made by Lord George Hill at Banby and Guisedon and to record the urbanity of — Foster Esq in showing them — I hope the fruits will be abundant

John McBreen
Scrappatuck
Strabane

August 2 1850

We have remained two days at this excellent Hotel where we have found every thing most comfortable. The dining throughout possessed such Capital Hotelries as this & Dunfermling its many and varied beauties would be visited by many. At present deterred by the want of accommodation. Still lodged in several places.

On a walking tour round the Coast we have had many opportunities of ascertaining the actual condition of the People, and tho we cannot but regret the very general feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction which exists in their minds — at the High Courts and alleged harshness of Landlords

we must also acknowledge that such Complaints ceased when we entered Lord George Hill's estate that a cordial sympathy seemed there to exist between Landlord and Tenant, and that the people seem to be learning the true virtue of self Reliance —

We regretted that the Store at Banby is to be discontinued, as from all we could learn it has materially assisted in alleviating much of the distress which until lately existed here however its place, we are informed, will be supplied by a number of small shops, and managed by the People themselves —

5th August 1850 —

Robert Taylor
College Square St. Belfast
Alex. B. D. Min.
Howard St. Do.

~~Mr. & Mrs~~

I should be much obliged if you would be good enough to forward me a copy of the paper

I have slept at the Guisedon Hotel last night & would say with regard to the comfort of the house and attention of the servants, this place is surpassed by none

21st May 1852

Wm. K. Brown
Dundee

Thoughts suggested at Gweedore Hotel on August
7. 1850 being the day after that on which the first
stone of Darlowy Church was laid.

* Stranger

Where'er you see Improvements all around,
Where'er capacious Buildings strew the ground,
Where fruitful Corn-fields wave the precious grain,
Once, Desolation spread her wide domain.
Unfruitful all the Land; the moral fields
No one dark weeds was also found to yield.
Then God, whose Name is Love, inspired the thought
That all to Cultivation should be brought.

Noble by Name, by Purpose nobler still,
The Head-sent Stranger came to do His will.
Then Architecture lent her willing aid,
Then Agriculture was not long delayed;
Pure Christianity her part supplied,
And Moral Culture was not long denied.
Fair Commerce spread her sails for distant shores
And Gweedore's Bay poured forth its precious stores.

† Darlowy! who can leave thy peaceful seat,
Where Trees & Flowers in wild luxuriance meet,
Where Christian Gentleness so sweetly flows,
And Woman's hand such kindly gifts bestows?
No! while proud Erigel with giant form
Uprears defiance to the angry storm;
No! while the glassy Lake its peaceful breast
Presents, a mirror to his toasty crest,
The gentler virtues of the female mind
Shall never cease their due reward to find.

Russell! much honoured name! but Muse, forbear
Lest thou shouldst start the yet but half-dried tear.
But, while to praises thy merit Man is free
Philanthropy will love thy memory.

But yesterday the Corner-stone was laid
Of God's own house in soft Darlowy's shade.
Emblem of Him, the tried Foundation stone
Once laid in Zion, and on whom alone
The spiritual structure can arise
Of Peace on Earth, and Glory in the Skies.

Gweedore, farewell! farewell Darlowy's shade!
Ye craggy Mountains, and thou, gentle Glade,
Farewell, kind Friends, whose Christian sympathies
Wafted ^{in prayer} ^{like incense} to the Skies.
And though we may be scattered far and wide,
Who were but yesterday in Prayer allied,
Yet, may we all be gathered in array
In one bright orb of Everlasting Day.

Wm Baillie

Having spent the last night at the Gweedore
Hotel, we are happy to bear our testimony
to the excellent accommodation it affords, and
the manner in which it is conducted; as also
our obligations to Mr. Foster, Lord Gwy's Agent
for his polite attentions.

Wm Baillie, Surgeon
Wm Baillie (Jr), Surgeon

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This is a most comfortable
Hotel and I heartily wish
all the Landlords of Ireland
would follow the example
of Lord George Hill -

Wm Taylor
of
West Hall
August 13th 1850

A very good Lobster
J. D. Woodham Esq

came to the hotel last night at a most
comfortable bed and had all the
comforts that one could have in any
sun house

August 13th 1850
Alexander Mackie

I am now taking my leave of the Gweedore
hotel / Apropos, ought it not be called "The
Strangers home?" but I cannot go from hence
without expressing my thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham
for their warm hearts kindness towards me during
my stay here - In good truth every one about the
place was kind to me -

August 15. 1850
Thos. J. Cassidy
Donore - Taas
64 Kildare, and
40 Baginbally St
Flonmel
Co. Tipperary

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15th August 1850 Received Gweedore Hotel
happy to be able again to acknowledge the
kindness and attention received for
several days
Wm Taylor
Dublin

Wm Taylor
Mount Hall
15th August 1850

During my short stay ^{of two days} at Gweedore Hotel I experienced the
greatest comfort and attention.

Richd Taylor
Corballis House
Drogheda

I have been here during two days and
found everything most comfortable
I am confident that if it were more
generally known that such a Travellers
home as this is, were to be met with in
such a place. The Gweedore Hotel would
be much more frequented -
Do Sullivan
August 22nd 1850

To mbeannu's Dia obair sa cille dhne
tu as iappho mairca do deannan bair
slean doirca do 7 so doir beannu's de
folus do na doirca uca anlean usuf u
foile an bair - P. A. Guiloban

Having visited the Hotel I found every thing ordered served with promptitude & neatness and am resolved to pay a more lengthened visit at a future period

Wm. P. [Signature]

Having passed the last ten days at the Emerald Hotel, we have much pleasure in recording our sense of the excellence of the accommodation and the civility and attention of all connected with the establishment. We cannot refrain from expressing how much indebted we are to F. Foster Esq. for his extreme kindness, and the very agreeable evenings we have passed in his society.

28. August 1850

*J. B. Beverington
Wandsworth*

Found this a very comfortable hotel after a tedious drive from Donegal

*J. B. Beverington
Wandsworth*

*H. Snow
Windsor*

Received Every Comfort & civility
Thomas Herington
London

Sept 3. 1850.

Mr. William Mathews & Mrs. W. P. Pole met with every attention & comfort at this inn
Greenwich Inn - 5 Sept 1850

5 Sept 1850 This is my second visit by
Ireland Henry Leake's Sea

We have been here for two days, and have had good fishing, good eating, good drinking, and good sleeping; a more comfortable sea no man could desire.

and good boating. Henry Leake's Sea
William Parkington

I have never felt greater pleasure in any life than the time I have been enjoying with my son round the Donegal Coast, the pleasure has been much increased by our visit over ~~the coast~~ ~~the coast~~ ~~the coast~~ at Dunbeg & the ~~the coast~~ ~~the coast~~ ~~the coast~~ great improvements made by his lordship in both these places nothing else surpasses the land treatment at the latter place

Wm. Parkington
Arthur Lodge, W. Wick

Spent one night at Gweedagh Hotel found every thing as usual most comfortable

James Byrne
E. Byrne
J. Byrne

"Blessed is he that considereth to the poor"
"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord"
Gweedagh Sept 10th/50 the day of the distribution of premiums amongst Lord S. Miles flock at Dunbeg - May he long be permitted to be

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 Mr. Brown & his sister were much pleased
 with the excellent accommodation afforded
 at this Hotel & hope to have the pleasure
 of your & wish longer visit at some
 future time -

Went by
 15th Sept 1850 -
 15th
 15th

Gweedon Hotel 11 Sep 1850.

We have, these last two days, been well accommodated and
 entertained here; and during that time witnessed in this
 neighbourhood, abundant proofs of the Philanthropy and
 urbanity of its noble owner. - We have also received much
 kindness and attention from a worthy & facetious Gentleman
 attached to His Lordship. - J. Seston

- Readers
 New
- W. Harbord of G. Yarmouth, Norfolk.
 - John Munn London
 - Thomas Pattison Bank Luton
 - Robert A Munn Liverpool
 - Elizabeth Adam of Yarmouth
 - J. Miller Bate
 - M. Munn
 - Margaret Munn
 - E. Adam

Mr. & Mrs. Nassau Senior
 Letter 12th 1850

J. Kirkpatrick - Temple - London - Sept. 11th 1850.
 Extremely pleased with the excellent accommodation of the
 hotel, the kind attention of the host, and the beauty of the
 scenery. -

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Neworth }
 19 Ralston St. West }
 W. Albert Polygonal House } Sept 15
 1850

It is delightful after a stroll to the
 rocky heights of the Gweedore and
 the bold shores of Bunclog to rest ones
 wearied limbs in the Hotel where every
 comfort which may be expected in
 so isolated a place is attainable
 What an improvement if similar Establishments
 were erected at Malin and Dooberry
 where the traveller is obliged to bend
 his way without those helps so necessary
 to his journey and the convenience opened
 up by some public conveyance between
 Donegal and Derry

Jas Stephens - PP
 St Johnston
 Isaac Daniel
 Strahan

Passed a day at this Hotel, which for substantial
 comfort & moderate charges combined, I have
 rarely found equalled.

Gweedon
 27 Sept 1850

I passed a day at this Hotel & find with
the greatest civility & attention
Michael Tobin
Guidore 27 Sept: 1850

29 Sept: 1850

One more I bid a delightful
farewell to Guidore when I have
passed some weeks most especially.
I am much indebted to Geo Geese
Hills kindness. I have had food & rest
on the mountains, labor & leisure.
and I have found in this Hotel
my comfort & convenience man
could desire with all the quiet
of a private house. I have experienced
very civil & very individual
of this well kept and established
particularly from Mr & Mrs Cunningham.

W. Mackall
Capt. Co. 28

W. Chamber
Hawthorn Hill
1st Dec: 1850

C. O.
Armagh

The Fever
The South Hall

1 Oct: 1850

29 February 1851 - Giacomo Hotel

I find the same accommodation
and comfort at this Hotel as
I have before recorded

Edmund Dublin

I have great pleasure in stating that I have
repeatedly experienced the greatest comfort at this
far famed Hotel, and the extreme attention
of all connected with the establishment.
Desire the highest commendation

Guidore 17/2/51

Samuel Stiles
London

The Guidore Hotel. I consider a perfect
oasis in the desert; after a long & weary drive, over
a rough & hilly road, I arrived at it, and found the
accommodation every thing that could be desired,
over the country signs have it, I found good
accommodation for man and beast; the creature
comforts had additional zest from the kindness
of the worthy host & hostess, nor must the meed
of approbation be withheld from the servants,
whom I found very civil and attentive. The coun-
try about Guidore shows evident signs of an im-
proving hand; standing forth, as it does, in bold
relief amidst the neglected places around it.

The Watts

Guidore
5th March 1851

Ramilton

Modesty forbids my adding more encomiums, in favour of Lord's Hill, and this Hotel, to those already recorded in this record. I have been contented and happy while here, in proof of which let this attest.

Joseph L. Wilson
Esq. of St. Leonards
Bath

I have been here two days enjoying the comforts of this Hotel. I came to visit for the Commission of the Education, the Nat. Society of this neighbourhood, & regret to say I found them in the lamentable state of ignorance forming a striking contrast with the intelligence & civility & refinement which has raised the property from a savage wilderness to a beautiful & highly cultivated tract. It is well the hands were extended to the charitable purpose of improving the education of those so lamentably deficient. Please visit the Proprietor's schools, and I trust they will see the cause much wanted in the N. W. I do not know any article of comfort in which this hotel is deficient.

Edw. Birmingham Inspr. N. S.
Shops

I have dined, slept & breakfasted at the Guidore Hotel & have found the establishment quite equal to many of the favourable records made of it in this book.

26 April 1851.
Bartholomew Seymour

Good attendance, great civility,
most comfortable

The Teacher
of North Wall
30 April 51

We are perfectly satisfied with the attention and civility with which we have met here - the accommodation is very good and the charges moderate

6th May 1851

Wm. B. Lellott
William Thomas
W. Welch

I have slept and breakfasted at this Hotel and found every comfort I could desire. It reflects credit to the worthy Proprietor for his judicious selection of the conductors of the establishment whose attention and care to travellers is beyond what I can describe

May 21st 1851

William E. Gallagher
Coop. Agent for Messrs
Blackie & Co.

We have spent two days at this Hotel and are very well satisfied with the comfort and attention we met with.

May 1851

Thomas Copstone
St. Hill Capt. Regt. Inf.

We have had the good fortune to visit the
 Quarters in which Hotel every comfort exists
 which an English Gentleman's House affords
 We were further gratified by an Introduction
 to the Noble Proprietor Lord George whose
 Urbanity of Manner and Kindness of Heart
 it is impossible to speak in too high Terms -
 We much hope that the efforts for the amelioration
 of his Country may be crowned with desired
 success

Mrs Pepply London
 Henry Thompson Andover
 Clara Pepply Jun^r London

I have very great pleasure in adding my testimony to the
 comfort, cleanliness, & civility which I found in this Hotel. -
 May the Divine blessing rest abundantly upon the efforts
 made by the noble owner of this Estate, for the spiritual &
 temporal welfare of his Country.
 June 14th 1851. Francis Redford

If health & hardships are found out
 of doors, Comfort & Convenience are to be
 met within this hotel.
 Greedore 18th June 1851
 Harper C. Davison
 Dublin

Harper C. Davison
 Dublin

After a stay of some days I have much
 pleasure in adding my testimony to the many
 preceding, as to the comfortable accommodation,
 attention and civility to be found at this
 Hotel.

June 18th 1851

J. Austin

The order and regularity of this Hotel remind
 me strongly of Lord Roden's at Buryport
 where I spent a few happy days, save
 that the scenery around this is far
 wilder and still on a larger scale.
 I had no idea that I could meet
 with any hotel so compact and
 comfortable while travelling through
 the wilds of Donegal Henry Redford

June 22 - 1851 - of Trav. Coll. Dub.

The most comfortable Hotel I have found
 in my progress round Ireland
 June 24th 1851

W. H. H. H.
 (Signature)

If I had talents or time
 for prose or for rhyme
 I would praise this Hotel as Greedore
 for the best of good cheer
 has been and let her
 and for what can a body wish more?
 June 24/51.

We have found the Gweedore Hotel most com-
fortable; and every one connected with it civil, attentive,
and obliging: The fishing might be made one of the best in
Ireland, for Anglers, by allowing the Salmon and White-Front
to get into the River & Lakes - a measure which would enhance
the Hotel Property, we think, to a much greater extent than is re-
alized, by the Noble Owner, from the Fishery at Bumbeg -

27th June 1851.

S. Peice Edwards. Dublin.

J.B. Edwards.

Mr Markie and her brother Mr Edw^d Stouhane
of Clifton near Bristol staid four days at the Gweedore
Hotel and were much pleased with the comfortable accom-
modation it affords, and the attention they met with. They
are much pleased with the fine scenery in the vicinity
and sincerely wish success to Lord ^{Grey} Hill's exertions for the well
July 8th 1851 - Jan of his tenantry

We cannot leave the Gweedore Hotel at the
present time without expressing our satisfaction
with the ^{excellent} accommodation afforded on each
visit & expressing our grateful thanks to
its Noble Proprietor for affording to travellers
in those wilds so valuable and salutary a
retreat: May Lord G. Hill live to see
his most sanguine expectations realized
and his benevolence abundantly blessed

J. M. M.
16th July 1851

Mrs O'Keilly Dease, Mr Manton Irwin and M O'Keilly
Dease from the M. St. George's of. cl. of. Scotch Irish
living at Rutland Island. Staid a few days at
this hotel and fully coincide in the opinion
already given in this book. it is, they
consider fully equal to any hotel either in
these countries or on the continent for comfort
cleanliness and attention - as well as the
moderation of the prices - Friday July 25-1851

I most fully coincide in the above
opinion of Gweedore Hotel. 25 July 51
St Legeron St Dublin Alfred Forlong

Gweedore 1 Aug: 1851.

Arrived 29th July left 1st August -
I am thankful to the Noble Founder of this Hotel, &
to all who superintend and assist in it, for the good
cheer, comfort & attention I have found within its walls.
When I call to mind the peculiar circumstances of this
locality, I feel that there is something more justly re-
garded from Strangers, than a mere record in this Book
of the merits of an Inn. I see around me that which
a few years back was a lawless desert, now cultivating
fields teeming with fertile crops, bringing comparative
ease to ~~an~~ industrious & contented people. This is the
work of one, who has basked in the Sun Shine of the World;
From the fleeting pleasures of which, He has withdrawn
himself for the noble purpose of improving the
condition of his fellow man, by calling forth the

Resources of the soil, & raising the value of his Fatherland. This is praiseworthy but true Patriotism. We see here, what can be effected by steadiness of purpose, energy, enlarged views, generosity aided by judgement & wise & benevolent ends. - Would that there were more such men in this grand but neglected country! Then would it & its fine people present far other pictures, than those which of late I have been contemplating. - As the English poet rose to sing the praises of the "Man of Ross," may an Irish one some day breathe forth a song in praise of Him who is a blessing to Grovedore!

J. D. Mitchell
Colonel & M.P.

The North Falstaff. "I have taken mine ease in mine inn", that which (thanks to the Hostess & three full thanks to the noble & spirited & truly patriotic proprietor, Lord (Abill) nothing more comfortable can be desired &

at a time when a little Robt. Goy was
at a time when a little
I.D.P.

Widore Aug. 6th 1851

We found every thing connected with this establishment deserving of the highest praise
9 August 1851

William Clark, Madras
Maj. J. Montgomery Southwell
Miss Mack
Mr. J. E. ...
Gen. J. E. ...

9th August, 1851.

I have found every thing as I could wish.

Wm. Mitchell M.P.

We have found this Inn comfortable and the attendance good.

The charges moderate and excellent feeding
Aug 11 1851

Edward ...
John ...
Mary ...

We the undersigned passed a day at this Hotel and were well pleased with the accommodation and attention we met with

August 13 - 1851.

Colonel ...
Lilafosse Mary ...
B. B. ...
Mox ...

Aug 14 1851

Mr Jenkins }
Mr H. Jenkins } of Rock Ferry
Mr E. Jenkins } Liverpool
Mr W. ... }

express their best feeling of satisfaction with the comfort and civility they met with at the ... Hotel

hope of being with health to
pay another visit to this interesting
place, on some future occasion

M

Guendee

I have often had the pleasure of stopping at this Hotel
& found everything comfortable & accommodating & every
attention given by all connected with it

Mozart 18 July 1874

Callant Aug 16. 57
Mozart 21st May 1854
Mozart 18th Dec 1874
Mozart 20th May 1873
Mozart 18th Dec 1874

I'm perfectly satisfied with the accommo-
dations of this Hotel
I am
Yours
J. M. Marshall
Gartan
W. Murray

We have spent two days at the Guendee Hotel & it gives
us great pleasure in adding our testimony to what
already records in their book that the accommodations
is every thing a Traveller could require; we also feel
proud in seeing what can & yet may be done by a
willing & generous landlord & how many he live to carry
out his ~~intention~~ intentions for the benefit of
the welfare of his poorer countrymen. We also
return our sincere thanks for the kindness of
J. Bonster Esq
J. Tulene
E. Murray

Sept 27/1857
Although we had a few hours
we find the entertainment good & accompanied
with the greatest civility & smooth charges
indeed moderate

W. P. Hamilton

Castleduff

Mrs & Miss S. Hayden & party visited the Guendee
Hotel, & found the accommodations comfortable
in the extreme, charges most moderate,
& servants obliging, attentive & efficient.
Their Hotel ~~and~~ much credit to the
management of Mr & Mrs Cunningham
Sept 26th 1857

It is easy to perceive from a comparison
with the surrounding country that this
place up till very lately must have been
undeveloped & uncultivated. But it appears now
to be just in that state in which a people
~~is~~ rapidly improve. J. Hayden

I have lunched at the Guendee
Hotel and can say every
thing is most comfortable
and moderate the servants
practically attentive
James Dickson
Sept 27 1857
Leicester

August 28th 1851.

After an absence of two years, I return
here, with my brother Lord Grey &
family, if possible, increased
comforts cleanliness, the same
attention from Mr. Wolvenstein &
servants, the same good dinners,
from Mellyth's cook - Sancti

I have much pleasure in stating that
during the period I remained at Grandes
Hotel I have been perfectly satisfied with
it in every respect

John P. Foster
Grandes Hotel Belfast
Aug 29/51

Aug 28. 1851.

I concur entirely in the sensible remarks
made by Col Rawdon and would merely say to other
landlords - "Go thou, and do likewise"

Erin Vardon

I am happy to again add my testimony to
the above sentiments expressed in favour of
the Grandes Hotel & Mr Cunningham's attention
to the public

As usual I have found every thing
most comfortable

Wm Mansfield

6 Aug 1851

Dined here this day - and am
sure that I shall come again

I have found everything here very com-
fortable, the attendance all that
could be desired.

D. J. Interline

Sept. 7. 1851

Arrived here Wednesday Sep^r 3. 1851
left on Monday Sept. 5. 1851.
Being my fifth visit to this
Hotel, every visit creates a greater
relish for the next, nothing can equal
the comfort, cleanliness and attention
that I have met with

James Hawes
J. J. Interline

J. J. Wood Sept 10th 1851

I have only to repeat what every visitor
to this Hotel describes in such glowing
terms that nothing can exceed the
comforts & attention that are shown to
every one, & I hope that the proposed
public law which I perceive is anxious
to establish thro' the district, may be
soon run & be supported by the public
this will open out this country, & be a
cheaper mode of conveyance than is now
necessarily used. I am very to find that
a short time I have lately made thro'
Iris & Britain, that that vessel by
Hamburg, the Exhibition in London has
taken down this year many tourists to

travelling visit this so true picturesque
romantic parts of this country.

Sept 14. 1851.

Downshire

I have now, as at all times before,
received the most most civility and
attention at the Hotel, I hope the
Public can mention by Lord
Downshire will be established
it will be a great accommodation
to all parties having any
connection with this part of the
Country.

J. Woodhouse
15 Sep 1851

Mr. J. Woodhouse, Visitor, has
during a short stay through
Downshire, remained a few days
at the Greenwood Hotel, and
feels great pleasure in bearing his
testimony to the comfortable
accommodation, the very reasonable
charges, and the civil attention,
he met with during his stay
at the Establishment.

September 16
1851

Greenore.

Go there when fastidious art her magic tries:-
It lies down and spins, and stately Temples rise;
E'er amidst gaze; - they feel their better turn;
E'er enchantments self a lesson how might learn.
Dost thou require a town? behold it here!
A-rif friends and social bliss - mine host is near.
It exhales the city's pomp, nor wanders more;
E'er Lycium Tempts thee - stop thou at Greenwood.

1851 - Sept 16th

Haydon
Allan Stevenson Esq.

Arrived on the 14th intending to stay two days, I found
every thing so comfortable that I have remained four -
In the information of Botanists on the good of the
Nation; I mention that the Menyanthes trifoliata,
known to Herbalists as the Marsh Mallow, or Buck-
bean, from inspection of the intensely bitter leaves of
which plant, is held good for low fever and dropsy
grows in a small pool within a stone's throw of the
West end of the Mountain Lake or Tarn behind
the low range of hills due North of the Hotel.

Henry Latham - 17 Sept 1851

The Grove, Kentish Town, Middlesex

We dined at the Greenwood Hotel
to-day & found every thing to our
comfort & satisfaction

18th Sept 1851

Robt. Gallaher A.M.
David Haslett
John Hunter M.D.
Robt. J. Paton

We spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel (by far the best in Ireland) & had every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the accommodation, the attendance & charges.

Wm. Smith M.D. Professor of Surgery
J. C. D.

Sept. 19/51

John J. Adams. A.B.

We have spent two days at this Hotel and found every thing comfortable and the parties connected with the establishment (both within and without) very attentive.

Very attentive (Monaghan) well
Gweedore Hotel
Sept. 19th 1851
J. W. Swinney
M. J. Swinney

Another year has elapsed since I was here, and again I have to record my regret on leaving the Gweedore Hotel. Affair to express my thanks to Sir George Hill for the kindness he has extended to me in giving me permission to shoot & fish and this I do most truly thank him for - and I have only to add that if civility, comfort and moderate charges be commended, I know no establishment of the kind which surpasses this Hotel - well regulated as it is in all things - & so all looked after by Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham -

24 Sept 1857. J. Mackall Capt.

Dr. Doctor Wilde of Dublin Anatomical & John W. King spent three days in this charming locality and in no hotel at home or abroad have they met with more civility, comfort or cleanliness - The improvements of the noble proprietor Lord George Hill deserve the utmost commendation and we cordially wish him good speed in his benevolent object -

24 September 1851.

Nine years ago I was, accidentally, in this neighbourhood when the exertions then being made by Lord G. Hill for the moral & social improvement of his country and the development of the resources of his lovely purchased property excited so much interest in my mind as to lead me on the first opportunity to pay it another visit. I have now enjoyed that pleasure and in the midst of the wild pictures abounding on every side, - on coast & mountain, our ~~travelling~~ during the last six days have extended freely into the evening confident of meeting nothing but civility from the wild & good natured & now peaceable inhabitants, and calculating truly on being bountifully supplied with creature comforts at the Hotel which has been to us in every sense a home. We leave it with regret but hopes and shall have much pleasure in recommending our friends in England to make a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle.

In the aspect of the land & its inhabitants I can see a marked improvement. Under the

pressure of the potato famine from which the district has not yet recovered it is a matter of surprise that all traces of improvement have not been obliterated. The greatest patience and steadily sustained energy of purpose must have been exercised by the worthy landlords & his agents.

What they have succeeded in effecting fully prove what can be done in this neighbourhood and other similarly situated and must stimulate every right thinking mind to cooperate in such efforts or at least to further by the strength of opinion the progress of such principles of action on the hearts of the lords of a too long neglected soil.

W. A. Gifford
1 Royal Exchange Building London

From the 20th to 25th September stopped at the Gordon Hotel and have been much pleased with the accommodations attended and reasonable charges.

W. A. Gifford

"Who killed Cock Robin?" See p. p. 204!

Who cracked the danger?
"I was I! the late master"
"I caused the disaster"
"I Thomas Mc Gowan!!"

"Who formed the design?"
"The company bid it;
"And as ordered I did it!"
"The sin was not mine!"

Where did she founder?
"I was not in deep water"
"That Lady's agents brought her"
"When you set foot in danger?" "Not in cello Domina!"
"No! to the Lawrence" "Who bought the bracke bird?"
"They ordered her down!" "I John Offy! bought it!"
"And who should have thought it?"
"For dely and"

JOHN Underwriter

September 27th 1851

The undermentioned have visited Guendre and spent some time at its excellent Hotel and ^{we} unhesitatingly declare that as regards attention and solid English comforts in every respect we have never seen or known of its equal in Ireland. The charges are most moderate, and the servant Henry, unceasing in his exertions to make the guests feel happy and at home

Moore Tomor In B. Clerk
Cambridge
Rector and Vicar of
Culdaff. Co. Downfall

you old reveal your
fond of the mountain
desc down
at Culdaff

Lord be praised, Moore
has been sent home
to Rome until the ~~the~~ Baron Mind
above - where by Seneschal of Belfast
I should never have The Old Lodge
left - a trascal Belfast
undid in every
sense of the term - foot -

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 Left the 2nd 1851 - Sir G. Llewellyn found every
 thing most comfortable not to be surpassed
 & the landlord most obliging in giving informa-
 tion & showing every thing & he cannot be too
 what a blessing it is to have a landlord so anxious
 for the true welfare of his tenants. Lord G. Llewellyn
 is an example worthy to be followed by every land-
 owner in the United Kingdom

You mean "munched your luncheon"

I lunched at the Grosvenor Hotel
 to-day and found every thing
 to my entire satisfaction

7 Oct 1851 lunched M.A. Adams
 L. Henderson

Lunched here today and is perfectly
 satisfied with the attendance and moderate
 charges

W. G. O'Neill
 7 Nov 1851

I remain for some few days at this hotel and the
 greatest attention has been paid by every person connected with
 the establishment to my wishes and comforts.
 Grosvenor 7th Nov 1851 John W. Macklin

Having arranged nearly a fortnight
 at the Grosvenor Hotel I feel the greatest
 pleasure in adding my word of approbation
 of the comfort & cleanliness of that establish-
 ment - The attention & civility shown towards
 you may be connected with it, cannot
 be surpassed

10 Nov 1851

Proctor Seaman was cast away & lost my
 ship the Lewis & Clarke Range at Bimini
 off about 6 miles from the shore the first night
 of the hurricane I had the command of the ship
 my wet clothes without fire or covering however
 in the following day I was introduced to the
 of Francis Fretz Esq. I was introduced to the
 which to my utter surprise is a very kind & comfortable
 the treatment to me as a shipwrecked man
 I must say I never spent so much so comfortable under
 the circumstances

12th November 1851
 Some land was purchased for the
 of the late Captain of the Range
 for some time both the
 of the decision

* As the Grosvenor Hotel was well
 was indeed comfortable & happy

I beg to offer my most sincere thanks to the noble and patriotic
founders of this comfortable hotel - Truly he is an Irish
landlord! - Arthur Wm. Jerreingham Capt^l R.M.

July 29th 1852. M.

We have spent two nights and a day at
this hotel and found as usual every thing to
our satisfaction we had the pleasure of
Mr. Small's Society and we can say that
it would sufficiently repay a person coming
from Derry to spend one fortnight in
his company.

4th March 1852

Wm. Lambton Esq
A. O'Connell
Arch. McCorrell Esq
Landlord

Charles Wray has been found Quendon Hotel guests
comfortable and not less so in the evening which than was
when travelling are expected.

April 19th 1852

Mr. Wray & Mr. Geo. Brown have been staying at this
hotel since the 15th inst and have pleasure in recording
their perfect satisfaction with the food all the arrangements
of the hotel and with the attention of every person connected
with its management.

April 20/1852

I have much pleasure in adding my note to
testify to the comfortable accommodation, and
attention I have seen at the Quendon hotel,
and also my admiration of the country,
and its much the respected landlord.

21st April 1852

Charles
Capt^l R.M.

After an excellent dinner & fishing
we left the hotel having found every thing
to our satisfaction and could wish for

May 2nd 1852

Wharjan
Andell W. M. Price
W. Henry Mann
C. Buckingham

Passed a most comfortable night at the
Hotel

4th May 1852

John S. Charles
Grace L. F. May 25th 1852
Charlotte D. May 25th 1852

Hope you
have seen your post yet

I have to record my humble share of
 gratitude for the excellent accommodations
 provided by the noble proprietor of this
 Hotel; and my admiration of his laudable
 exertions in the improvement of the District.
 7th May 1852. - Cassius Mannan
 Captain Ret

I am happy to add my contributions to the numerous
 instances recorded in this Book of the cleanliness &
 good refreshments provided in this Hotel as a
 traveller I can only wish all the Travellers I am
 in the habit of stopping at were equally
 comfortable

Wm. W. [Signature]
 Ballyconnell House 21st May 1852

There can be but one opinion as to the comfort,
 cleanliness, and civility experienced at this hotel -
 and I am happy to unite in that generally expressed
 plaudits.

May, 1852

Major and Mrs. Priestley, were much pleased
 with the Quadore Hotel; where they found
 every thing very comfortable, and the attendants
 civil & obliging.

June 11th 1852

Quadore Hotel.

1852. 7th of June. at Quadore
 Capital Excellence for
 the most stay - The same for
 system - I am very much pleased
 at a W. W. [Signature] [Signature]
 Capt. W.

9th June 1852.
 J. A. [Signature] [Signature] [Signature]

On this my fourth and probably last visit to this
 hotel I have to record my satisfaction at the attention
 received.

That bluff old knight Sir John Falstaff exclaimed
 long ago "I shall not take mine ease at mine own
 table so too, and found both ease and comfort at this
 well-conducted one; and though I had not like him
 a Dame Quickly to minister to my comfort, I had a
 worthy host & hostess and a lady the maid of the house
 a very paragon of a waiting maid, and though I got
 not sack or sherry, I got good stout and good
 a beverage when taken in moderation, far superior
 to the liquor so well loved by the worthy knight.

Quadore

9th June 1852

Lunched here today and found everything
 to my entire satisfaction

D. Macomb
 Quadore
 15th June 1852

I found Macmillan & Mr. Albert
Montgomery. Both delighted with the
comfort of the Inn. Mr. M. was truly
glad to meet his old friend Lord George
Hill & to witness the success of his
excursions for the improvement of this
wild district.
Gweedore Hotel. June 16th 1852

I came to this hotel with Lord & Lady George Hill
on the 15th of June and remained 2 nights. The
weather unfortunately prevented my seeing all I
should have wished to do of the various works that
have been going on for the improvement of this district
and its inhabitants; but with all I saw, I could not
but, in common with other visitors, be highly delighted;
and add to those expressed by former travellers, my very
hearty wishes for the continued success of Lord G. Hill's
philanthropic enterprise. The whole establishment
of this nice little inn is unexceptionable. (P. B. Hill)
June 17 1852.

First visited Gweedore in 1846 it
was then all that could be desired
in comfort kindness and attention - It
is still the same, no falling off, we
bring back every traveller who has once
enjoyed the comforts of this Hotel, must
wish to reach it with impatience and
must leave it with reluctance.

June 27/52
W. J. Hill

Was here & clearly exemplified what
Human Industry & Art can achieve.
Tho' Nature opposed every barrier, still
thro' the untiring exertions of the Hotel
Proprietor a most agreeable spot of verdure
& cultivation relieved the eye amid this truly
wild locality. I should think that this
Hotel would be found an excellent retreat
for "man when wearied with the dusty round of
duties stern & keen", or for those inclined
to recreate themselves with the health restoring
amusements of Shooting & Fishing.

Gweedore Hotel July 7th 52

J. K. Stone

Done up in wind and shak' in each knee
No power to write, and scarcely power to see
If I could breath a stanza to Gweedore
But Enigals ascent - My muse does flounder
When next I come I'll write a better poem

July 7 1852

Influenced by many pleasing recollections we have
returned to visit Gweedore a second time. We have
received the same attentions enjoyed the same comforts
and been delighted amidst the same scenes of
loveliness and grandeur. we gladly record our

our sense of gratitude to the noble proprietor of this Hotel
to whose benevolent intentions we are indebted for
the pleasure we have enjoyed —

John Allen - Brighton
Robert Allen
Richard Allen

July 8th 1852

On this my first visit to Gweedore
I ascended Errigal with a party of friends
and was entirely gratified with the excursion.
The evening was fine and the atmosphere clear
and from the summit of the mountain we
saw the radiance of the setting sun spread
over the sea and the mountains of Donegal.
The view from the top of Errigal is both ex-
tensive and varied and is well worth the
labour of the ascent — As for the hotel itself
its arrangements are excellent — Notwithstand-
ing the many and obvious disadvantages arising
out of its remote and almost isolated
situation — for what a tale ocean moderation
and genuine comforts — and none than all
for clean living, it bears no comparison
with any establishment of the kind in the
North of Ireland — It is a pity Gweedore
is not more generally known and visited
by Tourists —
Henry Sharp. M.D.

Last Evening I ascended Errigal
in company with Mr. Galan
Thorp, Smith, & Allen. The ascent
occupied 56 minutes, the view
from the summit fully repays
the labour of ascending. I
have great pleasure in bearing
testimony to the excellent manner
in which this Hotel is conducted,
the quarters allotted is paid to
the party of the French.

Henry Sharp
July 8th

In future years, when we can praise no more
Posterity will still
The generous patron of Gweedore
The Philanthropic Hill —
H.S. — M.D.

We are happy to bear testimony to the excellence of the
arrangements of this establishment, which more than
provides all that the traveller can reasonably expect for
his comfort & accommodation. Although the noble Proprietor's
efforts on behalf of his tenantry are too well known
to require further testimony, we cannot refrain from
expressing the pleasure we have experienced from
witnessing the important results which have already
been produced in this remote district by his
personal exertions & judicious outlay of capital —
Thomas Andrews.

Chickie

Dinner at the Hotel and find
it is still conducted in the same
admirable manner as of old some
years ago

Thos. O'Connell
N. L. Vail
Samuel Gage
John Gage

I with pleasure add my mea-
sure of praise to the hotel and its
arrangements

Sam. W. S. Hyde
Guendore Hotel
Astor House formerly known as the Donathan
U. States
America

1852. July 19. Cin. Vardor deane visit.
I willingly bear testimony to the comfort
& attention I have experienced at the Guendore
Hotel. Arthur Vardor

July 21
I have been here since the
5 of May. Now I have only to say
that I leave the Guendore Hotel with
regretful regret. Clean & comfortable it
is beyond any thing of the kind I ever
saw. Quiet & well regulated in all things

J. Marshall
Capt

We have experienced the utmost comfort &
courtesy at this Hotel and have witnessed on the
administration the progress of Lord's just efforts
for the improvement of the wild & picturesque
district

Wm. Johnson
John Smith
Samuel Campbell
David Campbell

I have lived at this Hotel for a few
days. And for quiet & comfort found
it equal to any similar establishment
in the country. Wm. Walker

After spending two days at the Guendore
Hotel, we have much pleasure in joining
in the universal & just tribute to its merits,
as every attention has been paid to our
comfort and convenience in every respect.

1852. July 29th. Alexander McCoy M.D.
Marquette Mich.

We the undersigned - beg leave to add our
testimony to the truth of the many
previous commendations of the character
of the Guendore Hotel. We have been here
three days, and have found the
arrangements comfortable, the charges
moderate, and have met with every
attention and civility. Capt. Marshall
Marquette Mich.

1852. July 30th. Wm. Johnson

Mr Alexander Knapp, America
Mr Cecil Smyth, Broomfield, County of South
Henry Knapp, Blackheath, Kent

Aug. 31st 1852

As Mr Henry Knapp wishes that entries on the subject should be made in
the Travellers Book, they have great pleasure in stating that they have
been treated with civility & attention, & found the accommodation
most comfortable.

We have much pleasure in testifying to the
attention, civility, and good accommodations to be
seen with at Guedore Hotel. Miss R. Allan &
Miss A. Allan accompanied by Captain Chancellor
& Mr Gony ascended Brixham on the 4th Inst.
and found themselves amply repaid for the fatigue
of the ascent by the ~~scenery~~ ^{scenery} & glorious
prospect, the magnificence of which more
than compensated for the sterility of the soil.
They recommend all young ladies who may
happen to be staying at Guedore to follow their
example ^{proprietor} of being ^{provided} ^{with} ^{strong} boots,
and not to find to walk in strong boots.
Aug. 4th 1852.

W. E. H. Allen Corp W. R.
Miss Allan
Miss Allan
Henry Allen
John Gony
Captain Chancellor AD

The Irish Tourist is deeply indebted to the
Noble proprietor of the Guedore Hotel, not
only for such an establishment in a locality
where accommodation could not otherwise
have been procured, but for the excellent
manner in which it is conducted in every
department under his Lordships super-
intendence.

Henry Allen Rector of Pateham, Buxton, & Chaplain to the
William Dumasog

Aug. 5th 1852

Nothing can exceed the comfort and cleanliness of
the Guedore Hotel, and we have had much pleasure in seeing
the improvements which are taking place in the surrounding country.
J. P. M. M. M.
T. M. M. M.

To the preceding well merited praises of the
Proprietor of this Hotel and the several
attendants connected with the Establishment
it would be almost unnecessary to add
anything - The same highly satisfactory
arrangements which proved in 1842 so
conducive to the comfort of the guests
seen in 1852 to be most assiduously
continued & if possible increased.

George J. Spitzer
Guedore Aug 9th 52
+ Vide p. 114

We arrived here to day exceedingly hungry, but our appetites were speedily satisfied with a most excellent dinner as usual. The ^{quantity} of attendants in favor to our wants I can only regret is that our professional advocates stop us to leave this charming locality by mail car to morrow.

August 13th 1852
John Fraser Esq.
of Orono

Sept 11th Slept at the Junction Hotel last night. Much pleased with the usual comfort & good order of the place. Sincerely
Wm. H. Kimball

Wm. H. Kimball
of Orono

It is a shame for people to express their ideas in this book who are not able to write. I hope they will see the impropriety of doing so in future. I am well pleased with every thing but this work.
Wm. Brown
Aug 19th

17th Sept

I arrived at Quindon at half ten and no more had comfort & repose with my Sally & Anne. ~~It~~ Some say it shows I think they're looser. As I'd brought a diploma. I was once here before. And all's as of yore - In a place in the door

For Mrs. Cunningham's most kind and assiduous attentions I should make these remarks.

Joseph Clark

Dated this 26th day of September
Anna Harris 1857
God bless the Queen

Send the book in

What shall I say more
For Maria's thought & passion
My - I'm pleased in the course
With my Mary & Anne
When funny faces were
The same smile as before
When she trips with pleasure
The Pellet & pour
In such a confluence
For my Mary & Anne
With about a year

This fellow is a perfect bore

We arrived here to day exceedingly
hungry, but our appetites were speedily
satisfied with a most excellent dinner
as usual. The ^{quantity} of attendants in regard to our
meals I can only regret is that our
professional associates think us to have
this charming locality by mail
car to receive.

August 13th 1852
John Brown T.C.

Londonberry

It is a shame for people to express their ideas in the
book who are not able to write &
hope they will see the impropriety of doing
so in future. I am well pleased with
what I think but his work. ^{John Brown}
Aug 14th

17th Sept

I arrived at Quindon
at half ten and no more
Had comfort & repose
With my Sally astor.
~~It~~ Some say it shows
I think they're looser
As I'd caught & displeas.
I was once here before
And all's as of yore -
In its place is the door
There's the carpeted floor
If you're willing to bear
Up steps half a score
In a bed you may snore
As of yore, as of yore.
And looking down lower
Clandy looks like the stone
From Dunlop's ore
It ~~is~~ to the shore
Still silent - no roar.
What shall I say more
For there's thought & passion
Up - down - a & the core
With my Mary Astor
Whose funny face were
The same smile as before
When she trips with the floor
The Pelloc & pour
In stark contrast
For my Mary Astor
With a trout & a star

Send the milk in for receiving.

This fellow is a perfect bore

And a man for a rower
While yet small fish galore
In the lake of Guisardus,

(Signum) C. Sully

(Side) Oh Lord, what a bore!

Resolved I should be I praise the name,
Did that you've been do praise before
Though had I thought as I would wish
I would not be of the good to fish
In something, though I had a wish
By each as good as I have seen
But not something for the name!!
In that I might as well I see!!!

Do not be praise they lead to wine,
That I remember this strain, now
Such things are worthy of any thing
(God bless it, it is to make the drink),
I have for those who are I think
They sing in the house of God
It is those who seek to give their thanks
To comfort's best. Oh praise
You'd think they were had been before
I think it's best to say any more.

I think I had some thing to say
Except for food, prayer, drink, & song
Such dish I think I can say I'm

That's not exactly to my taste
I think I've got no prayer to make
I'm sure who has got prayer's taste
I'm sure who has got prayer's taste

28. Aug. 1852

As usual, I found every thing
Satisfactory. At Woodrow

I perfectly concur in the above, James, Walker, & Society

so do I. John Olins Woodhouse

Our party have dined
here & found matters
very fair -

- Wm. J. Black
- J. Lucas
- J. Lushbon
- J. Kirkpatrick
- A. Murphy

29 Aug - 52 -

We arrived here unexpectedly at a late hour
& found ourselves made comfortable in a
few minutes, & ~~found~~ the accommodation
Excellent - hands clean, servants civil &
attention. & we were very much pleased
with entire establishment -

R. Harvey -
Edw. J. Adcock Ck.
J. Harvey
Robt. Harvey Jun^r

I am perfectly satisfied with the accommodation
in & management of Gwendore Hotel -

Both Inn & surrounding country reflect much
credit upon their noble proprietor

5/10/52

We are greatly pleased with the
accommodation of the Gwendore Hotel
and the beautiful scenery surrounding
it.

Miss Mills Rogers
Charlotte Knight
Charlotte Knight Jun^r
Mrs. Macdonald Knight
W. J. (our stay) M. J. & C.

September 2/52

At this hotel I may safely say
we spent a very pleasant day
as to comfort & attendance nothing could excel
and especially the instant of our going to bed.

Geo. Knight
Guins College
London

2nd Sept - 52

M. Charles Grant - est bien ^{content} de l'Hotel de Gwendore.
6th Sept 1852. when next you write, Dear Grant again
oh! let it be in English Plain

We have spent upwards of a fortnight at the
Gwendore Hotel & found the accommodation
excellent & all connected with the
management of the establishment most
attentive & obliging

4th Sept - 1852
John Jameson
R. J. Drummond

Clement Cottrell Dormer
Tho: Jeans
Sept. 6. 1852

We have found the hotel
most comfortable & have
received every attention &
courtesy

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We have found the accommodations
here everything that we could
desire and we receive the
most civil attention

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The Star
Mr. Richardson Leaver
of North Hall
C^o Armagh

12th Sept^r 52

We have understood, feel much pleasure
in adding our testimony to the many
who have gone before us in the admirable
style in which this Hotel is conducted.
Although we arrived here after the usual
dormitory hours we were most entertained
in a manner which might please the most
fastidious. And in fact the comfort
we experienced and the attention we re-
ceived have not been equalled by anything
we have seen in England.

M^r J. Casses
A. Woodhouse Indent^r London
W. Macer Indent^r London
C. Peppers Indent^r London
J. D. Miller Indent^r London

Norton Shaw Secy of the Royal Geograph. Soc. London
I have great pleasure in expressing my satisfaction with
the manner in which this Hotel is conducted

Geo Warr^r Ormerod - Manchester
14 Sept 1852

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Sweden's Hotel. September 17th 1852.
We have stopped for a night at this Hotel and found
it most comfortable and convenient. Its noble proprietor
deserves the utmost credit for the enterprise he has
shown, and for the truly noble efforts he has made
to promote the moral and social welfare of this
District. The civility and attention of the Host and
Hostess and of all persons connected with the establish-
ment have been most unexceptionable.

William McLevin's Archdeacon
James Durison Hamilton Esq^r
P. S.

Having passed a day at
the Sweden's Hotel we have to express
our satisfaction at the comforts afforded
to us and to thank the noble proprietor
and also to add that the attendance
has been very good

J. C. Condon Esq^r
J. Campbell Esq^r
J. W. W. Esq^r Esq^r
Paul D. M. Esq^r Esq^r
C. H. Esq^r
J. H. Esq^r
James Barry Esq^r

I have been at Gwindon
 just three times before
 and spent some time
 * through the beautiful scenery

in a beautiful palace
 where all the hills you know
 you will scarce meet a fair
 * better all beauty and grace

allow done M. A. Stanton

Very nice indeed Mary Anne -

Spelling very good indeed Mary Anne -

Your education does you far more
 credit Mary Anne -

allow done!

Return her, but don't make a

Who would think in his wandering through into Donegal
 To meet with a place so charming to all

As the great little Gwindon land
 Above it the Ormeau rises its head
 Where rabbit and hare in abundance are bred
 Among the red heather and whin

All gloomy and dark every hill may appear
 But still you'll find something your bosom to cheer
 While his features charms you survey
 * Each object around! it is sweet to the eye
 * Where plow and curlew in solitude cry
 Unseen at the close of the day

The stream that sings near it enlivens the vale
 Its bosom oft bearing a love breathing tale
 A tale ever tender and true
 How sweet on its banks when the spring breezes blow
 And wild thyme and ling* all their beauties bestow
 And fearly & pure is the dew
 * Sing' is it? de demmit!

Despite of the hills that spread rugged & low
 Love friendship and warm hospitality shown
 To each wayward wanderer true
 No matter what time you come down to Gwindon
 You'll find a kind welcome at Gormanphan's door
 And every thing ready to cheer

Warm rooms and clean beds all ram whiskey & wine
 With plenty of all that is good on to dine
 You'll find at Gwindon every day

what a delightful scene of mind!!!

And if its your wish ponies — always to ride
With plenty to feed them, and act as your guide
Or fear that you wander astray

As blith as the bird that awakens the morn
When dew bearing flowers the woodlands adorn
I'd live in this lovely hotel

For sorrow nor sadness should come in my view
Save when I am bidding the landlord adieu!
Who governs the hotel so well

H. G. D.
Dublin 17th Sept 1852

We have spent from Saturday 16th to
Monday 20th Sept^r here and have
enjoyed it much. every thing very comfortable
Sept - 19/52
W. J. Foster

Sept 20th 1852

Judge Jones has much satisfaction
in bearing testimony to the
comfortable accommodations which
he enjoyed at this hotel during
the last two days. Whether the
Reverence of the Establishment provi-
ded by the noble Despatches be
considered, or the Courtesy of the
Managers of the concern be taken
into account, The Traveller might

to be well satisfied with the attention
paid to his comfort & at the proce-
dure of the Charges —

Robert L. Jones

Brevity is the soul of panegyric no less
than of wit so I content myself with saying
ditto, with all my heart, to the judgement of
Devi, & Donnell, as recorded at page 147.

Sept 23. 1852
A. M. M. M.
Landward - Fellingham C^o of Dublin

Where Heather grew in Swans day,
And gambold Hares in amorous play,
Now stands as Travellers can tell
The much renowned Quendon Hotel.
Reared at the Sovereign will
Of munificent Lord George Hill,
Whose mighty cultivated mind
Whatever is by him designed
He carries out with skill profound,
Displaying taste and judgment second.

Deserving too of much respect
Is Cunningham the Architect
He over this Mountain Inn presides
And with his Wife directs and guides

The whole arrangements here so well that nothing can their care excel.

Their Ladies still is richly stored Attendance good - and Bed and board The most fashionable might please While Strangers feel so much at ease And such abundant comfort find They leave it with regret behind

Robert Young
Frailer for The Londonderry Standard
September 27th 1852 Well done Dear Sir.

We have passed the last two days here, we have met with attention and civility and found the accommodation comfortable

Sept 27th 1852

W. Montgomery
W. Montgomery
W. Montgomery

Quicker Notes 2nd Oct 52

I slept on night here most comfortably -
James Cyle Belfast.
is Miss Kichson's son who she is at cards?

From 27th to 29th Sept 52...
at Gweedore.
The accomodation excellent both
Every body is satisfied
(The Gweedore)
Capt. M. B. S. P.
I am, Sir, yours

We have passed the greater part of three days at this Hotel and have found the accommodation excellent, the beds are comfortable, and the servants attentive and obliging. Jane, Victoria, Belfast.
Catherine Mary Milford
Gweedore 1st October 1852

Mary Jones
Having read, some time ago, an account of the improvements at Gweedore I have much gratification in saying that the reality has far exceeded my expectations, save that trees are still few in number. The school is a true nursing for time & eternity. The accomodation & attention at the hotel have been, for these two past days, all that could desire. The plan of having a supply of Bibles & useful tracts & books in the rooms is truly benevolent. The improvements around reminded me of those which Pastor Oberlin is said to have brought about in France. In my walk to the New Market Church at Derry, the outline of the Mountains surrounding the lake on Sad North & South recalled strongly to my recollection that of the Mountains of Borrowdale. My journey was for health's sake for which it seems to have been blessed of the Great Father of all blessing. A.B. I am glad to see the people imitating the improvements of the Mobile Oldman

C. M. B. Sir 33 Regt
Oct 21st - 1852

I left Carragh 1st Injune at half past four o'clock ~~on Monday~~ ^{on Monday} morning and arrived at Gweedore Hotel at 6 o'clock on the same day never did a weary traveller hail the place of his destination with more satisfaction than I did the first sight of the hotel after so tedious a journey, and although I have been in most of the best hotels in Ireland I never was more comfortable than for the two nights I have spent here, having come here for the first time on business I hope to live to visit it again for pleasure and from what I have already seen I am sure it would be a gratification to every lover of his country

try to behold the evidences which this country affords of what our land might become under wise and benevolent management let the landlords of Ireland imitate the example of Lord Geo Hill let the resources of her soil be developed, let the industry of her sons be stimulated and encouraged, let lawless agitation be put down and trampled upon, let the people be taught that as they can benefit them but industry and economy (particu- larly of time), that perseverance must and will succeed and that Ireland will become what Reverend agitators could never make her, great glorious and free.

if I should so like to see you W.M. Rutledge
 E.A. October 26th 1852

E.A.
 got a good Breakfast at Grandone Hotel this morning and I am well pleased with the attendance

Arch Magee
 of Londonderry
 October 29th 1852

Had a Bed & Breakfast at Grandone Hotel
 I am well satisfied (servants very attentive)
 Robert M. Maguire
 5th Nov 1852 Londonderry

Came again, enjoyed the
 comforts of Grandone Hotel
 J. M. Maguire
 9th November 1852 Dublin

I have spent two nights at the "Gweedagh" and feel great pleasure in making my humble attestation to the comfortable accommodations of this base in the West.

John Steen,
 Glasgow.

November the 25th 1852

Glasgow December 1st 1852
 After a lapse of at least 7 years I have been fortunate in being obliged, & enabled to pay a visit again to this Hotel, the property of Lord George Hill the attendance & other I am well pleased with & much with cordially shating

The Comfort & Char which we found at Grandone will please us we both them and could not be more. As we should "Fate" again be as to the "Living" shore I shall pass a good night at the Hotel of Grandone

John Currie, Glasgow
 * John M. Steen

"Mary" When find the attendance part?
 They attend to the best for travellers find no rest,
 So + I M. O.

* What an aristocratic Autograph? - Very!

19th Feb 1853

Mr. P. P. S. P. S.

Well satisfied with the
Compts of this Hotel,
Compt. Gentry
London

Having remained at this Hotel from the
17th to the 22nd Feb. on the occasion of a direct
Ship on the Island of Tory - named the Lislet
which vessel was waterlogged & abandoned
in the early part of November 1852. do now
add my testimony to the many numerous
one preceding - Having found it, clean &
wholesome, with attentive servants &
moderate charges, & well deserving the
high encomiums already passed upon it.

21 Feb 1853

J. G. S. L. S.
Walwood House
Near Liverpool

I feel it a pleasure and a duty to add my
testimony to the opinions so often expressed, that
this Hotel is all that can be desired for comfort &
hospitality, for which I am told we are entirely indebted
to Lord of Hills, truly he has set a laudable example
to landed proprietors in Ireland "to go and do
likewise"

25th Feb 1853

W. G. S. P. S.

Career Terrace
Regent Park
London

I would consider it a great injustice to
the proprietors of this establishment were I to leave
without stating the fact that I am "in" better
treatment any where than what I was in

Greenwich 1st March 1853

E. O. S. M. S.
Ballyshannon

Goodness I am in, but words are wanted, but to
say what, what a good I am should be
and it's that,

12th March 1853

G. S. M.

I would certainly be considered an
act of injustice by omitting to state
the fact and regularly in what this
house is kept. I have been here
any night and better entertainment
I have never met with

not at all concerned
at the arrangement

J. G. S. M. S.

Greenwich 14th March 1853

Much pleased and gratified with the Compts
of this Hotel. Donegal 14th March 1853

I feel it to be a pleasurable duty
in being able to record my testimony
of the very superior accommodation
to be found at this Hotel.

15th March 1853

Write the General to the company to the N. W.
 Reiman W. Kuman & Mills, Beale and W. Lewis, and
 can't speak too highly of the entertainment at the Sweden
 Hotel afforded
 John C. Colburn
 May & Mills April 4th 1853

It is surely fair to cast this on both, I could
 not with bring myself to think it such a true
 one feels true at home, and nothing more tends
 to promote that feeling than the quiet unobtrusive
 manner of the servant, always at her post and
 contrasting so with the noisy "coming" "coming" etc
 of your bustling waiter
 20th April 1853
 D. W. L. B.

Permit, you sons of Celtic race, you children of the English strand,
 Who wrote ^{abroad} ~~before~~ of this place your praises down with skilful hand,
 Permit a stranger of your tongue, to set with rather fettered pen
 Some plain remarks and thoughts among the higher strains of witty men:
 What though you ^{blooming meadows} ~~cultivated~~ sweet and growing cultivation bless,
 Which you in rocky mountains meet in barren plains and wilderness;
 Yet is far greater the delight, an elevated, noble mind,
 Still manifest in actions bright, among indifference to find;
 Its soul of real worth aware, of dignity by godly birth,
 Postponing fortune's splendid share and mere distinction upon earth.
 Such souls, indeed, as scripture says, are golden fruits in silver plates,
 If shining they with worldly rags, if noble rank them elevate.
 Apr. 26th 53.
 H. S. Smith.

Mrs Fleming and myself have been highly
 gratified by our visit to the Sweden and
 much pleased with the comfort and accommodation
 the Hotel afforded.
 Present J. Washburn John Fleming
 Sweden April 26. 1853. Resident Magistrate
 C. Drayton.

May 3rd.
 C. W. Petherick. Greta Hall. Cumberland
 W. G. Simpson. London. 21 Gloucester Place
 J. Law. Shelford. Cambridge
 Much pleased with the accommodations
 which this hotel affords - the weather
 was inclement and the country dreary

W. H. Simpson, 21 Gloucester Place
 Port au Prince London

Edw. Nevill Royal Navy - June 14. 1853 -
 Very much pleased with the arrangements
 comfort & cleanliness of the Sweden Hotel

We have been much pleased with the
 comfort & attention at the hotel
 but have been disappointed at finding
 that we cannot fish - for which we came
 June 16th 53
 J. Gold
 W. P. W.

I am much pleased with the improved appearance of the country since my last visit so changed is the aspect of the neighbourhood surrounding the Kettle that we drove past it
June 16th 1853
J. W. M. M. M.

I have remained at the Gweedore Hotel for a week, & have found the accommodation excellent, & the attention of Mr. Cunningham & his establishment most unwearied. In this retirement I am warmly joined by two friends from London, who arrived last night, & who, with myself, exceedingly regret being obliged to leave this part of the country to day.

At the Hotel
of Gweedore 17 June 1853.

From the 23rd to 25th June
Most comfortable in every respect
as usual. (In the morning)
Capt. S. Gilligan

Have omitted to tell you, my dear friend, how much pleasure I have been with the accommodation afforded at this hotel.

W. P. M. M. M. to you
6.9.53
London
30th June 53.

Having passed a delightful day, amidst the wild, and exquisite scenery of the valley of the Glady - Burn beg &c. &c. - and two nights at the Gweedore Hotel where comfort - clean linens, attention and every luxury, (unexpected, and well-look'd for) in a district so remote are to be found; we desire to record our grateful sense of the same, and to say, that our regret at leaving Gweedore, is greatly lessened by the hope that we may be permitted to enjoy the same pleasures again at no very distant period.

- Mary Mansfield
- Georgia Aubrey
- Mrs Mansfield
- Ralph Mansfield
- Frederick Mansfield
- Robt. R. Johnson
- James Mansfield

Adieu
July 9th 1853

Adieu from you here
I have not the garden of the house
in the dross of what is left
My seed & are beautiful, they taste
More rich than other kinds of fruit

Would not this be a favourable country for Bees, & would they not increase the thrift of the cottages at a small outlay

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George S. Gibson Saffron Walden
James S. Tuke York

July 10. 53

It is a v. & a shame to find no good
an Inn in Ireland & not even trout fishing
to be had W.C.

July 23rd

Major Forrest

14th (Dragoon Guards
Maj. Forrest & Mr. P. Pluffold
stayed two days at this Hotel &
found it extremely comfortable
the charges very moderate.

Martha La Vere Sproule
Mary S. Sproule July 28th / 53

29 July. Spent three nights here and
was quite pleased with the accommo-
dation - Edward Butler

July

I am delighted to see what has been
done in this wilderness and I hope all landed
proprietors, who shall visit this place will profit
by the example of its noble proprietor Saurbrey.
Francis McClure
Presbyterian Minister

This my first visit to London I must truly
say that the place much exceeds my expectations
and parties visiting must leave it quite satisfied
with its appearance as well as excellent
= Dutch and Medical charges of the Hotel
Matthew Wilson

August 3rd 1853

Greenwich District

The country here appears much better & for the Sunday
Lynn, Batten, Broom & Worthing to be much prettier than all you
The beds are clean & well aired but too few in number
9th Aug 1853

At least. Practice Charge. 10th August 1853
and every thing as clean and comfortable as possible

But the dinner was very good and I left the
with pleasure.

August 16th 1853

John G. P.

Rifle Range

Wednesday 17th August 1853. (276)

The architecture of nearly 8 years, 'See 1845 Page 97'. I have
never visited this interesting spot, what a revolution in most
parts of Ireland during that wonderful period, here, one finds
everywhere all things, a wonderful progress of improvement
the deterioration of hands seems to be the only thing that one
can regret, but the deterioration of those who remain is evidently
improved, The Kelp Trade promises to be one of the most
important resources of this interesting country and it is
much to be hoped that the conversion of that material into
more refined articles of Commerce will ^{soon} become
usual. I hope to see to see many such establishments
in the Island Manufacturing of Rathmellon. It is much to be
hoped that recent legislative change, have contributed
to the encouragement of a pursuit which must have
been discouraged by any Government, and it is hoped
that the influence of those Improvers who are ^{to} be
external, increasing in numbers, will be directed
towards the improvement of so numerous a habit
in the establishment, by means of courses of profitable
employment.

MSB

Let a sixpence on the 1st of August
1853 Any person finding this
same may keep it

D. M. G. W. M.

Peoples heads are turned when they come
into such a comfortable Inn as this in a
"Wilderness and they write nonsense on the
spum of the moment. Wm Smith Ramelton
Oh Billy fine the winter that brought you here
Due for you Billy
I M. G. W. M.

J. W. J. Blake. Univ. Coll. Oxford.
Venon Lushington Trin Coll. Cambridge.
Godfrey Lushington. Ball. Coll. Oxford
stayed here nearly a month, & was extremely pleased
with the attention & comfort which they met with in the
Hotel. August 17th 1853.

I have great pleasure in recording my approbation
of the accommodation & attention of this Hotel

Guendore 17 Augt 1853
James Daggart
of Belfast

The Rev J Denham of Lerry - the Rev J Haume of
Edinburgh and Mr Thomas Chalmers Haume have
had every reason to be satisfied with the accomodation
and service of the Hotel at Guendore
25 August 1853

* Nonsensical productions when properly spelt are
decidedly more palatable - than ~~ignorant~~ ^{ignorant} diquand
criticisms like Billy Smith's -
Does not Ramelton afford a pocket edition
of Sullwans Dictionary?

Here on the spot where this fair Mansion stands
 Replete with comforts, served by kindly hands,
 Where all is clean and everything is good,
 Where hunger's satisfied with wholesome food,
 Where weary travellers at moderate price
 Can get delicious beds, so clean and nice,
 Where Host and Footst and the serving Maid,
 Anticipate each wish before tis made.
 A few years since, where now this plenty reigns,
 Was one unvaried scene of rocks and plains.
 As far as eye could reach, above, below,
 In summer it was heath, in winter snow -
 Shut in by mountains rugged, bold and bare,
 No human steps were heard to echo there -
 What magic wand, this mighty change has brought,
 And to a smiling plain this desert brought?
 That wand was waved by one whose noble name
 This honored boy has now gained lasting fame -
 His talents, time and wealth he freely spent,
 And gained a blessing where so'er he went -
 In future years the name of Lord George shall
 Cause each heart in Downal to thrill,
 From Magel's proud height to Bumber's Store
 Shall bless the noble founder of Gweedore!!
 Marianne Knight - Aug. 21st 1853.

Foot

Aug^r 24. 1853.

Gr + Miss Lloyd - Warwickshire
 Major Husband. Fahan House
 Geo. Friday, C.M. Fahan
 Arrived at Gweedore yesterday evg. +
 Were delighted, tho' desirous to prove to themselves
 Very inconvenient to find the Hotel so crowded
 as to be unable to afford them accommodation
 in their ordinary rooms. - They have to be
 .proud their gratification at the attention
 they met with + the trouble taken to fit
 up a room for their comfort

May the efforts of the noble proprietors benefit
 the people "Go on and prosper". A.M.

August 14th 1853.

Comptrol + Chauntress of L. Ordinaire
 Samuels.

Aug^r 26. 1853

My daughters I I visit. This I hope
 I so much pleased with the comfort I attend
 that we hope to return

Thos. Blake
 27, Colindale

We regret much that our time has not permitted us to remain longer than one night at the Gweedore Hotel where we have been most comfortably entertained.

We would most respectfully beg to call Lord George Mills attention to the very deficient manner in which the Mail Car from this (Dunfanaghy) did not present itself, a circumstance of which we feel satisfied his Lordship is not aware. The Horses one of the most invincible kind, & when loaded as they were yesterday, it was really painful to sit on the Car. We were much disappointed at being unable to procure a Horse at the Hotel to take us on to Letterkenny by Dublin, the only one except those for the Mail having been pre-engaged.

We have read with much satisfaction 'facts from Gweedore' published by his Lordship - a copy of which we should have greatly wished to take with us - but regret to find it cannot be procured - We trust his Lordship will have another edition speedily brought out as we consider it a most interesting publication which should be more extensively known, as well on the magnificent situation, and Commodious & comfortable nature of the Hotel - the only one we have met with in this County deserving the name.

28th August 1853
William Marshall M.R.S.E.
Belfast
Thos. M. Lipp Stirling Bank
Belfast.

Mr Wakefield from Warwickshire arrived here on Friday evening last and was much pleased with the cleanliness and accommodation of the house and the attention shown to promote his comfort August 29-53

Being detained at Gweedore during several days by continued rains we can testify to the extreme comfort of the Hotel and the excellence of the attendance. Lord George Mills has his best reward in the sight of the improvements to which he has given rise, and of the increased comfort and happiness prevailing among the inhabitants of these valleys.
Aug 30. 1853
Francis S. Powell Inner Temple.
Thos Wade Porok St John Coll. Cambridge

Mr J Daniell & Dr Baird have had the pleasure of staying at the Gweedore Hotel and cannot speak in terms of commendation sufficient to express their sense of the good treatment received by all connected with this excellent establishment.

Thank you much of the paper for my name but I am not the person of whom you speak - I am at a loss for words to express what I feel, by your notice being done for my paper. The kind attention of Dr. John Mills on this occasion I am ever
Yours
J. L. Curran, Esq

Sept 8th 53

Guidore Hotel 31st August 1853 (28)

I arrived at this Hotel on the evening of the 29th inst and was not fortunate enough to procure a bed, as every available spot had been preoccupied. Having partaken of supper, which was served in the usual comfortable style I was obliged to proceed to Magheraclin, a distance of three miles for a bed and there slept at the house of Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, one of Lord George Hill's Tenants and am happy to be able here to testify to the cleanliness & comfort of the house and the civility and attention of the people, second only to this Hotel itself - This in my opinion is a telling fact which speaks volumes for the success of the exertions of Lord George Hill to improve the condition of his Tenants.

Grammarian and Lexicographer
Edward Murray

Rev. William Stewart of Tyrone, Mr. Henry William Stewart of Guelph, Canada West, and Mr. John George Cunningham of Buntingford Place, Cambridge arrived at the Guidore Hotel on the 31st of August 1853 the day of the consecration of the Burial grounds of Ardara and the day of Bishop Inglis's visit to Buncbeg, the night previous to the consecration of Donalway Church. Notwithstanding the crowded state of the house they were most comfortably accommodated.

Sept 1st 1853

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We have visited the Oasis of this romantic neighbourhood and feel extremely pleased with the arrangements of Guidore Hotel - This delightful locality through the exertions of its noble Benefactor affords a real lesson how that a people once so neglected can be raised to a position of happiness and independence.

Some writings here I saw on sand
But some of them I scarcely understood
What with the potatoes, the wheat, the corn
And the good rain, people from and about
If they want to show their pity, why not out with the cash
The Bishop of Meath, the Duke of Devonshire, and the
Rev. Ralph R. Baker, on a tour of confirmation in the diocese of Meath, passed a night of two days at the Guidore Hotel, and in evidence of their perfect agreement with the testimony of former travellers, as to the neatness, cleanliness, and accommodation of this establishment, enhanced by the contrast between the comfort of the Hotel and the wildness of its situation - But that which was most peculiarly gratifyingly excited by the visit they had accompanied by Lord George Hill, to the little bay of Buncbeg, and the wonders there accomplished by patient perseverance of good sense - It was with feelings of satisfaction that they beheld the crowds of country people brought in their own respects of stockings for sale, both of the Irish, and the Scotch, who attended to purchase, and they contrasted in their imaginations, the indolence, paucity of staples which must have prevailed in their district, with the comfort afforded by the appearance of a ready sale for the produce of labour, and the stimulus thereby given to industry - The general appearance of the people we could see of the

W. Murray
W. Murray
J. C. D.
John Dow

country, where the purpose of improvement, through the benevolent propensities
 with the character of a benevolent encourages the application of similar
 measures with a confidence of similar results. But also - when
 made in kind such individuals, in the public opinion, projects & execute
 when works? - The practice of a people that is built here, a
 picture of poverty, peace - Some religion will connect away its bene-
 volence to the memory of Hilda - We cannot omit as one of the wonders of this
 neighbourhood the beautiful church of Donaluz, built for the execution
 of labour of Mrs. Ruffale of Donaluz, devoted to the help and the suffering
 of humanity - We trust that her work will remain a blessing to the
 surrounding population, & a rallying point for posterity in this wild
 but beautiful region -

~~James H. Hawes~~
~~Sept 11th 1853~~
 I. H. North
 William Thomas
 Ralph Rouse Baker

This being my sixth visit to
 the Gweedore Hotel. I leave it
 with great regret, James Hawes
 405011 Ponting, ^{London} Sep: 6. 1853

Great pleasure in adding that I
 have spent three years at this
 hotel and have passed a very happy
 time there

Sept 11th 53
 J. H. North

Having been here two nights, we have much pleasure
 in testifying to the civility and attention we received and to
 the excellent accommodation of this Hotel

Sept 12. 1853

With pleasure

Rev. M. D. Derry
 Robt Maxwell
 Templemore

Gweedore Hotel
 Sept 14

We have much pleasure in adding our
 testimony to that of Mrs. McFadden &
 others, Page 6, & must say it fully comes
 up to all we had heard of it

J. H. North
 W. E. Keblett, Esq.

16th Sept. 53. One more I have to add
 my testimony of the comfort and
 attention received at Gweedore Hotel
 J. H. North
 Dublin

We shall now be able to do our business at home
 a good turn by putting them up to visiting Gweedore

Sept: 19th / 53

Aug. Denham
 Alfred P. Fletcher

On this my eighth visit to the Gweedore
I found the Hotel had maintained its
high character and I was much gratified
to see the improvements which are
carrying on by the Noble Proprietor,
who has fitted up an excellent Banquet
for the Party of Revenue Police with every
regard for their comfort - Health and
Amusement.

C. MacEachern Ed.
Gweedore 22nd Sept. 1853

We have great pleasure in adding
our testimony to the very good
attention & kind comfort - received
by us in the Gweedore Hotel it
being the best we have
met with in this county -

Gweedore Hotel Sept 24th 1853

Jas. Dale West Gate
South Lincobushire
England -

J. H. Dale
John Hirstwood

Sept. 25th 1853

A. La Touche London
J. La Touche Linton

perfectly satisfied with every
thing in the way of

Miss Annie Dixon, Horncastle,
Lincolnshire, England.
1st October 1853.

Spent Sunday the 2nd of October 1853 at the Gweedore Hotel
with a very enjoyable party consisting of Miss Matilda Muller
Mrs J. Alexander and Miss Barbara & Miss Susan Mearns
We came here late on Saturday evening and found every thing
comfortable and the people civil & attentive. In short
Every thing was good of its kind except my
pen John McEachern Mullinshall
Co Donegal

28th Oct 1853

Spent at the Gweedore Hotel.
Much pleased with the comfort
& attention.

John Johnston

W. H. H. H. H.

Spent a night at this Hotel and found
every thing very comfortable.

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Few travellers are expected in December, - even at hotels more immediately "on the road" than this. - Let us arriving with a friend (unexpectedly) yesterday, found a plain, but remarkably well cooked dinner, was furnished in a remarkably short time after, - which a journey from Dunfermline enabled us to appreciate very highly, and do justice to. - The Beds rooms are comfortable, and the attendance excellent.

20th Dec. 1853
"Ets perpetua"
John Carr
Charwood St. - Pelham Road - London

I have spent one night at the Gweedore Hotel and have found every comfort. I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the kindness & attentions from the conductors of the Hotel.

4 January 1854 James A. Johnston
Lowtherstown

This being my third visit to the far famed Gweedore, I consider it only justice to Lord Geo Hill to add my humble testimony to the comfort and excellent arrangements to be found here.

Jan 7 11th 1854 Robert East
London

I have stopped one night at the Hotel and found great pleasure.

Jan 1852 + Miss Emma Wood
you are welcome

I arrived at this Hotel about 5 O'clock in the evening after a long drive and a very disagreeable wet day when a large fire was got into the Room & a very short time, & also into my Bed Room, every thing being made as comfortable as in my own House and I have much pleasure in stating that I would not wish to stop in a more comfortable Hotel which can only be known to be appreciated at this season of the Year

Gweedore 22 Jan 1854
Hotel
Thomas Wall
Gweedore
Vera good Thomas

Nothing can exceed the excellent arrangements of this Hotel & reflects the greatest credit upon the Manager

Wm W. M. Miller
8th Feb 1854
Sub-Inspector Constabulary
Glenties

Having often heard of the comfort & attention that travellers are entertained in this part of the Coast. And now having remained an evening & a night here, my great expectations are fully realised, and can only agree with the universal opinion so often expressed in the preceding pages that for comfort & attention the Gweedore Hotel cannot be surpassed.

8th March 1854
Edward
Rampton

Church and J. P. Periss visited Inverore Hotel
on the 20th March and found everything and everybody quite
stunning.

March 31 - This is the 2nd time that I have enjoyed the very
great pleasure of a visit to Gweedore, where the
improvements are most striking, encouraging
& deserved. G. J. H.

I have visited Gweedore Hotel I am most
happy to say I find every comfort
and they kindest attention that
I have met with since in Ireland.
and there is great credit due to the
Noble Lord for the good accommodation
provided April 13. 1854

George Periss
George must have gone to school to
the Society for the Confusion of Useful Knowledge

14th April 1854 I stayed in this Hotel
I for attentive cleanliness & comfort it is unequalled
any could the Northern tourist have anticipated to find such
a comfortable Hotel situated in the midst of such a mountainous
country enriched by scenery the most romantic plainly exhibiting
to the tourist that there is no other County in the Emerald Isle
that possesses such bold & romantic scenery. It might still
be considered in a state although at present the improvements
which have been made to the furniture but the accommodation
has not the unobtrusive spirit of the noble and generous hearted
proprietor induced him to found such a comfortable abode for
the way traveler

Robt Hayes
J. Hayes
C. Hayes
Co. Donegal

Professional duties having called me into
the vicinity of Gweedore I am proud to
join issue with the numerous testimonies
already given in praise of the comfort, clean
and comfortable accommodations at Gweedore

Past. Present. and Future

There was a wild & pathless waste
untilled by man, untrod by beast
where nothing was seen
of corn or of green
and nothing was heard
but the wild sea-bird.
Such was Gweedore, in days of yore.

There is a neat & nice hotel
Pleasant to view & furnished well
where people may lunch
on mutton & punch
and themselves amuse
with the daily news
Such is Gweedore in 54 -

A steamer from Glasgow, hot beds at Dunbeg
The dance & the dinner, the flowing keg
Officers very
Increasing from Derry
The Kilmallon tree
Transporting us
Such is in store for fair Gweedore.

The visitors garden

* neither cigars or
temperance liquors are kept

R. Gray
- Engineer
W. White
- Cornish

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14th April

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to the south
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the very best

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the vicinity of Guvedore I am proud to
join issue with the numerous testimonies
already given in praise of the comfort, clean
lines, and domestic character of Lord
George Hills Hotel - His Lordship by the most
laudable efforts of mind and great liberality
has certainly rendered this neighbourhood
a perfect paradise as compared with any
other part of the county of Dougal, and this
added to natural scenery of the most inter-
esting kind cannot fail to afford a large
store of pleasurable and scientific information
to the student in geology more especially

My inspections in this respect have convinced
me that much mineral wealth will shortly
be laid open by the unwatering of Keldrum
and other veins at the foot of mighty
Erragal, where the existence of lead in
abundance and even gold are distinctly
traceable - As I hope for a second visit
to his Lordship's lodges shortly I trust the
Keeper of the seals will not continue to deny
the additional pleasure afforded by a good
hannah and a glass of netter while
enjoying the beauties of the setting sun in
the visitors garden

* neither cigars or
temperance liquors are kept

W. Gray
- Laguerre
W. W. White
Comstock

After a few days being at Gore we have
much pleasure in acknowledging the comfort and
orderly arrangement of the Hotel. We have witnessed
with much gratification the improvements effected
by Lord George Hill in this previously unimproved
District.

10th May 1854

A. Keblet.
Geo Haydon

Archibald St. Goddard
15 Middle Row Dublin

All who visit Gore should endeavour
to visit the Public Dispensary that they may
be able to form an idea of the improvements
that have been made while he seems not
to be anxious to increase the sufferings of others
10 May 1854

An experience of nine years Mountain travelling in
the West of Ireland, causes a high appreciation of the
comfort to be obtained at the Gore Hotel, such as
it has never been my lot to meet with before. Though
the little Inn at Measun is an humble approach towards it.

The public spirited kindness of Lord Geo. Hill in
providing such an oasis in the desert - "The shadow of a
great rock in a weary land" is well deserving of imitation
by other proprietors of such favoured districts, & will
 repay them if not in immediate cash, in what is of
 more value, the gratitude & hearty good wishes of all
 respectable travellers. - A few "travelling tourists" will

always be found to appreciate that they find away
from home, in able to leave an impression of
greater comfort which they do not enjoy there - and
such people can enjoy nothing.

May 10th 1854
Thos. W. Horan Esq. R.R.
Admiralty Lane

This Hotel is deserving of all
praise; I do not recollect a single
fault to find with it. Would that
there were many such in the
country & then Englishmen would
not have to complain of want
of comfort in travelling in
Ireland. - Would, whenever the
pleasure of stopping here is
the object, the improvements
in progress at Gore & Glenties
that the published accounts of them
are not exaggerated.

John Davy
of Davys Looker Hotel

May 13th 1854

Fully concurring in Mr Davy's commentary
upon the weightier matters of the Law of property
at Gore we may add that I have taken mine
case in mine own ^{hand} during the last few days &

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that these days shall be marked in my
calendar with a very white stone -

May 13. 1834

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A. Mann

Having resided here since December/52
and now being on the eve of removal, I can't
allow that departure to take place without
expressing my very great thanks to Mrs & Mr. Cummings
for their constant attendance and kindness, but
particularly last summer when I was very
ill for some time, which I shall long remember.

The Gweedore Hotel in my opinion
stands alone for that comfort and attention that
can be wished, - you feel so perfectly at home
under its roof, owing to the beauty of the system
& perfect quietness of its management, so nicely
carried on by Mrs & Mr. C. - which is much
added to, by Mary, who is always at her
post, no matter at what hour to give that
attendance, which is not even day to be met
with, and last, not least, Old Kelly performs
his part in a manner that would please
the most delicate of appetites, - as I have
said so much I don't think I can conclude
without making a few remarks. if I may
be so permitted by the noble originator
of such an establishment. If any person
has a right to praise such. I for one
decidedly might do, as I have not only experienced
the comfort arising therefrom for years and

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a half but have also received much kindness
from his Lordship, which I trust he will allow
me through this book to return him very great
thanks for. -

I can't let this opportunity pass without
referring to the very excellent manner
in which Lord George Hill has fitted up the
Barracks for the Rev Police Party, stationed here,
to which I have had the Command for so many
months, no expence was spared by his Lordship
to bring it to its present state. - However this is
only in accordance with all the other undertakings
in his Estate; would that every Property and
tenant had in Ireland had such a Lord, -
we should then soon see this Country in that
flourishing condition it is so capable of.

Persons who are desirous of causing such
improvements, might certainly visit
Gweedore, so that they could see what has,
and can be done, then if they are at all
anxious to take a leaf out of his Lordship's
Book, should purchase a copy of the "Facts
from Gweedore" which will fully prove the
fruit of perseverance, on which Lord George
Hill has been so ably carried out in by Mr. Foster
who is not only a host in himself, but the life
and soul of every place he is, from whom
I have also received the greatest attention
and kindness which they do not accept my
sincere thanks for and shall only repeat
that written in Page 85.

"Long may he live to Cracha Joke"

Trusting his Lordship will allow me to
 wish him every success and trusting that
 he may long to enjoy his improvements. and
 at such noble examples, to his brother Landlord
 I must now say farewell to Gweedore
 where I hope often again to be, and shall always
 look back on my residence in this neighbourhood
 with very great
 pleasure indeed, having met with many
 kind friends, and passed such happy days.

Gweedore.
 20th May 1854
 A. Winstock

May 25 1854. Dr M. Cork Lucius College Belfast
 am much pleased with the accommodation and service, and
 greatly delighted to notice the improvement wrought by Lord
 Lifford, which he was enabled to estimate by comparing or
 rather contrasting this district with other papers through
 James M. Cork LL.D.

Having been staying here a few days I feel that
 I cannot depart without expressing the satisfaction
 I have experienced of the great attention, civility
 and comfort, received during my stay, and
 hope to come again
 Gweedore Hotel
 3rd June 1854.
 Thos. J. Fallener
 Bath

Henry M. Slapillon
 1st Lt. 2nd Dragoon Guards June 15th 1854
 & note from Monaghan

We have been at Gweedore for four days
 and found every thing very comfortable &
 attendance very good
 Gweedore Hotel 15 June 1854
 John Stevenson Esq.

Slapillon Briston
 June 20th 1854. Capt. 2nd Dragoon Guards
 from Monaghan

The Gweedore Hotel maintains its high
 character for cleanliness, comfort and
 civility and I have again had the
 advantage of resting under its roof, being
 my ninth visit to these alpine regions.
 A. Macdonnell Col.

Gweedore
 21st June 1854

Having arrived here by day from Ballycome we
 with Mr. & Mrs. Roberts I cannot leave without expressing
 how deeply as a traveller I feel the comforts of a nice
 appointed hostelry to which I feel indebted to the
 noble proprietor of whom & of the establishment
 as well as the internal decoration I have listened
 with much satisfaction from Lady Harriet & Miss
 some years past.

June 23rd
 R.B. Longest Day
 Gweedore Hotel

June 22^d 1854 Remained at Gweedore for
eight days much pleased with the surroundings
and attendance. Mr W. D. McCann took

The ship McDonnell
to Gweedore

June 26th 1854. Being on a visit to Ireland from
the United States, and hearing of the romantic
beauty and grandeur of Gweedore and surrounding
country, we availed ourselves of a favorable oppor-
tunity of visiting this part of Ireland and we are
much pleased to see the improvements that have
been made in reclaiming the wild land, and be-
bettering the condition of the people of this wild re-
gion, we cheerfully acknowledge the gentlemanly
conduct of Mr Cunningham the proprietor of the
Gweedore Hotel, and approve of the general man-
agements of said Hotel.

Thos W. Knight
of New York
Mathew McBride
New York

July 12th 1854

Remained at Gweedore Hotel
one night with self and party. Found everything
as comfortable as we could wish for

Mr & Mrs M. P. Hume & Miss Sproule
have spent a night at the Gweedore
and are much pleased with the
scenery & the comforts of the Hotel -
July 1854

Mr & Mrs Joseph Falkner Sparty visited this
hotel on 18th July 1854 remained till 19th & found
everything very comfortable -

We feel much pleased in being able to
add our testimony as to the Excellence
of this Establishment - Yes! yes! "yes!" "yes!"

July 21 - 1854 { R. W. W. - County Mayo - Dublin
John R. W. - Fahan - County

Having passed the greater part of two days at the
Gweedore Hotel we feel much pleased in stating that
we have found the accommodation good and we were
satisfied with the attention which we have met with
Wm. R. P. F. C. D.
& Jas.

William Athies Sparty

I have travelled various parts of Europe and
comparing the order cleanliness & comforts of this
Hotel with others which I visited on my travels I
have no hesitations in giving a Plumper for
the Gweedore Hotel. The wild and romantic
scenery surrounding it contrasted so much with
the improvements effected by the worthy
Proprietor render it not only charming but
salubrious. I shall feel it my duty to my friends
to advise on their participating in its enjoyments
to recover health or for a Honeymoon -

o you suffer James O'Boyle M.D.
July 24th 1854 - Donegal

Guidon 27th July 1854

We have remained for some days at this Hotel and are highly pleased with the accommodation but time will not permit of our saying much as the Mail cannot be detained on any act.

James Boyle
Conolly J. Gage

Hotel, Guidon 28th July 1854

Before I take leave of this charming wild scene I cannot pass on without bearing my humble testimony to the admirable arrangements and excellent accommodation provided for all who may visit the Hotel for business, for pleasure, or for health, with the attention of the party, under whose immediate eye the whole is carried out, calls for my entire approbation.

J. F. Mansfield

29 July 1854

We remained here a night and were much pleased with our accommodation and the civility of the Host & Hostess.

Andrew Givon

John Givon

William Givon

July 31st July - 1854 -

M^{rs} Aubrey

Capt. Dobson

M^r F. Mansfield Jun^r

The Misses Mansfield.

July 31 1854

It is now nine years since I visited the Hotel and am pleased to find that it not only retains but exceeds its former character for beauty of situation and comfort of its internal economy, but however I would not perhaps visit during the reign of the Medages.

Wm Mansfield
I approve of the above

J. Gage 1854

August 2. my second visit to Sweden. I came yesterday with Lord & Miss Mill, & Master Augustus - Every thing progressing & looking smiling & pleasant - nice weather, no rain, plenty of snipes, but had to them. good bye to Sweden. Whing etc.

"Done what we could" never had a finer illustration than in the case of Lord George Hill towards his tenants at Gweedore - The Hotel is always comfortable - The host & hostess invariably attentive & obliging

3rd August 1854

W. Gallagher Comptroller

Shane Keighran - young - Uthah
Jullyagrick & Kilmacrennan, to visit ii
+ this Banallon back door & dead walls
Mr & Mrs Murray have much pleasure in adding their testimony to that of many others as to the comfort & cleanliness of the Hotel & the attention they received & which removed her
Joseph Dickson Mr. Sir Paul & Mrs. H. James & Mr. & Mrs. J. W. J. visited this day & were much gratified with what they saw at Gweedore Aug. 1854

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the many who have visited this Hotel and surrounding country - and do think that every thing has been done by the Hotel Proprietors to see also visitors happy - The Hotel is clean & the attention excellent + Mr. Fisher + a right decent fellow I know him well
I have found the accommodation as good as when I was last here & nothing is to be paid
N.C.

Oh! the happy fishers life,
It is the best of any;
It's full of pleasure, void of strife,
And tis the held by many.

Stylton Bruce
Major 9th In Guards
from Monaghan

The accommodation very good and most civily treated by all parties
P. Hall
August 15th 1854

What a choice pair of Scissors his crown
There is mountain on the mountain like mountains above
The Curgle runs to friendly low
And dawning to wear in the heat on his brow
That covers the hills which round him lie
Like waterfalls binding to power down high
That come as a storm is about to break
He dons a cap of Acornby make
- It is a crown, and encloses his brow & ears
In the only head-dress he loves to wear
And here I can watch him with eye & hand
Excused "dane l' hote" of famed Gweedore
Where every comfort we wish, we find
And bearing of each is all, most kind.

Gweedore Hotel
11th August 1854

Robt. A. Taylor
Coleraine

From the reports of previous tourists we anticipated much gratification in visiting Gweedore - in witnessing the scene of Lord G. Hill's truly benevolent and patriotic exertions, and in enjoying the accommodations provided for the comfort of visitors - in all respects our anticipations were more than realized

Abraham Dawson, Curate of Ballyshannon, Belfast
The Hon. Thomas Russell, Minister, Letterkenny
M. James, Minister, Letterkenny

August 16. 1854 Archibald Thorne & Henry

The person, to whom this Estate has been assigned by the Rev. Minister, seems an honorable instrument for causing in due time the natural & spiritual "wheat" & "barley" to blossom like the rose: it must be the wish of every true Irishman, every real patriot, that the dew of divine blessing may descend upon his exertions.
aug. 5th - Geraldus (Dunensis) Eggandromagh

Revisited the Gweedore Hotel and find it, if possible, better than it was this time last year
Sincerely
James Collins jun
Knaresborough

Visited the Gweedore Hotel & found the arrangements very good, better than very palatable
James Collins jun
Knaresborough

August 1854
George Lyon Springvale
Fine scenery & good
Hotel

Gweedore August 23rd 1854

In company with some members of my family who are amongst the best judges & greatest admirers of nature's beauty, I have visited this interesting spot, for the purpose of viewing the Romantic scenery of Donegal, and taking a glance at the far-famed improvements in progress at Gweedore Estate, under the auspices of its noble Proprietor, Lord George Hill. We are requested by the authorities of the Inn to express an opinion of its arrangements; without they merit the reputation they have acquired: the sleeping accommodations is of the first order; the wine, and viands, including of course the cooking, are excellent; the attendance is what it should be, vigilant and active, quiet & unobtrusive: as to the scenery, it would speak for itself: in the sunshine it is beautiful, in the storm sublime: Here I ought, perhaps, to terminate my remarks; but, having read the Visitors book last evening for half an hour, I am stimulated by example to do homage to the patriotism and enterprise of Lord George Hill, the distinguished owner of the Estate; an example which has secured some sanction from the remarks made in the first page by the Chief of the illustrious house to which the noble Lord belongs. I have hastily observed the Kirk & Stores, the Cottages & Crops, the Schools, the Chapel & the Church recently built upon the Estate. Contrasting its present state, with its condition as detailed in the "facts from Gweedore", or even comparing it with many of the Mountain Properties in the Kingdom, the exertions of Lord George Hill are entitled to unqualified admiration. In the last Edition of the "Facts from Gweedore" it appears that Lord George Hill has been asked "Does it pay?" the question, though raised, is not answered in the book. There are in the United Kingdom some hundreds of thousands

Guversee Aug. 30 - 1854

Revisited the Hotel, and found the establishment conducted in the same orderly manner as on a late occasion when I was called on to express my opinions as to its merits. I leave it with regret, hoping by that the hope of again being permitted to enjoy the many beauties & unimpeded comforts, of which it may justly be

test R. F. Mitchell

31st August & 1st Sept. 1854

Having been at the Hotel on these days, I am happy to bear testimony to its continuing to support the high character which it has so deservedly acquired.

Geo. F. Spence

1st Sept. 1854

After, but a very short stay at the very comfortable hotel, we have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the cleanliness, attention, comfort & civility we have experienced & we regret that we cannot make a longer stay.

Henry Wilde. Scipion

Wilde
Peter Taylor
W. Thompson
" "
" "
London.

Good bye Dear And
Blessings

4 Sept. 1854

We spent two nights in Guversee & our most pleasure in recording our entire satisfaction with all the appointments of the Hotel.

Wheat Knot - Belfast

Matthew Kerr, Drumm Hill

Wm. Gilbert, Belfast

Wm. Johnston, Belfast

8th Sep 1854

We have been present at his Lordship's annual Show & were highly pleased with the exhibition at Buncing. We would also express our appreciation at the comfort, cleanliness & attention of the most justly celebrated Guversee Hotel.

Charles Hunter
for self & friends

Saturday Sep. 9. 1854

This being my third visit to the Hotel I consider it just to state that in Ireland or England, none I felt so much at home as here. I leave it with great regret.

Richard St. London G. J. Gifford

Reverend Mr. Matchless Angewen Oct 6th 1854
Very much pleased with all I have seen here,
and particularly with the arrangements and
comforts of the Gweedore Hotel -

We beg to state that we^{are} delighted with our
entertainment at this Hotel.

Murphy Limerick
L. W. Robinson Northumbria
G. W. Dixon -

19th October 1854

We have been much pleased with the
great comfort and quiet we have enjoyed
in this Hotel; the rooms are warm and
comfortable, the views excellent and
well dressed, and the attendance every
thing that can be desired.

Thos. A. Mearns
Capt. A. C. Major - Londonderry

Mr. Bull
Barbours

W. Hastings
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Very much pleased with entertainment

copy

Gweedore
No fault am I
But wishful to try,
And gild up my suite,
And thus humbly inscribe
A few words, not of lore,
To the Host of Gweedore,

The benevolent mind,
Whose nature so kind,
For our wants in the Wilds
The way for a traveller
That's tempted to roam
Will here find a home
With the Host of Gweedore.

20th October 1854 L.W.

~~London 21, 514 tons old measurement~~
~~but will carry about 35,000 tons~~

Wm. Coppin Londonderry

~~London 21, 514 tons old measurement~~
~~but will carry about 35,000 tons~~

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Guidore li 11 di Gennaio
1855.

Noi arrivammo qui stasera da Cresslock donde per-
tinamo stamane ed eravamo meravigliati e nello
stesso tempo piaciati colla romantica apparenza
del paese, quando uno si avvicina al Monte di
Sergal e la bella vallata di Duulewy. Avemmo
ci congratuliamo della nostra buona fortuna nell'
esser alloggiati in questo bell'albergo, ove tutti i nostri
bisogni sono soddisfatti. Perciò ci teniamo obbligati
a qui recitarne et ala nostra gratitudine
al nobile proprietario di questo albergo e questo
suolo, il quale non ha dimenticato il viaggiatore
della strada fatica nelle sue spaze per ammorbidire
la condizione de suoi poveri dipendenti.

Il grande Iddio lo tenga salvo da ogni male
e gli dia le più sante sue grazie.

Andrea Etelbato Mac Glinn, di Roma.
Sig^a Sara Mac Glinn, di Nuova York.

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Защити ахъ на ныъ лавра
— 1855 —

Тамод по гарту лей ахъ орденаго.

Pharoc Mac Linnig | Capleaz O' Linnig
azur Srjanna Mac Linnig | Gleaz-pinnig

P. J. — January 12th 1855

Last night we with the above express
ourselves fortunate in meeting with such
a comfortable hotel in this wild part of
Donegal. This morning refreshed by a sound
sleep on most comfortable beds we cannot
leave without bearing testimony to the
merits of the Hotel of Guidore. Though
we have travelled several thousand miles
we have never slept on such comfortable
beds, and we have been astonished at the
kind and civil treatment ~~we met~~
with and prompt attendance of "Mary"
and the moderation of the charges.
May the hotel and its managers receive the
patronage they so well deserve.

A. G. Mac Glinn
Patrick O' Lynch & Co at Linnig.

We have enjoyed the
comforts of this Hotel for ten
days and as our duty

obliged us to appear to the

promoters

mountains and the flood for
 many days every day we
 have felt unbounded pleasure
 for our return from the attention
 in Len Reid's good dinner a
check bill excellent attendance
 and we must add another word
 for Mary she is really an
 attention girl

26 Feb 1855
 Two noisy swells { J. Barry
 Edmund D. D. D.

I have heard a great deal about the comfort
 of the Quaker Hotel I can say nothing
 more than what others have said before.
 The country is really grand and the
 Hotel really comfortable

R B D
 William Hamilton

I think it only fair that I should add my trifling
 testimony to that of ^{many} others. (Having never
 remained in the Quaker Hotel for nearly
 a week) by saying that the extreme comfort
 & comfort of this Hotel could be equaled!!!
 by that of any other in the North of Ireland
 The great civility, kindness & attention of both
 Host & Hostess (not forgetting Mary "The
 Maid of the Inn") make it a most desirable
 residence for any person or persons who
 passing through this extreme wild part
 of the "Green Isle" wish to see & profit by
 personal experience of how perseverance
 & kindness will produce such happy
 changes in the "Wild Irish" regarded by
 many as being irreclaimable &
 incapable of civilization. April 15th

Wm. J. Murphy
 The Quaker Hotel, Dublin

30th April 1855
 Slept at the Quaker Hotel much pleasure
 and found every thing very comfortable

Francis G. Long M.D.

Visited Quaker Hotel the second time & highly delighted
 with the every around the Hotel needs no commendation

4 May 1855

Edward P. of
 S. Barry

after a period of nearly ten years. I have
every reason to believe my Report of the
Concession when I visited it with a large
Party in July 1846 John Brown (McKean side)
8th May 1855 -

If to say that the Hotel & its
arrangements ^{as a resort} be saying what every one
so often says - I am to repeat the
truth is no sin

Quendon Hotel
9th May 1855

James Andrew "Inch"

I have found this to be a most comfortable
place for a visit to the Hotel

17th May 1855

After a very wet walk through the mountains, was
delighted to find so comfortable a place
I shall be glad to visit the Hotel on
Balsat - hills

We were enchanted with the scenery
among these mountains, and ~~pleasurably~~
disappointed with the accommodations at
the Quendon Hotel

Quendon
28th May 1855

William Harvey
Joseph Hayes

When Mr. Johnson kept
his things, they were
placed in a very
secure place

Impudence and affectation,
Have disgraced this blotted book,
Blunders mixed with ostentation,
All may see who overlook,
Still my view, still all day,
George Hill, brother of their song,
If it were not too unavail,
I would wish them to the Devil.

Woolman
Bolton

Mr. Chamber has spent nearly
a week at Quendon, and has
reason to be satisfied with the
Hotel in all respects.

June 6th 1855.



Not the least of many varied pleasures
accrued with friends on this excursion, was the repose
and sweet repose I enjoyed in Quendon Hotel: may it long flourish
and bear many tourists to experience its comforts. I leave
with regret and look forward with hope to see it a future
period

(Mr. Holmes M.D. Dublin)
8 June 1855

I am authorized to say the
Queen for the ...
Robert Andrew King, P. Bagne Ramet
Holmes bough, Samuel G. Bagg
James Holmes Caugh, Ram
Katherine M. Caugh
A. J. James, Payne, Rathmellon

Stayed two nights at this Hotel, and received great civility, and I was exceedingly comfortable

H. Gould
St. Regis Bay

Strangers from another Land - Two of them from the banks of the Mississippi; who have spent a few days in this vicinity - cannot withhold their approbation of this Hotel - They have found it a temporary home of quiet order, cleanliness, & comfort -

And we give witness to our gratification at seeing every where the evidence of improvement & general sympathy with the common view estate & hope that the life of the benevolent Landlord may long be spared - & that his work & labors of love may be abundantly rewarded -

James J. Marks
Miss H. Marks Quincy Illinois, U.S.
Rich^d P. White Philadelphia
Lawrence E. White "

Having slept at Guedon Hotel one night we have found everything very comfortable and increased every attention

July 13th 1855

Rich^d M. Brown
Wm. Crozier

Everything comfortable
Charles D. Rich
Capt. John Broughton
C. J. Sneyd Summersley

When the weather is so warm as to prevent sleeping better in the bedroom
July 17th 1855
R. O. S. R.

On my way to St. Regis last September in company with a travelling printer we stopped at this Hotel to have some repairs made, and was very agreeably disappointed to find it such a quiet and comfortable place. I have since then stopped frequently at the Guedon Hotel at least once a month, and always found every thing neat orderly and comfortable.

Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham are always kind and courteous towards their guests, and so is may a very kind and obliging waiter. Charges are exceedingly moderate, compare with the comfortable accommodations -

Guedon Hotel
August 19th 1855

Chas. M. Boyce
C. E.

Success

On reading Major Brisco's lines page 315

May - tho' void of strife & dainties
Is the fishes life
It is not full of pleasure
For a shower of rain
He will sigh in vain
And murmur without measure

oft speeds he his way
on a summers day
from one fair coast to another
the waters are bright
the breezes are light
and he votes it all a bothee

tho in vain he tries
His varcores flies
The fish they only frighten
While the muges bite
With the dearest spite
and nought his cares to lighten

He quits in despair
a country so fair
trailed by the mountain breeze
and swears that the life
tho tho void of strife
is not one formed to please

N. Colver

This is my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel, and it gives me pleasure to state that, the accommodation, and attention received ~~at~~ had exceeded my most sanguine expectations.

George Hodder A.C.
Karnellon.
Augt 14th 1855

I can certify that myself, and horse, are much improved, "and elevated in spirit" by the entertainment received at this establishment.

Henry Evans J.P.
14th August 1855. Superior of Park English Lake

20th August 1855 I have been stopping at Mrs Hobbs for the last two days. and I can say that every thing has been most desirable and comfortable & the attendance excellent

John Lindsay
of London derry

21st August This is my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel and I can say that I have met with every thing of quality and I find every thing comfortable
More Don't send - Glen House

Mr & Mrs Murray & Miss Alexander visited the Gweedore Hotel on the 22nd Augt & were much pleased with the service & the accommodation was in every respect comfortable -

Hotel 23rd Augt 1855 -

This is my 5th of the 7th visit to Gweedore. That's a fact & no mistake
Mary Penknoe
28 August 1855

Every comfort & every attention that can reasonably be expected by any sportsman is to be found in this Hotel.

Wm White Bayham Suffolk - District
to the Rev. Geo. Huxley Park Lofca.
John Uwen Belmont
Aug 26. 55

Having, accompanied by three of my daughters, for the first time visited this part of Ireland, we have staid for the last ten days at the Gweedore Hotel where we have found every comfort and attention that we could have expected at home - In company of the Rev. Mr. Proprietor we visited all his improvements at Glenties and its neighbourhood, and next to our admiration of his most judicious efforts was our satisfaction to see such efforts, for so far, coinciding with the success they so well merit. Mr. White's own Irish antiquarian was nearly brought to tears, I repeat to see the games connected with Ireland recorded in it - Were the residents of the North of Ireland at least, aware of the beauty of the scenery, the comforts of the Hotel, and the facility of communication, either by public Convoys or by sporting, they would surely become more frequent visitors to this picturesque neighbourhood than they at present appear to be.

24 August 1855. Guy Stone,
Barwick, Lonsdale, Co. Lanc.

Having visited Gweedore in 1847, I was very glad to have an opportunity of doing so again at this time - I found the Hotel as before most comfortable, & having the pleasure of being well acquainted with the Proprietor, I was much gratified to find that his estate was greatly improved since my first visit - I hope that success may still attend his exertions, directed as they are, to the general improvement, & amelioration of his poorer Peasantry
Augs 31 - 1855 - - J. B. Beeder London -

This is my tenth visit to the Gweedore and I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the comfort, cleanliness and civility experienced at this excellent Hotel, where I was also fortunate enough to meet the benevolent noble Proprietor.
A. MacLachlan M. Genl.
7th September 1853,

I have visited Gweedore for the first time and passed two such agreeable days I hope soon to visit it again, the attendance was everything which could be wished.

A. J. Wallace
8 September 1856,

I say better indeed
J. Donnelly
10th Sept. 1855

I have been frequently at this Hotel and at all times found it every thing I would wish. I now leave it with regret.
Blackhall
(of course he is a) Major -

I have visited various Countries, & never found a more quiet & comfortable resting place
10 Sept. 1855 Peter L. Keefe

Andrew Cairny of Dublin, & Mr. Henry Spruell of Belfast, having come to Gweedore "by chance", being "happy in themselves", have found, of first "Sermons in the Stones", at least "good in every thing" - 10th Sept. 1855.
Mr. H. Spruell -
W. Keefe present Maicy

George Hynes of King Edward St. London leave the Gweedore Hotel with great regret after a sojourn of five days and his fourth visit -
Sep. 12. 1855

Gweedore Hotel July Sep 14/55
After 8 days stay here I could have wished to have been here many more. I have made nine visits to these regions
James. Haines.
40 Gt. Poultry. London

Mr. J. Hervey & I have found this Hotel very comfortable in every respect
September 12th 1855 -
Folton. J. W. Hervey

Mrs. Beauchamp & S. Pell &
C. C. Pell Esq. - Sept: 14 1855

Very much pleased with the scenery & Hotel at Gweedore
14 Sept. No scene in Ireland could be more gratifying to a well wisher of that fine country than the present ^{improvement of} aspect of Gweedore, moral, social, & agricultural, owing to the, as judicious, as good ^{& benevolent} & conciliatory arrangements towards all classes, of Lord George Hill -
The Hotel most comfortable.

Thos Howard

21st Sept - I have found the Hotel very comfortable
Frank Wilkham

22nd Sept - Great civility, attention, & comfort
P Walker

22 Sept. R. E. & I. B. pass'd part of three days in this Hotel & are well pleased with its arrangements & the attention they received.

23 Sept. The being very second best to other elegant and comfortable Hotels I have to repeat that the accommodations for Travellers cannot be called and its Comfort is much contributed to by the pump ^{at the door}

My old hunt has become quite young. Some shall have of and price but the times to come. but one must ^{the} see Hotel. When I eat in many fine dinners for hungry Ladies & Gentlemen, and was sight glad to see Mrs. M. & her children, looking so well and the fine little Babey God bless her. Many made me fine compliments.

1855 This is my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel & was well pleased with the attention & accommodations ^{received} there

25/9/55
J. M. M. M. M.

27 Sept I have been very agreeably surprised by a visit to this part of the Country, & during a sojourn here of ten days, have felt quite at home, deriving a lasting pleasure from all I have seen & experienced; the facility which exists of reaching & returning from the Hotel is not I think sufficiently known;

John M. M. M.
12 Fleet St Dublin

How much for that, James?

I have spent the past 8 days at Gweedore Hotel and in that time have seen a great deal of the Country and the people, and with much pleasure observe the steady progress of improvement in both of which I have from time to time had opportunities of judging since the time Lord Hill first undertook the Herculean labour of raising the Country from a state of misery poverty and degradation which few visitors who now see the place for the first time can form an idea at the Hotel "How welcome we, lodged we, breakfasted we, dined we, supped we, parted we, & parted we"

in a superior manner.
Wm. M. M. M.
Rauwter
to say what wisdom it might be

Nov 30th 1855 (330)

Farewell to thee far-famed Gwendore
 I never saw thy face before,
 Yet happiest I of happy men -
 If ever I see thy face again
 L. A. M. D.

Et toi, ma toute belle!
 Par quel heureux hasard
 Dans ces lieux, guand il gèle
 Te voyons nous si tard?
 Je bénis ta lumière,
 Hériter de l'hôtel,
 Et tu jure pour nous
 Plus d'une fois le week

Le 13 December '55

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 Par quel heureux hasard
 Dans ces lieux, guand il gèle
 Te voyons nous si tard?
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 Hériter de l'hôtel,
 Et tu jure pour nous
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V. A. L. (R)

Since weeks business and conversation has
 induced my staying at this Hotel, and
 I have much pleasure in expressing my
 thanks to its managers Mrs Mrs Cummings & Co
 who have mainly contributed in all its homely
 comforts, and the respectful and thoughtful
 attentions of little Mary to every visitor can
 never be forgot by those who experience it.
 Nov. 14. 1855. J. W.

Being my first visit here I am much
 pleased both the Hotel and the surrounding
 scenery
 George Hoodin Junior
 Hamilton

On the cold dark Mountains rugged brow
 Where the brown Heath waves and grey Rocks rise
 Where the soil never yields to plowshare bright
 nor waving corn ever gladdened the sight
 But dreary desolation met the Tourists eyes
 A once lonely vale where the Mountain Stream flows
 Surrounded by bleak brown Hill and dell
 Now presents a Home where the weary can repose
 Where the summer heat of comfort in depth of winter glows
 The deservedly "far famed" Gwendore Hotel ^{Oh murmur!}
 All attention that the homeless stranger ^{oh true for ye poor} can need
 Is paid in the treatment he here receives
 The cheerful fires and the soft warm bed
 And the generous table so kindly spread
 That he is in an Inn he scarcely believes
 Large indeed was the mind that drew the plan
 And strength of Moral courage executed it well
 A Benefit great is confer'd on man
 Arise ye Lordlings and eclipse if you can
 The bright rays reflected by Gwendore Hotel

Archibald Livingstone
 of Dunfermline
 Jan'y 10th 1856
 He cert'ly deals
 in the matter of feet
 of Indian foot that

An excellent Hotel, every Comfort that
a traveller can desire - obliging proprietors
attentive servants, the Comforts of "home"
all sprung up in the midst of a Desert

The Hotel in Hatterway, was Comfortable in every
way and its attendance by Henry, unexcelled
5 January 1837

Finnis is a wonderful author
for his name is at the bottom of most books,
He is nearly as good as ANON

Tipperary et GORRIBANNA

This is a superlatively good Hotel and situated as it
is amongst the wildest & most romantic scenery
of the Donegal Coast, it "astonishes & astounds" the
Visitor & with its complete arrangements, its Comfort
& its Architectural Beauty makes one almost
believe in a supernatural agency & looks as if
the Monarch of the Mountains had descended from
his regal tent to dwell amongst these
Hills for Gweedore.

An Englishman & a Vagabond.

I'm away from Gweedore, when I've oft been before
May I often see it again
I have come with delight & have sought on its shore
Thou health to regain

of poetry & prose & all that sort of thing
Their bits in their books, perhaps to all the world
But faith, I've intended this movement to fling
The book in the face with the folly of youth
If people are pleased with the things that they find
In the Gweedore Hotel let them come back again
And show to Lord George that they're never repaid
At the length of their Billions, the high charge for home
If they've been scolded in Chaff, with the tale of a Cant
To come in a blanket let them not make this book
The tale of their origin nor set words of book
To cut off the winter's incense was a Coddle

Sept 1830

I have been particularly charmed with the many signs of
the fertile & powerful Irishgenius so plentifully afforded
in this book by its vigorous sons and daughters.
Before leaving this admirable Hotel I wish to offer up an earnest
prayer - it is that the people who visit it hereafter may
exceed in wisdom their predecessors. X/20.

The above is really good but he who
cannot write English should write in
and write Irish or French

J.P.D.

We have been and each visit imparts
fresh pleasures, leaving pleasing recollections
which can only leave when memory fails
and like the baselap fabric of a vision
not a week behind

W. Talbot.
F. W. Lewis

Rev. Mr. Johnson found this house
very clean comfortable & moderate & with
great kindness & convenience. I
trust it will be your house & the
gentlemanly spirit I hope will
assist you in your business
very truly
Feb. 5th 1811

J. Thompson
Nov. 18 1810

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony
to the very superior accommodations to be
met with in this Hotel, and as I have been
in the habit of visiting here occasionally
during the last 3 years I can from expe-
rience assure any person who has a taste
for a comfortable bed a good dinner
and a pretty fire to wait upon them
that Excelsior is the place. It may
be years before some can visit this place
when and that that is just as it



