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Donegal Grand Jury

Resolution and Minutes

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When the goal and
public buildings were
under the charge of the
Board of Superintendence
an allowance of coals
was given to the County
house keeper for his own
use and for keeping
the building aired. The
Grand Jury committee
providing coals for
the contractor for supplying
the the Grand Jury thence,
from their private funds,
since the Board of Superintendence
was done away with
the allowance of coals
to the County house keeper
as well as his salary has
been reduced. but, coals
have been supplied on
the order of the Treasurer
of the Grand Jury Committee

and no other person
has ever had authority
to order any coats to
be supplied to the bounty
house

Mr Darnell applied to
me for payment for coats
three or four years ago
I replied that I had given
no orders, and that if
he could show me any
I was ready to pay for
them - This he refused
to do saying he had
lost them - He did
not even say they were
signed by me.

Last of year now
application was
made to the board
by Mr J. J. J.
on the part of Mr Darnell
but refused

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1882?

John
W. Smith
of
Donegal
County

Resolved that the Militia
be charged \$10 per training for
the use of the County House, they
making good all damages to
building or furniture in addition

Mar 18. 89

John R. Murray
Francis C. Macky

That the room formerly occupied by the
late Mr. Mansfield, should be placed at
the disposal of the general Jury after
next summer (viz), and that the same rule
apply to the other rooms when the
present occupiers cease to occupy them.

April 18th 1899

Sir S. Kaye
Mr. Mansfield

—
Mansfield

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County of Donegal
Spring assizes. 1895.

Proposed by Captain Macky
Seconded by J. A. Pomeroy Esq

That Captain Knox, Mr. Mr. Farlane, Mr. Boyd and Captain Macky be appointed as a committee to inquire into the accommodation in the Court House provided for the clerk of the Crown with a view to improving it and report to next assizes

James Hamilton,

4 Fellows

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9th Term
Spencer 1895

Report of Committee appointed by the
Grand jury at Spring Assizes 95 to
consider the application of the Clerk
of the Crown for increased accommodation.

W. Lloyd W. McFarlane Capt. Mackay & others

The Committee consider that the Dining
Bar room suggested by Mr. Wilson is too
small to allow of anything in the way
of cupboards or shelves to be put up without
interfering with the members of the Bar.

They suggest that the vacant
space at the back of the grand jury room
between the Secretary's office & wall of corridor
could be utilized for this purpose, by
closing present door of Secretary's office & opening
it into angle of corridor. A "framed up"
partition lath & plaster to be built
from angle of wall to door of corridor
with 1 pane of glass vertically along the
top for lighting purposes.

This would give a good room 10ft. by 13ft.
The space of present door would hold a
safe & form a cupboard -

The Committee consider that the expense
of such alterations should be borne
by the Treasury -

W. H. Lloyd

W. Moore

F. C. Mackay

J. W. Farlane

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Spring 1895

Summer essays July 1898

That the Portraits of the Duke of
Abercorn & Sir James Stewart
be vested in Trustees & that they be
asked of the County Council to
allow these pictures to hang
in the Hall of the large
dining room. In the event
of any difficulty arising in
carrying out their intention
the Trustees are authorized
to present them to the Reps.
of the respective families
The Trustees shall be
Major Haemlin
Capt. Knox
W. A. Boyd -

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Summers Dec 1899

Resolved

County House

That a committee be formed
to arrange with the J. Council
for both bodies to use the
rooms as required & that
the committee be authorized
to reserve for the use of
the grand jury the silver
china and linen

- Comdr Major Alexander
- J W D Macpherson
- Capt Stoney
- Capt Hamilton
- Sir J A Haysman
- J Herdman

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Summer Assizes 1849

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County House

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arrange with the County Council
for both bodies to use the rooms as
required and that this Committee
be authorized to receive for the
sale one of the Grand Jury the silver
china and linen

Com^{rs} - Major Hamilton
Sir R. Humphreys M.C.
Capt. Stoney M.C.
Capt. Hamilton M.C.
Sir Jas. Musgrave
J. Handman

~~The Home soon should get the gas
guy, come the summer for them
and you could take W. home to
summer the sun should be for some
date~~

Proposed by Capt. Thos. A. E. Cochrane
Seconded by Mr. J. M. Clinch

"That another meeting of
Grand Jurors be summoned
to decide as to the disposal
of the News property"

An Amendment to above was
moved by Mr. Humphreys
Seconded by Capt. Riker

"That the Resolutions Re News
property passed last July
be adhered to"

The Amendment was Carried

Proposed by Capt. Cochrane
Seconded by Mr. W. A. Hamilton
That the present balance

th: the bank be used to
pay as far as possible
current dues bills.

This was put to the meeting
of last.

Proposed by Capt. Hamilton
Seconded by W. Wallace

That a list of property to
be opened & the valuation
be sent to all members
to ascertain what each
member may require

This was carried with
an instruction to the Committee
that in the event of
they not being able to

Comply with the want.
When Ascertained they
should receive the property
in available form.

Proposed by Capt Keon
Resolved by Capt Hamilton
& passed

"That the Mess Committee
be authorized to carry out
the resolutions passed & to
wind up the Mess affairs
of the mess & pay the necessary
expenses of so doing that
the balance in their hands
should all the property
not be taken up by the force

jurors the Committee to
dispose of the Remains
by such other means as
may seem best to them

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Present

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Major Hamilton
Capt Cochran
Capt Stoney
Capt - Know

Proposed by Capt Stoney

Seconded by Capt Cochran

"That we postpone taking
action on the Resolutions
passed at the July session
1898 until the opinions
of the L.G. B as to the
ownership of the Court-
House is obtained"
passed by 3 to 1 vote

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9th July
Oct 99

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Proceedings of Mess Meeting, held
at Lifford March 13th

Proposed by Capt the Hon E. Cochran
Seconded by W. J. McChitock
"That another meeting of friends
be summoned to decide
as to the disposal of the Mess
property"

An amendment was moved by
W. H. Humphreys
Seconded by Capt Pichey

"That the resolution be mess
property passed in full be
addressed to"

The Amendment was carried

It was proposed by Capt the Hon
E. Cochran

Seconded by W. H. A. Hamilton

"That the present balance in bank

to pay as far as possible
He used ~~in~~ bill of current
mess bill.

This was put to the members
of cost -

JA
James A. [unclear]

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Proceedings of Adjourning Mass
Meeting held March 14th 91

Proposed by Capt. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Wallace

'That a list of the property to
be offered at the valuation
be sent to all members &
as certain what each member
may require.'

Passed with an instruction
to the Mass Council that their
Circular is not to contain price
& that in the event of the Council
being unable to comply with
the want of the members
they are to divide the property
into suitable lots & offer it -
J. M. Hamilton

Proposed by Capt. Kern
Seconded by Capt. Hamilton
& passed.

"That the Mess Committee be
authorised to carry out the
Resolution passed to wind
up the Mess affairs & to see
& pay the necessary expenses
of so doing out of the balance
of their hands, should all
the property not be taken up
by the fraud person the Committee
are to dispose of it by such
other means as may seem
best to them."

James Hunter

As the mess property of
 our G. Scry has to be
 disposed of immediately
 and the general meeting
 of July last decided that
 Plate cut ^{or selection} ~~it~~ should be first offered
 to fraud Scron at the
 valuation, we must
 know which of the jury
 wish to purchase any
 things and if so what
 they would invest for.
 Probably many of them
 would not care to purchase
 and we must know
 the numbers so wishing
 to have articles in order
 to divide into lots -

Therefore we request
a reply before
and in any case
where no reply is
received it will be
taken as not wishing
to take any - and
the lots will be made
to suit purchasers
as well as the case
when we know the
member -

Valuation

There are about
about
about & about
chain

articles of fine
silver spoons &
forks
Electro plated
spoons & forks

The total valuation is .

There having been no Grand Jury Mess Room in the County Court House, as in other Court Houses throughout the County, or space to build one, the Site of the present County House was purchased, and the House built, by private subscriptions of the members of the Grand Jury, and it was kept up by the Grand Jury and a caretaker paid out of Mess funds - Some years ago the Grand Jury Mess funds being short, the then foreman of the Grand Jury, brought the matter before the Judge of Assize, and stated the foregoing facts, and asked the Judge if it would be legal for them to pass a presentment for repairs, the Judge informed him that as they were then transacting the County Business, he did not see any reason why such a presentment should not be made, & if they pursued one, he would fiat it - The furniture &c in the County House is the property of the Grand Jury, and the premises are now in the possession of the St & Mess Committee of the Grand Jury - Thus the Matter stands, and the question now is did the fact of the repairs made & being done by the County have the effect of transferring the Personal Property of the Grand Jury to the County, and thereby make the County House ~~a~~ part of the County Court House, or does the Property still vest in the Grand Jury - The Grand Jury are still in Law the same, although their fiscal Business has been transferred to the County Council -

reference to same together

with reference to State Court

What other Court Papers of said

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Donegal County Council ^{C 31216}

Re Appointment of Law Committee

At a meeting of the above County Council held at Lifford on 5th & 6th Inst, it was resolved
"That a Law Committee, consisting of
"Councillors Stone, Callaghan, Humphreys,
"Hamilton, Brady, Joe Sweeney, and P. Ward
"be appointed, and that Capt. Hamilton be
"Convener."

On the point of the legality of the presentment for the County House, as a County Building, he would give no opinion as the question was not before him.

He would be inclined to say that the Auditor's view of the presentment is right, i.e. that no money can be legally presentment in future, but that presentments ought to be passed for monies expended after the work has been executed.

That with regard to the £50 granted at last assizes by the Chief Justice (the Board are not to relinquish it) the Auditor having no power as has been ruled by the Privy Council, to contravene any presentments for disbursements when once made, tho he has the right to challenge & object to items of the expenditure.

His general advice is to retain the £50, and ^{make to the Co Surveyor} to get presentments passed at the Superior for the county at large approving of detailed expenditure out of it to be brought before the next assizes and passed in that form when the Auditor cannot interfere.

The course suggested by Mr. Sinclair viz to appoint
~~one~~ a caretaker for the County House and one
for the water works at fixed salaries he thinks would
be right, such salaries to be presented for at next
Co. Sessions & confirmed at the Assizes.

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Press Meeting held in Lifford
Oct 13th 99

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Present

Major Hamilton Capt H. E. Cochrane
Capt Storey Capt Keon

Proposed by Capt Storey

Seconded by Capt Cochrane

Ist That we postpone taking action on the
Resolution passed at the July assize 1898
until the opinion of the Local Government
Board as to the ownership of the
County House is obtained

Passed Capt Keon dissenting

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That Capt Hamilton be asked to act
as Secretary to the Press Committee to
assist Keon

passed

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9th Term

Oct 1899

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The Donegal Grand Jury at
 the Spring Assizes desire to
 record their admiration of the
 splendid conduct and gallantry of
 all branches of Her Majesty's ^{Home & Colonial} ~~forces~~ in South
 Africa; and especially to
 suppress their pride at the
 behaviour of our Irish

Reynolds

March 16. 1840

Hon E Cochrane

Col Ross

James M

Resolved.

That the Grand jury for the County of Donegal, assembled at Spring Assizes 1900, ^{welcome} ~~have heard~~ with great pleasure ^{the announcement} of the approaching visit ~~which it is the intention~~ of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria ~~to pay~~ to Ireland; and they feel certain that all classes of Her ~~Irish~~ Irish subjects will vie with each other in giving to ^{our beloved} ~~Her~~ Sovereign a most cordial and untroubled reception.

Mayor Hamilton

James Musgrave

passed

9th

Representation on County Council.

Resolved -

No 1.

"That we hereby appoint a Committee of the whole present grand Jury, for the purpose of choosing their members to serve on the future County Council"

James Hamilton
and Fellows.

No 2

Proposed by Sir J. Musgrave,
Seconded by Mr R. Crawford
and Resolved -

"That J. W. D. Humphreys, John S. Hamilton,
and J. A. Pomeroy be the representation of the
grand Jury on the County Council"

James Hamilton
and Fellows.

9th Resolution

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