

22nd October 1875.

At a special meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the Tholsel at one o'clock P.M. "To receive the provisional order for Water Works, sent by the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the prayer of the Petitions, as amended and finally approved by resolution on the 28th of December last."

The following members of the Council attended viz

John Greene Esq. J. P. Mayor, in the chair
Aldermen - James M. Kicary, John Simmott, John J. Walsh
and Robert Stafford.
Town Councillors. - Robert D. Walker, Peter Murphy
Edward Walsh, John J. Harpur, Joseph Connor, Lett
Sealy Jeffares, William Simpson Junr., John H. Hadden
Philip Byrne, Jasper W. Walsh

There were also in attendance

Messrs. Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor
Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer William Hughes Borough
Rate collector, Nathaniel Hughes collector of Pipe
Water rents, Also, Patrick Chandler, Robert Heath Cooper
Thomas O'Keefe, Robert Allen, William Boghlan and
John J. Hogan, as representing the inhabitants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Mayor read the Provisional Order for Water
Works submitted by the Local Government Board

After which a long discussion ensued as to the
sufficiency of water that could be supplied upon
the terms contained in the Provisional Order and
the plans and estimate submitted by Mr Hawksley

The following resolution proposed by Edward Walsh J.C. and seconded by Peter Murphy J.C. was passed, viz.
Resolved,

That this meeting do stand adjourned to the statutable quarter day, viz. 1st November next and that Mr. Hawksley be requested in the interim to define the plan which can be carried out, under the provisions of the conditional order, which we have received in pursuance of Mr. Hawksleys modified plan

Signed { E. Walsh
Peter Murphy

Wm. Greene ^{CR}
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1st November 1875

At a statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) herein under mentioned:- The passing of accounts, The fixing days and hours for holding three quarterly meetings previous to first November 1876, The consideration of an Estimate and striking a Borough Rate for the ensuing year. The subject of Miss Malone refusing to pay over to the Corporation the sums received by her for the use of the Town Hall; as required by resolutions of the 1st May 1874 and as to whether that resolutions should be rescinded, and all such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Also an adjournment from the 22nd instant to receive information from Mr Hawksley as to Water Works

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

John Greene Esq. J. P. Mayor in the chair.
Aldermen. John J. Walsh Robert Stafford,
Town Councillors. John Hinton, Michael Delaney,
Lett Dealy Jeffares, Philip Byrne, Thomas O'Keilly,
James P. Devereux, Robert D. Walker, Joseph O'Connor,
Peter Skinnott, Edward Walsh, John J. Harpur, David Paris,
Jasper W. Walsh, William Simpson Junr, John H. Hadden

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Confirmed

The following resolutions, proposed by David Paris J. C. seconded by Edward Walsh J. C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved:- That the accounts now submitted, as recommended by Finance Committee amount £275. 2. 7½ be approved and cheques signed for payment, with the following added thereto, viz:-

Gas Consumers' Company for gas and	}	£7. 1. 9
gas fittings for Mayor's Office		

Robert Simmott for plans as to new market. £ 3 . 2 . 0

signed { David Paris,
Edward Walsh,

The following resolutions proposed by William Simpson Junr. T.B. seconded by Jasper W. Walsh T.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved:- That the following days and hours be now fixed for holding the next three quarterly meetings previous to the first of November 1876 viz:- on Thursday 3rd February next at twelve o'clock noon, on Monday 1st May at 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday 3rd August next at 12 o'clock noon.

signed { William Simpson Junr.
Jasper W. Walsh,

The following resolutions proposed by John H. Hadden T.C. seconded by John Hinton T.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved:- That the Estimate now submitted be approved and that a Borough Rate of one shilling in the pound sterling be now struck for the ensuing year

signed { John H. Hadden
John Hinton

The following resolutions proposed by John H. Hadden T.C. seconded by John Hinton T.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved:- That Miss Malone be required to pay all money received and claimed by her for the use of the Town Hall, less five shillings per night to be deducted by her for her trouble and that in future she pay over regularly all money received by her for the

use of the Town Hall. viz: one pound per night, deducting five shillings per night for her trouble,

signed { John H. Hadden,
John Hinton.

The following resolutions proposed by William Simpson junr. J.C. seconded by Michael Delaney J.C. was passed. viz:-

Resolved that the Committees acting for this year, be now hereby re-elected for the ensuing year,

signed { William Simpson junr.,
Michael Delaney,

The following resolutions proposed by John J. Walsh Alderman. seconded by Robert D. Walker J.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved. - That it is the desire of this Meeting that the public rate be assessed as in Dublin between Landlord and Occupier, in the Provisional Order for Water Works for this Borough.

signed { John J. Walsh,
Robert D. Walker.

The following letter from Joseph Harvey Esquire Solicitor was read for the Meeting. viz:-

1st November 1875

Sir

I have been instructed by Mr. John Redmond to inform the Town Commissioners through you as their clerk that owing to certain breaches in the boundary wall of the river along Upper King Street, the water from the Stone Bridge River is flooding his houses in King Street and to request of the Commissioners to have them repaired

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on receipt hereof. as otherwise he will have to take legal proceedings against them for the loss and damage he is sustaining thereby

Your obedient servant
Joseph Harvey

Thomas O'Leary Esq. Wexford
Clerk to Town Commissioners
Wexford

The subject of this letter is referred to Town Surveyor

A letter was submitted from Mr. Pierce of Folly Mills addressed to the Town Surveyor complaining of the insufficiency of the Folly bridge to carry off the quantity of water passing through it. and requesting that the defect should be remedied.

Also a letter from William A. Caulfield Esq. J.P. to the Town Surveyor calling his attention to a defect in the sewer at King Street near the Folly and suggesting a remedy

There was no order made on either of those two letters

Particulars of bills submitted to Meeting for payment. as recommended by Finance Committee and now approved by resolution - Amount £275. 2. 7 1/2

1. Thomas M. O'Leary for quarters salary as Town Clerk. ending 30 th September 1875	£ .. S.. d
2. Thomas Lacy for do as Borough Treasurer to do	23 .. 2 .. 6
3. Do. for do. Pipe Water Department to do	7 .. 10 .. 0
4. John Hearne for do. as Mayor's Sergeant £4, and for cleansing Fire Engine £1.5. to do.	2 .. 10 .. 0
5. Mary Jordan for do. for cleansing Mayor's Office to do	5 .. 5 .. 0
	0 .. 10 .. 0
	£38 .. 17 .. 6

Brought forward		38..17..6
6. Nathaniel Hughes for do. as Pipe Water	Superintendent to do	13..15..0
7. Thomas M. O'Leary for three months salary	as Executive Sanitary Officer to 5 th Oct. 1875, at £20 per annum	5..0..0
8. Robert J. Crean M.D. for do. as Consulting	Sanitary Officer to do. at £15 per annum	3..15..0
9. John Hearon, for do. as Sub Sanitary Officer	to do. at £20 per annum	5..0..0
10. Thomas M. O'Leary for cash advanced to	pay sundry small accounts	5..0..3
11. Nathaniel Hughes, for cash advanced by	him for sundry Water Works, for three months ending 31 st July 1875,	15..16..1
12. Ditto for ditto, for three months ending 30 th	October 1875,	15..14..2
13. Ditto for his commissions on £42..10s. received	by him for Water Rents, to 22 nd October 1875,	3..12..6
14. John K. Simmott, for sewer grates and sundry	goods and repairs	12..1..8
15. Ellen Murphy, for half years rent of Manure	Depot in Faythe to 1 st November 1875,	1..5..0
16. William P. Rossiter, for sundries supplied for	Fire Brigade	2..2..6
17. Ditto for repairs to pump at Betty Martin's	well	0..6..6
18. James Murphy for making covered sewer	at Hever Hospital road	5..0..0
19. William Hughes, for commissions on collecting	£156..6s. of Borough Rate £7..16..4 and stamps 1s,	7..17..4
20. Harry Cooper, for five barrels of Lime		0..5..10
21. Gas Consumers's Company, for seasons gas	from 1 st January to 1 st May 1874	130..10..0
22. John Armstrong for stationery		9..5..1/2
Total		£266..8..9 1/2

18th

Brought forward

£ - s - d
266 - 8 - 9 1/2

2 - 8 - 0
5 - 4 - 10
1 - 1 - 0

£275 - 2 - 7 1/2

- 23. Henry Connors, for two tons of coal and carriage of same " " " "
- 24. Independent Office, for printing and advertising " " " "
- 25. Alexander MacKay for advertisements

Added by Meeting, viz:-

- Gas Consumer's Company for gas and gas fittings for Mayor's Office " "
- Robert Simmott for plans as to New Market

4 - 1 - 9
3 - 2 - 0

Total ordered for payment £285 - 6 - 4 1/2

List of Payments

Made by order of Finance Committee since the 9th August, 1875, to be submitted to Quarterly Meeting:-

£ - s - d

- James Murphy for cleansing &c. streets for 12 weeks, from 31st July to the 22nd October 1875, at £3. per week,
- Shand and Mason, for Fire Engine Pumps " " " "
- John Redmond, for making new sewers in Main Street from Charlotte Street to Monk Street " " " "
- Lodgment in Bank of Ireland for remuneration of Auditor " "

36 - 0 - 0
3 - 4 - 6
18 - 0 - 0
13 - 2 - 6

Total £70 - 7 - 0

List of Payments

For same period under the Local Government Board
(Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation

Act 1873:-

Breaking stones and drawing and spreading same for repair of streets	£-s-d
Repairing a sewer	20-10-1/2
Printing Books and Forms	0-17-4
Benjamin Hughes, Collector, for balance of Poundage on his collection	2-5-6
Thomas Clancy Collector, for Poundage on amount of his collection	6-2-0
	57-2-0
Total	£86-16-11/2

Estimate of the expenses necessary for carrying out the Charter of Incorporation for the Town of Wexford for the year 1876

1875	£-s-d
To years instalment on £480-0-0 due to the Board of Works and interest thereon	44-0-0
To amount of Gas Rent due the 1 st of May 1875, as per account	403-19-8
To amount of Gas Rent chargeable to 1 st of January 1876, as per account	133-12-6
To cleansing and watering streets for ensuing year	156-0-0
To printing and stationery for do.	40-0-0
To expenses attendant on Fire Engine for do.	15-0-0
To Town Clerk's salary including superannuation of Mr. Vicary late Town Clerk	92-10-0
To Mr. O'Leary as Sanitary Officer	20-0-0
To Doctor Crean as Sanitary Inspector	15-0-0
To Treasurer's salary chargeable to this Fund	30-0-0

Forwarded £950-2-2

1875

Brought forward £950-2-2

"	To John Hearon as Mayor's Sergeant and care-taker of Fire Engine	"	"	21-0-0
"	To Livery for Mayor's Sergeant	"	"	5-0-0
"	To John Hearon Sanitary assistant	"	"	20-0-0
"	To Mrs Ellen Murphy for Manure Depot	"	"	2-10-0
"	To woman for cleansing Mayor's Office	"	"	2-0-0
"	To Coals for Mayor's Office	"	"	3-10-0
"	To woman for cleansing Fish Market	"	"	5-4-0
"	To repairs on Corporate Buildings	"	"	20-0-0

The following sums are chargeable on the Corporate Estates for the year £-s-d 1029-6-2

"	To years rent of Kullring Building ground	50-0-0
"	To years rent of Market House	13-8-6
"	To Quit Rent, deducting Income Tax	6-15-0
"	To Rent charge, less Poor Rate & Income Tax	4-10-6
"	To Poor Rate and Income Tax, allowable to Tenants	31-0-0

105-14-0

Gross amount of rental

323-0-0

Deduct as above

105-14-0

217-6-0 217-6-0

Amount to be liquidated by Borough Rate
Omitted seasons Gas rent to be due
1st May 1876 " "

812-0-2

133-12-6

Amount to be liquidated by Borough Rate

945-12-8

Estimate of the amount of Revenue derivable from the Pipe Water Rent deducting the years charge on same

1875	£-s-d	£-s-d
" Probable amount of Income derivable for the ensuing year		200-0-0
" Years Rent of Pipe Fields from Mr. William P. Rossiter		11-1-6
		<hr/> 211-1-6
" By years Head Rent of Pipe Fields	30-0-0	
" By Superintendent's salary	55-0-0	
" By Treasurer's salary	10-0-0	
" By Rent Collector's Commission	10-0-0	
" By years rent of Passage to Reservoir	4-0-0	
	<hr/> 109-0-0	109-0-0
Balance may not be more than will cover the Water Works for ensuing year		102-1-6

Wexford 1st November 1875
 Thomas Lacy Treasurer

Mr. Peace

25th November 1875

At an Election held this day in the Town Hall for bouncillors, in place of bouncillors going out of Office by rotation as follows.

In St. Selskar Ward
 Town bouncillors

Thomas Prendergast and Thomas O'Reilly

In St. Iverius Ward

Town Councillors

John Joseph Harpur and William Armstrong

In St. Mary's Ward

Town Councillors

Peter Murphy and Joseph O'Connor,

In St. Selskar Ward

Town Councillor John Stadden presided

Four persons were nominated for election as Town Councillors for this Ward, viz:

Thomas Prendergast, Martin Huggard, Thomas O'Keilly, and Robert Heath Cooper, and an Election was held by Ballot with the following result, viz:

	Votes
For Thomas Prendergast	48
" Martin Huggard	44
" Thomas O'Keilly	32
" Robert Heath Cooper	31

At the close of the Poll, Thomas Prendergast, and Martin Huggard, were declared duly Elected as Town Councillors for this Ward.

In St. Iverius Ward,

Alderman John Simmott presided

John Joseph Harpur and William Armstrong having been duly nominated as Town Councillors, and no other person having been nominated they were thereupon declared as duly elected.

In St. Mary's Ward,

Alderman Robert Stafford presided

Peter Murphy and Joseph O'Connor having been duly nominated as Town Councillors and no

other person having been nominated they were thereupon declared as duly elected.

The peace 18
May

1st December 1875.

At a statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) hereinunder mentioned viz: The election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, and to transact all such other business as may be brought before the Meeting.

The following Members of the Council attended, viz:-

John Greene Esq. J.P. Mayor in the chair.
Aldermen.- John J. Walsh Robert Stafford,

Town Councillors.- Robert D. Walker, David Faris, John H. Hadden, Martin Huggard, John Hinton, Edward Walsh, Philip Byrne, William Armstrong, William Simpson Junr., John J. Harpur, Michael Delaney, Joseph Connor, Peter Symmott, Jasper W. Walsh,

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following resolution proposed by Philip Byrne J.C. and seconded by David Faris J.C. was passed unanimously

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Resolved,

That William Simpson Junr: J. C. be elected Mayor for the ensuing year and until his successor be appointed and shall have accepted office

Signed { Philip Byrne,
David Faris.

Wm Pease W
Mayor

3rd December 1875,

An Election of Two Borough Assessors for the Borough of Wexford was held this day in the Town Hall at nine o'clock, a.m.

John Greene Esq. J. P. Mayor presiding.

Messrs. Thomas Henry Richards of Main Street North, Watchmaker and Jeweller, and Francis Cosgrave, of Main Street North, Baker, having been duly nominated as Borough Assessors for the Borough of Wexford, and no other person having been nominated the said Thomas Henry Richards and Francis Cosgrave were declared duly elected as Borough Assessors for the Borough of Wexford.

Wm Pease, Mayor

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8th December 1875.

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the Yholseel at eleven o'clock A.M.

To receive the sealed Provisional Order forwarded to the Mayor on the 2nd instant by the Local Government Board, and to consider a Circular from the Lord Lieutenant requiring notice to be served by intending borrowers from the Board of Public Works: Also to decide on the uncollectable rates to be struck off, as submitted by the Borough rate collector and uncollectable water rents, submitted by the Collector of water rents, and both examined by Finance Committee,

The following members of the Council attended, viz:-

John Greene Esq. J. P. Mayor, in the chair.
Aldermen:- John Simmott, Robert Stafford, John J. Walsh,
Town Councillors:- Robert D. Walker, John Hinton, Peter Murphy, Martin Huggard, William Simpson Junr, John J. Harpur, William Armstrong, Lett Dealy Jeffares, David Faris, Jasper W. Walsh,

The following resolution proposed by David Faris J.C. and seconded by John Hinton J.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved:- That the Town Clerk be hereby instructed to apply to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and apprise them that it is the intention of this Corporation to make application in the ensuing year for a Loan of £20,000, to enable the Corporation to construct Water Works for supplying this Borough with a sufficient supply of pure water, and that it is also the intention of this Corporation to make application in the ensuing

year for a Loan of £1000 to enable the Corporation to erect a public Market in this Borough, and to state that this Loan of £1000 for a Market place has been already sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by letter of the 13th July 1872, No 10.533.

Signed { David Faris J.C.
John Hinton J.C.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman John Simmott and seconded by Lett Sealy Jeffares J.C. was passed, viz:-

Resolved.- That the List of uncollectable rates submitted by the Borough Rate Collector and examined by Finance Committee Amount £18.19-0, be approved and that the same be struck off as uncollectable subject to the approval of the Auditor of the Local Government Board, with respect to 35/- rate on John Norris of Christian Brothers' Schools, now struck off by the public Valuator as not liable to rates.

signed { John Simmott.
Lett Sealy Jeffares.

The following resolution proposed by Martin Huggard J.C. and seconded by John Joseph Walsh Alderman was passed, viz:-

Resolved.- That the uncollectable Water Rents submitted by Mr Nathaniel Hughes amount £1-17-6 be approved and struck off as uncollectable.

signed. { Martin Huggard.
John Joseph Walsh.

Wm. Reeve, Mayor

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1st January 1876.

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, to take into consideration, or transact the business, (as may be) hereinunder mentioned. The inauguration of the Mayor elect, for the ensuing year. To receive the resignation of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. To consider arrangements for the proper storage of the standard Weights and Measures, and a proposal from the Sub Inspector of Constabulary on the subject. Also to sign a receipt for proportion of Salaries under Public Health Act payable by the Government. To receive Reports from Doctor Sheridan, and communications relative to Explosive Acts &c. Also to sign the Borough Rate Book and Collection Book.

The following Members of the Council attended, viz:-

John Greene Esq. J. P. Mayor, in the chair,

Alderman-James M. Vicary,

Town Councillors:- Robert D. Walker, David Faris, John A. Hadden, Martin Suggard, John Hinton, Philip Byrne, William Simpson Junr, Lett Sealy Jeffares, John J. Harpur, Michael Delaney, Joseph O'Connor, Peter Symmott and Jasper W. Walsh,

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed,

The Mayor Elect, William Simpson Junr Esq. J. C. was duly inaugurated, and signed his declaration of acceptance of office

The Mayor William Simpson Junr Esq. J. C. then assumed the chair,

19th
The following resolution proposed by John H. Hadden J.C.
and seconded by John Hinton J.C. was passed
unanimously, viz:-

Resolved.
That the marked thanks of the Council
be hereby tendered to the outgoing Mayor John Greene Esq.
for his indefatigable exertions in promoting the welfare,
and improvement of the Borough, during the several
years that he has discharged the duties of Chief Magistrate
of the Municipality, and particularly for bringing
the question of Water Supply for the Town to a
successful issue

Signed { John H. Hadden,
John Hinton.

The following resolution proposed by Robert D. Walker,
and seconded by David Faris, was passed, viz:-

Resolved,
That this Meeting stand adjourned to
Monday next the 3rd instant in the Town Hall at Twelve
o'clock noon

Signed { Robert D. Walker.
David Faris.

William Simpson J.
Mayor

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3rd January 1876

At an adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day at the Tholsel at the hour of Twelve o'clock noon to take into consideration, or transact the business (as may be) hereinunder mentioned:- All business stated in notice for 1st January 1876, except the Inauguration of the Mayor

The following Members of the Council attended, viz:-

William Simpson Jun^r. Mayor in the chair.
Aldermen.- James M. Vicary, John Simmott John J. Walsh.
Town Councillors.- Edward Walsh, John Winton, Lett Sealy Jeffares, David Faris, Philip Byrne, William Armstrong.

There were also in attendance

The Borough Treasurer, Town Surveyor, Borough Rate Collector and Pipe Water Superintendant

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary, and seconded by Alderman Simmott was passed, viz:-
Resolved

That the Corporation of this Borough feel bound to record their most grateful thanks on behalf of the inhabitants, to the Captain and Members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade for their strenuous and most disinterested exertions at all times for the protection of life and property, and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Captain of the Fire Brigade, and to request him to communicate it to the other Members.

Signed { James M. Vicary.
John Simmott.

19.9
The following resolution proposed by William
Armstrong J.C. and seconded by Alderman Simmott
was passed, viz:-
Resolved,

That the Captain and Members of the Fire
Brigade be requested to reconsider their resignation,
and this Council request they will continue their
kind exertions for the protection of life and property,

signed, { William Armstrong
 { John Simmott.

Letter from Sub-Inspector relative to Weights and
Measures viz:-

Richmond Terrace,
Tuesday.

My Dear Sir.

Will you kindly bring my
application before the Town Council for the allowance
granted in County Towns to the Sub-Inspector for
the storage and keeping in order of the Standard
Weights and Measures belonging to the Town. They
are now in my custody for more than a year, and
I have had to provide storage for them myself, as we
are not now allowed to keep them in the Barracks,
and I have also to pay for the carriage of them from
the store to the Barracks, and back whenever they are
required, I cannot put them in the place where the
Sub-Standard Weights and Measures are kept as it
is far too damp. This does not make any difference as
far as the Sub Standards are concerned as I can always
correct them after being cleaned, but if the Standards
get rusty or out of order, I would have to take them to
London myself for correction which would be rather
an expensive business. This is I believe the only
County Town in Ireland where the Sub Inspector
does not receive this allowance which of course

varies according to the size of the Towns. The Waterford Town Council allow the Sub-Inspector £12 per annum. My predecessor did not I understand apply for this as we were formerly allowed to keep those things in Barracks.

I have the honor to remain
Your obedient servant
A. Ware P. S. I.

The Right Worshipful,
The Mayor.

Ordered

That the Town Clerk inform Mr Ware that the Council can give storage in the Tholsel.

Rate Book and Collection signed as ordered this day.
for collection

William Simpson J.
Mayor

3rd February 1876.

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) hereinunder Mentioned:-
To pass accounts and transact all such business as may be brought before the Meeting

The followin Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Jun^r Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen- Robert Stafford. James M. Vicary.
Town Councillors- Lett Sealy Jeffares. Martin Huggard. Peter Symmott. Jasper W. Walsh. David Harris. William Armstrong
Edward Walsh, Philip Byrne, Joseph Connor, John A. Hadden
Thomas Prendergast

Also present- Mess^{rs} Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor
Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer, Nathaniel Hughes Pipe Water
Superintendent. William Hughes Borough Rate Collector
K. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Accounts as recommended by Finance Committee were laid before the Meeting when Mr. Huggard J. C. objected to four of the items as being illegal payment on account of Members of the Corporation being interested in them viz:-
"The Wexford Independent" £9-17-3 "The Wexford People" £3-7-0 John Armstrong 14/4 and John C. Webb. 13/- and stated that in the first item Alderman Greene as proprietor of the Independent and Edward Walsh, as proprietor of the People were incapacitated from being contractors, and that in the case of John Armstrong and John C. Webb, it was the owners of the establishments Thomas Prendergast J. C. and John A. Hadden J. C. who really supplied the goods, although the bills were made out in the names of their clerks, and as members of the Corporation, they could not legally derive any profit by goods supplied for the Corporation.

The following resolution proposed by Thomas Prendergast Esq. and seconded by David Harris Esq. was passed, Martin Huggard Esq. only dissenting viz:-

Resolved

That the Bills now submitted as approved by Finance Committee amount £124-2-5, be approved and cheques signed for payment, and also Mr. Timothy O'Connor's bill for £5-10-11 be also approved and a cheque signed for payment, on the Town Surveyor certifying to its correctness

Signed { Thomas Prendergast
David Harris.

Jasper W. Walsh Esq. and others complained of the filthy state of the streets and stated that some change should be made as the present contractor was not doing his duty.

The further consideration of the matter was postponed

A letter was read from the Secretary of the late Fire Brigade stating that the Members of the Fire Brigade declined to reconstruct that body, but would always be ready to give every assistance in their power as private citizens, and expressed the obligation felt by every member of the Fire Brigade for the kind and flattering resolution passed by the Council in regard to their services.

It was agreed that the Mayor be authorized to take any steps he thought advisable for the formation of an ~~new~~ Fire Brigade

A letter was read from the Sunday Closing Association asking the Corporation to adopt a resolution sent for their approval in favour of the movement.

On the Motion of Martin Huggard Esq. seconded by Thomas Prendergast Esq. It was ordered.

That the Petition be adopted by this Corporation and that the Mayor and Town Clerk sign same and affix the Corporate seal on behalf of the Corporation.

The Mayor stated that a letter had been received in reference to the cattle plague which he would hold over for the Town Commissioners Meeting on Monday next, as there was so much business before the Meeting.

A Letter from the Local Government Board was next read requiring the Corporation to appoint an Analyst, after some discussion.

It was ordered

That the Town Clerk write to the Local Government Board informing them that this Council would defer the appointment of an Analyst until the Grand Jury had first made an appointment, as it would assist in guiding the Town Council to a proper appointment.

Mr. Macdonnell Town Surveyor submitted a letter that he had received from Mr. Hawksley inquiring whether he was at liberty to consult Mr. Muggerridge concerning the Water Works.

It was Ordered

That the Town Clerk write to Mr. Hawksley to state that the Council have no objection to his consulting Mr. Muggerridge should he deem it necessary, and to inform Mr. Hawksley that the Local Government Board have undertaken to carry the Provisional Order through Parliament as a Government Measure.

The Mayor called the attention of the Meeting to the danger attending the open passage into the river at Simmots Lane, where it was reported to him a man had fallen into the river, and was in great danger of being ^{drowned} killed, and suggested that a gate or door to be put up at this passage to prevent its being dangerous.

It was decided that the stopping up of this passage by a door or otherwise was not approved of.

Captain Chandler came before the Meeting, and complained that an attempt had been made to convert

the passage through his fields to the Reservoir into a passage for drawing away broken stones, whereas the passage was intended only for foot passengers to the reservoir unless it should happen that pipes required for the reservoir should be drawn through it, and stated that he would not allow stones to be drawn through that passage

It was ordered

That the Treasurer pay to Captain Chandler the half years rent next accruing for the passage through his fields to the Reservoir, and that in future the passage to be discontinued, and Captain Chandler to receive no further payment.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor to draw his attention to the bad state of the Redmond Road, and request that he would see it put into proper repair before being given up to the Corporation at the next March Assizes, and also as to the bad state in which the Main Street is kept by the present Contractor

The following reports by D.^o Sheridan Sanitary Officer were read and orders were made for abatement of the nuisances within a week viz:-

Nuisance caused by a piggery in the yard of a house at William Street occupied by Margaret Hendrick

Nuisance in premises occupied by M^{rs}. Todd in Main Street, by an ash pit adjoining a Water Closet being full of stagnant water which requires the ash pit to be cleaned, and a proper sewer made

Letter read from M^r. M^r. Quillan, as follows, viz:-

Great Clonard

Wexford 5th February 1874.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly bring before the Commissioners the serious loss I have sustained, owing to the bad state of the road in Green-street, the gullet that crosses the road being

broken in. My man returning home on the 31st of December just after dusk with one of my horses from being shod, the horse got his foot into the hole and fell. he was so severely injured he had to be destroyed.

I expect the Commissioners will see the justice of my claim for compensation. The value of the horse I consider to be £15. A reply will much oblige

Yours truly
Joseph Macquillan

To Mr. Thomas Seary
Secretary to the Commissioners

Letter read from C. Stewart. as follows viz:-

30 Great George Street Westminster S.W.

31st January 1846.

Nicholas Macdonald

3 Rowe Street Wexford

Dear Sir

Wexford Co

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant which has been forwarded to Mr. Hawksley who is away from Town. I am desired by him to inquire whether Mr. Muggeridge is still retained, and whether Mr. Hawksley is at liberty to consult him.

I am, dear Sir

Yours faithfully
C Stewart

Letter read from Thomas Clancy Rate collector as follows viz:-

To the Mayor Aldermen and Town
Comm^{rs} of Wexford assembled in Meeting

Whereas at a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Tholsel. on the 3rd of January, Thomas Clancy was reappointed collector of Rates for the Borough of Wexford, It was there arranged that he prepare a Bond similar to his former one. That he fill it himself or get it done. He forthwith purchased a pound stamp and was about to get it filled up. These instructions were counter ordered

by Mr. O'Leary and Clancy attended the next subsequent Meeting and it was there arranged that Mr. O'Leary get the Bond prepared, at a cost not exceeding £2-0-0. Clancy there and then gave up his pound stamp to Mr. O'Leary thinking it was a pound paid. Now that the Bond is perfected Mr. Ryan do claim £2-0-0 for his fees, which would make the cost of the Bond £3-0-0. This is to ask the Wexford Town Commissioners to pay one pound towards the full cost.

Yours gentlemen truly
Thomas Clancy

February 3rd 1876.

The following are the Bills submitted to this Meeting as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and now passed for payment, viz:-

	£	s	d
1 Thomas M. O'Leary for quarter's salary as Town Clerk ending 31 st January 1876	23	2	6
2 Thomas Lacy for quarter's salary as Borough Treasurer do.	7	10	0
3 Do. for Pipe Water Department do.	2	10	0
4 John Kearon for do. as Mayor's Sergeant £4. and for cleansing Fire Engine £1-5s to do.	5	5	0
5 Mary Jordan for do. for cleansing Mayor's office to do.	"	10	0
6 Nathaniel Hughes for do. as Pipe Water Superintendent do.	13	15	0
7 Thomas M. O'Leary for 3 Months salary as Executive Sanitary Officer to the 5 th January 1876. at £20 per annum	5	0	0
8 Robert J. Crean for do. as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do. at £15 per annum	3	15	0
9 John Kearon for do. as Sub Sanitary Officer to do. at £20 per annum	5	0	0
10 Thomas M. O'Leary. for cash advanced to pay sundry small accounts	3	14	5½
11 Nathaniel Hughes for cash advanced by him for sundry Water Works for 3 Months ending 29 th January 1876	11	9	1

Carried forward

£81 - 11 - 0½

Brought forward		£ 81-11-0 1/2
12	Nathaniel Hughes for Commission on Water Rents received by him up to 10 th January 18 th 1876	2-12-6
13	John Cullen for Oils and Colours	1-3-10
14	Wexford Independent for advertising and printing	9-19-3
15	Wexford Constitution for advertising	2-5-0
16	Wexford People for advertising	3-7-0
17	Michael Walsh for repairing Hose of Watering Cart	" 4-0
18	Do. for 60 Buckets for Fire Engine at 5/- each	15-1-0
19	Patrick Hynes for clothes for Mayors Sergeant	5-0-0
20	Do. for cover for Fire Engine	" 12-6
21	John Armstrong for Stationery	" 14-4
22	John C. Webb for Disinfectants	" 13-0
23	Hugh McManus, for acting as Poll Clerk at Municipal Election for St. Selskar Ward. on 25 th November 1875	1-0-0
24	Timothy Connors bill for work and materials in putting up barricade for house burned at Main Street South. and referred by Finance Committee to this Meeting was also passed	5-10-11

£ 129-13-4 1/2

The following bills referred for consideration to this Meeting were ordered to lie over until money was obtained for Water Works - viz:-

Johnson & Co. London. for Books of Reference for Water Works	£-s-d 25-14-6
Maclure & Macdonald London for Lithographs for Water Works	50-18-3

List of Payments

Made by Order of Finance Committee since last Quarterly Meeting 1st November 1875

James Murphy for Cleansing streets &c. for 13 weeks from 23 rd October 1875 to 22 nd January 1876 at £3 per week	39-0-0
William Store for making out Rate Book and Collection Book for the Borough Rate Collector	1-10-0
M ^r . Frank Boxwell for Lime got for Sanitary purposes	" 16-4

List of Payments

For same period under the Local Government Board
(Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act 1873.

£ - s - d

Breaking stones and drawing and spreading
same for repairs of streets, &c. " "

50-18-2½

Broken stones bought for same purpose, " "

17-18-3

Mr. Timothy O'Connor, for repairing Quay wall

4-5-6

William Simpson
Mayor

6th March, 1846

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition, held this day in the Hotel, at Twelve o'clock, noon, To consider an application for payment by Messrs. Macclure and M'Donald, of London, for Lithographs for Water Works, and also as to some Arrangement for Completion of the Water-table and footpath at Trinity-street.

The following Members of the Council attended, viz:-

William Simpson, junr. Esq. Mayor, in the Chair;

Aldermen - James M. Vicary, John Walsh, and John Sinnott
 Town Councillors - Lett Sealy Jeffares, Jasper W. Walsh, Edward Walsh, Joseph O'Connor, William Armstrong, John H. Hadden, Martin Huggard, David Paris, and Philip Byrne, and Peter Murphy.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

Letters were read from Mr. Finlay, Local Government Auditor, stating that Messrs. Macclure and M'Donald might be paid out of the fund collected for Water Rents, on the understanding that it be recouped out of the money to be borrowed for the proposed Water Works; and from Messrs. Macclure and M'Donald stating an intention to enforce payment of their Account for Lithographs for Water Works.

The following Resolution, proposed by William Armstrong, J. C., and seconded by David Paris, J. C., was passed, viz:-

Resolved - That a cheque be drawn in favour of Mr. Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, for £50. 18. 3 on account of expenses for Water Works, as per resolution of the 2^d November, 1844, and in order to defray expense of procuring Lithographs.

Signed { William Armstrong
 { David Paris

William Simpson junr Esq
 Mayor

31st March 1876

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Tholsel at twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of granting Licenses to deal in gunpowder &c and also to consider the passing of some accounts

The following Members of the Council attended viz

William Simpson Jun^r Esq. Mayor in the Chair

Alderman John Sinnott

Town Councillors - Peter Murphy, Lett Sealn Jeffares, Joseph O'Connor, Gaspet W. Walsh, Robert D. Walker and Philip Byrne

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The following resolution proposed by Lett Sealn Jeffares J.C. and seconded by Joseph O'Connor J.C. was passed

Resolved

That Licenses for sale of gunpowder be granted to the following persons, viz: John Sinnott Mathew Gaspet William P. Rossiter, Thomas Devereux, Brian and Keating and Ellen Sinnott and for mixed Explosives to John Wheelock, all in division A, and that the Town Clerk be hereby authorized to sign same

Signed { Lett Sealn Jeffares
Joseph O'Connor

The following resolution proposed by Lett Sealn Jeffares and seconded by Robert D. Walker J.C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the account of Half Seasons gas from the gas consumers' company ending 1st January 1876 amount £130-10, to be approved and a cheque signed for payment

Signed { Lett Sealn Jeffares
Robert D. Walker

The following reports by the Sanitary Officer Doctor Sheridan were laid before the Meeting and order made that the nuisance in each case should be abated within a week viz:-

1-On premises occupied by James Walsh Tailor in the Haythe by a cistern at the rear thereof more than half full of water and filthy matter and that the cistern requires to be cleansed and filled at once

2-On premises occupied by John Murphy in the Haythe by a cistern at the rear thereof of stagnant water and that the hole requires to be cleansed and filled

3-On premises occupied by Captain John Roche in the Haythe at the rear of the dwelling-house there is a piggery in a fearful state of filth and a pool of stagnant water and it requires that the hole be cleansed and filled with earth and that the piggery be in future kept in a proper state

William Limpsom Junr
Mayor

1st May 1876.

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at the hour of twelve oclock noon to take into consideration, or transact the business (as may be) herein-mentioned:-
 To pass accounts. "To consider as to the adoption of report of Market Place Committee including application for a Loan of £1000. to erect the Market Place "To consider as to putting in force the Act relative to Common Lodging houses "and all such business as may be brought before the Meeting.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Jun^r Esq. Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - James M. Vicary, John Greene, John Simmott, and John J. Walsh

Town - Councillors - Robert L. Walker, John J. Harper, John Hinton, Jasper W. Walsh, Philip Byrne, ~~and~~ Peter Murphy, Edward Walsh, Joseph O'Connor, Martin Huggard, and Lett Sealy Jeffares

Also present - Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor; Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewater Superintendent; William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector; and Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

A Memorial from the householders in the vicinity of Wygram-place asking to have enclosed the piece of ground there that is used for depositing Street Manure and other offensive Matter

The Memorial was referred to the Works Committee, with a request that they would report as to the necessity of the work.

The following letter was received from Town Councillor John H. Hadden, tendering his resignation as a Town Councillor for St. Selskar Ward:-

Wexford, May 1, 1876

To the Mayor and Town Council of the Borough of
Wexford

Gentlemen—

I take this opportunity of resigning my Seat amongst you as Representative of St. Selskar Ward. I am slowly recovering from a severe illness, and my Medical Attendants advise and insist on my giving up all extra work as the principal means of my restoration to health. You will therefore oblige me by accepting my resignation at your meeting to day

Yours faithfully

John H. Hadden.

It was Ordered— That whilst deeply regretting the retirement of Town Councillor Hadden from this Council and the loss of his valuable services to the town, the Council now hereby accept his resignation without imposing any fine

The Scavenger came before the Meeting and was reprimanded for not keeping the streets in better order, and for neglecting to clean the trapped grates. He stated that some of the trapped grates could not be raised, and he was directed to get a smith to open them.

The Mayor called the attention of the Meeting to the want of direct telegraphic Communications with Enniscorthy, and he was requested to communicate with the Postmaster-General on the subject

The Mayor stated that he had failed in getting up a Volunteer Fire Brigade in place of those gentlemen who had resigned, and asked the Council to take some steps in the matter.

There was no order made on the subject

Mr. Timothy O'Connor applied to have water supplied to his new houses in Upper George's street, as Mr. Hughes, the

pipe water Superintendent, had refused to supply it on the grounds of the expense of pipes to bring water to the place

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Cameron stating that he would analyse without charging any fees on being appointed Analyst for the Borough

The following Resolutions were passed, viz:-

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott and seconded by Alderman Walsh, viz:-

Resolved - That the Bills now submitted, amount £280. 18. 8, be approved, less £3 for Waterworks included in account of the "Wexford Constitution," being £277. 18. 8 approved, and that cheques be signed for payment of same

Signed { John Sinnott
John Joseph Walsh

Proposed by Martin Huggard, J.C., and seconded by Robert D. Walker, J.C., viz:-

Resolved - That the following be appointed a Committee to draw up a letter to John H. Hadden, Esq, expressive of Regret at his retirement from the office of Town Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, viz:- Aldermen James M. Vicary, John Greene, and John J. Walsh, and Town Councillor Jasper W. Walsh

Signed { M. Huggard
Robert D. Walker

Proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by Alderman Sinnott, viz:

Resolved - That the Rates on the Female National School in the Faythe and the drying-ground belonging to the House of Monks be remitted on condition that the

Local Government Auditor will sanction the Remission

Signed *John J. Walsh*
John Timmott

Proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by John J. Harper, J.C. and passed, viz:

Resolved - That the Pipewater Superintendent make out an Estimate of the Cost of supplying water to Mr. O'Connor's houses in Upper George's street, to be submitted to a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose.

Signed *John Joseph Walsh*
John J. Harper

~~The following Bills were submitted to the Meeting,~~
payment ordered:-

William Simpson jun
Mayor -

The following are the particulars of the Bills Sanctioned this day for payment. viz,

1. Thomas M. O'Leary for quarter's salary as Town Clerk, ending 30 th April, 1876.	"	"	"	"	£	s.	d.
					23	2	6
2. Thomas Lacy for quarter's salary as Borough Treasurer to do.	"	"	"	"	7	10	0
3. Do. Pipewater Department, do.	"	"	"	"	2	10	0
4. John Kearon for do. as Mayor's Sergeant, £4; and for cleansing fire engine, £1. 5s. to do	"	"	"	"	5	5	0
5. Mary Jordan for do. for cleansing Mayor's Office to do.	"	"	"	"	0	10	0
6. Nathaniel Hughes for do. as Pipewater Superintendent to do	"	"	"	"	13	15	0
7. Thomas M. O'Leary for three months' salary as Executive Sanitary Officer to 5 th April, 1876, at £20 per annum	"	"	"	"	5	0	0
8. Robert J. Crean for do. as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do. at £15 per annum	"	"	"	"	3	15	0

	Brought forward	2/6
9. John Kearon for do. as Sub-sanitary Officer to do. at £20 per annum		£ 4 d
10. Thomas M. O'Leary for cash advanced to pay sundry small accounts		61.. 7.. 6
11. Nathaniel Hughes for cash advanced by him for sundry water works, for three months ending 27 th April, 1846.		5.. 0.. 0
12. Nathaniel Hughes for Commission on Water Rents Received by him up to 17 th April, 1846.		1.. 17.. 1
13. William Hughes, Commission on Borough Rate to April 24, 1846		12.. 1.. 4
14. "Wexford Independent" for printing,		4.. 3.. 0
15. Alexander Mackey, printing and advertising		29.. 15.. 10
16. John R. Sinnott, for hardware, &c.		4.. 10.. 0
17. Philip Pierce, repairing fountain, &c.		1.. 7.. 0
18. Gas Consumers' Company for Season's gas to May, 1845,		10.. 18.. 10
19. County Gaol Board for Mat for Mayor's Office		10.. 6.. 0
20. Gas Consumers' Company for Gas and fittings for Mayor's Office		133.. 3.. 4
		0.. 7.. 4
		3.. 1.. 5
		277.. 18.. 8

List of Payments made by order of Finance Committee since last Quarterly Meeting, 3rd February, 1846:

James Murphy for Cleansing Streets, &c. for 12 weeks, from 22 nd January to 15 th April, 1846, at £3 per week.	£ 36.. 0.. 0
Gas Consumers' Company for Season's gas up to the 1 st January, 1845,	130.. 0.. 0
Mr Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, to pay Messrs. Maclure & Macdonald of London, for Lithographs for Water Works	50.. 18.. 0

9th May, 1876.

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Sholiel at half past Eleven o'clock forenoon
 "To consider an application from Mr Timothy O'Connor to have Pipe Water supplied to his houses in Georges Street and report of Committee thereon
 "To consider the adoption of Plan for New Market Place, as approved by Committee, and taking steps to borrow £1000 for erection of Market Place
 "To consider as to the adoption of the provisions of the Common Lodging Houses Act and the framing of Bye Laws thereon "To consider an application from the Sub-Inspector of Royal Irish Constabulary as to providing a proper place for keeping and using the Standard weights and measures "To consider a report of the Works Committee relative to the Manure Depot at Windmills Hill and other works, and as to an obstruction opposite to Mr William Hughes' premises in Main Street North and "To consider as to the adoption of some means to organise a Fire Brigade for the Borough

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Junr Esq. Mayor in the chair.
 Aldermen James M. Vicary and John Simmott.
 Town Councillors - Michael Delaney, Philip Byrne, John J. Kaspur, David Harris, John Dinton and Edward Walsh.

Also present. R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer, Nathaniel Hughes Pipe Water Superintendant, William Hughes Borough Rate collector and Nicholas Macdonnell.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Nathaniel Hughes submitted three Estimates for bringing water to Mr Timothy O'Connor's houses in Upper Georges Street, as follows:- with a 3 inch pipe amount £31-0-6 with a 4 inch pipe £49-0-0 and with a 4 inch pipe to connect John Street £69-0-0.

The question as to whether Mr O'Connor's houses should be supplied with water was put to the Meeting, when four voted for it and

and four against it and it was declared not carried. Mr Hinton²⁶ declined to vote.

Alderman Vicary and Town Councillor Jarvis suggested that six pounds a year be paid to the Sub-Inspector for taking charge of the weights and Measures and paying all expenses attending them

That suggestion was not adopted

The following letter from the County Inspector of Constabulary was read viz:-

Weights and Measures 25 & 26 Vic Cap. 76. Sec. 7

County Inspectors Office
Wexford May 3rd 1846.

Dear Sir

I find no box has ever been provided for keeping the Borough Standard Weights and Measures in. They are at present and have been kept in the County Standard box mixed up with the others and are liable to injury, there is only one box for the Borough Sub Standard Weights and Measures and beam and scales. They are also liable to injury by having all kept in one box. There is a box wanted to keep the standard Measures in, and another for the Sub Standard Measures with a division in it in which to keep beam and scales will you be so good as to have those boxes provided

Yours faithfully
C. M. Kerin
County Inspector

William Simpson Esq.
Mayor

It was ordered

That the boxes required by the County Inspectors letter be procured

It was ordered

That the Works Committee make inquiries and report as to a place to be procured suitable for keeping the Weights and Measures

The Town Clerk read report of the Works Committee adopted on the 4th instant recommending that the Manure Depot at Wygram Place should be inclosed and pathways made or repaired at John Street, Duke Street, Allen Street, High Street, and Distillery road.

It was referred back to the Works Committee to ascertain expenses of inclosing the Manure Depot at Wygram Place and report to next Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners

and report by the Market Place Committee adopted on the 16th March 1876. was submitted to the Meeting recommending the adoption of Plans for the New Market Place drawn by Mr. Robert Simmott and that steps should be taken to borrow £1000 for the purpose and then to advertise for tenders

The following resolution proposed by John Hinton J. C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary and passed
Resolved

That the report ~~of the report~~ of the Market Place Committee and plans for a New Market, now submitted as approved by the Committee be adopted and that application be made to the Board of Public Works for the Loan of £1000 to carry out the work and that the Plans now approved be forwarded by the Town Clerk to the Board of Public Works and calling their attention to a sanction given by the Treasury by letter dated 13th July 1872. No 10.533. (on Memorial from this Corporation dated 6th May 1872) to the borrowing of £1000 for this purpose which letter was submitted to the Board of Public Works as requested by their letter dated 16th August 1872 $\frac{10.481}{72}$ and also that a copy of the Memorial was forwarded to them as requested by their letter of the 7th September 1872 $\frac{10.707}{72}$ and further to direct their attention to their letter of the 2nd October 1872 $\frac{12.636}{72}$ acknowledging

a lodgment of £20 to cover preliminary expenses as to Loans

signed { John Hinton J. C.
James M. Vicary Ald.

The following resolution proposed by John J. Harpur J. C. and seconded by John Hinton J. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the provisions of the "Common Lodging Houses Act" be adopted and that the following be appointed a committee to frame Bye Laws under the Act to be submitted to next Meeting viz:- Alderman Vicary David Jarvis J. C. and Edward Walsh J. C.

signed { John J. Harpur J. C.
John Hinton J. C.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Simmott and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the Town Clerk be hereby directed to apply to each of the Fire Insurance Companies that do business in Wexford, to ask their cooperation in forming a Fire Brigade and to ascertain from each company what sum would be subscribed annually by each towards the necessary expenses of a Brigade.

signed { John Simmott
James M. Vicary

Mr Edwards came before the Meeting and stated that he would be satisfied to arrange the ~~Herbing~~ between his house and Mr Hughes in any way pointed out by the Town Surveyor

William Simpson J
Mayor

30th May, 1876.

At a Special Meeting of the Council in pursuance of the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Hall at Twelve o'clock noon. To take into consideration an opposition by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company to the Water Works for this Borough and as to the means to be taken to counteract the opposition.

The following Members of the Council attended

William Simpson Junr Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen. James M. Nicarn. John Simmott. John J. Walsh. Robert Stafford. and John Greene J.P.

Town Councillors. Jasper W. Walsh. John J. Rathurst. Lett Sealz Jeffares. Peter Symmott. Robert D. Walker. David Harris. John Nintore. Joseph Lacy. William Armstrong. Joseph O'Connor. Martin Huggard, and Edward Walsh.

Also present Nathaniel Hughes. Thomas Lacy. William Hughes. John J. Hogan. Benjamin Hughes. William Fairfort and R. W. Ryan Solicitor.

A letter from Messrs Cluggeridge and Badham to the Town Clerk was laid before the Meeting, with an accompanying Petition to the House of Lords by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company against the Wexford Water Works Bill now pending in the House of Lords.

After some discussion

The following Resolution proposed by Alderman Walsh, and seconded by Martin Huggard, J.C., was passed unanimously, viz:-

Resolved - That the Town Clerk submit a statement to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, to an adjourned Meeting to be held this evening at five o'clock, and if approved to be forwarded by post this evening.

Joseph Walsh.
Signed Martin Huggard.

The following Resolution was proposed by Martin Huggard, J.C., and Seconded by John Hinton, J.C., but a majority of the Council voted against it, and it was consequently rejected. The resolution is as follows, viz:-

Resolved - That a deputation wait at the Meeting of the Directors of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway on Thursday, the 1st June, in support of the statement, and to give such verbal explanation as they may deem advisable in support of the request of the Council to the Directors

Signed { Martin Huggard
John Hinton

30th May, 1876.

5 o'clock, p.m.

At an adjourned special Meeting of the Council, adjourned by Meeting held this day at 12 o'clock, noon, To take into Consideration an opposition by the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company to the Waterworks for this Borough, and as to the means to be taken to counteract the opposition.

The following Members of the Council attended, viz:-

William Simpson, jun^r Esq. Mayor, in the chair

Aldermen - John Joseph Walsh, James M. Vicary, and John Sinnott.

Town Councillors - David Laris, Michael Delaney, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Edward Walsh, Philip Byrne, William Armstrong, Joseph O'Connor, Robert D. Walker, Martin Huggard, Jasper W. Walsh.

Also present - R. W. Ryan, solicitor; William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector; Nathaniel Higher, Pipe-water Superintendent.

In pursuance of a Resolution passed this Morning the following statement was submitted to the Meeting and unanimously adopted, and the Town Clerk instructed to forward it this evening to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company:-

"At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Wexford, held on the 30th May, 1876, a petition presented to the House of Lords by the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Wexford Waterworks Bill was laid before the Meeting, at which it was Resolved to submit a statement to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company in reference to their opposition to the Bill, viz.:

That a good supply of pure water is imperatively required for the Railway Company as well as for the inhabitants generally, and the rates provided in the Bill are barely sufficient to meet the required expenditure. With regard to objections Nos. 5 & 6, the water procured by the Railway Company is unfit for domestic use from its impurity, as the stream originates in the neighbourhood of the Wexford Union graveyard, and passes through different privies; and the water required for domestic use is chargeable on dwelling-houses only.

As to objections Nos. 7, 8, & 9, if the water the Company has procured is sufficient for Railway purposes, the Company have to pay only the public water rate on the valuation of the Railway property (except for a dwelling house), and that rate is necessary to provide for extinguishing fires. &c.

As to objection No. 10, the valuation of the Railway property for public purposes is so small that a reduction to one-fourth, as sought for, is too trifling to seek to have the Bill altered for that purpose, besides that no just grounds exist for the Company seeking an immunity not conceded to or sought for by any other person or company Mercantile or otherwise

many of whom are in Wexford, and some to a high valuation.

That an abundant supply of pure water to the inhabitants is calculated to promote the prosperity of the town and all kinds of business, including increased traffic and profits to Railways.

It is conceived by the Council that the Directors ordered the said Petition under a misconception of the foregoing facts, and it is submitted that on Re-consideration of the circumstances they will direct the petition to be withdrawn.

Adopted unanimously at a full Meeting of the Council,

William Simpson, junr. Mayor
Thomas M. O'Leary, Town Clerk

William Simpson jun
Mayor

June 1st 1846.

At an adjourned Special Meeting of the Council
(adjourned from 30th May last) held this day in the Tholock
at 12 o'clock, noon, the following Members of the Council attended,
viz:-

William Simpson, jun^r. Esq. Mayor, in the Chair

Aldermen- James M. Vicary and Robert Stafford
Town Councillors- Peter Murphy, Edward Walsh, Joseph Lacy,
Peter Symmott, Martin Guggard, Lett Sealy Jeffares, and
Philip Byrne, and Robert L. Walker

Also present- Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer; Nathaniel Hughes,
Pipewater Superintendent; and William Hughes, Borough
Rate Collector.

The Mayor explained to the Meeting the telegrams
and letter received from the Local Government Board,
stating that their Inspector's Report of the inquiry held in
Wexford on the subject of the Waterworks, with the Minutes
of evidence and the documents laid before him, have
been forwarded to Messrs. Muggerridge and Badham,
Parliamentary Agents.

The Mayor explained to the Meeting that a slight was offered
to him as Mayor of Wexford, at yesterday's Petty Sessions by being
obliged to withdraw from the Chairmanship after having taken
the Chair as on the County Magistrates coming in, County cases were
called, and he was thereupon obliged to leave the Chair, and
with the approbation of those present he expressed his intention
of holding a Court every Monday at eleven o'clock in the Court-
house to try all cases in which he had jurisdiction as Mayor.

William Simpson, jun^r
Mayor

5th June, 1876.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held this day in the Tholsel at 12 o'clock noon, the following Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Jun^r Esq, Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - John J. Walsh, James M. Picarty, and John Sinnott.

Town Councillors - Michael Delaney, Lett Sealz Jeffares, Martin Huggard, David Faris, Robert D. Walker, Edward Walsh, William Armstrong, Jasper W. Walsh, Joseph O'Connor and Philip Byrne.

The Council then proceeded to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the petition, which the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Company, had lodged against the Wexford Waterworks Bill.

The Mayor read the correspondence which had taken place since last Meeting, including a letter from the Local Government Board acknowledging copy of statement proposed to be forwarded to the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company, in reference to their petition and stating that the Local Government Board saw no objection to a communication being made to the Railway Company as proposed.

The following letters were then read

Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Co.
Secretaries Office 48 Westland Row

To

Thomas M. O'Leary
Town Clerk Wexford.

Sir

I have received your letter of 31st ult., and the same was submitted to my directors and by them carefully considered

to day. In reply I am desired to say that my board would much regret that anything should occur to disturb the friendly relations that have hitherto subsisted between them and the Corporation of Wexford, and they are therefore willing to withdraw the petition which they have felt it their duty to present to the House of Lords against the Bill for confirming the Provisional Order of the Local Government Board, as to the Wexford Waterworks on the condition that a clause be inserted providing that the Railway shall be liable to be assessed for taxation, as to the lands occupied by them only, upon one-fourth of the Poor Law Valuation of such land, and also that the Company's property be excepted from domestic water rate, except in the case of any dwelling-house for which they may require a supply of water.

In asking this the Company are only anxious to avoid the possibility of future misunderstanding or litigation, as the Towns Improvement Act of 1854, under which your borough now is gives them precisely the same immunity.

If the Company had had notice of your application to the Local Government Board they would have asked and no doubt obtained, an undertaking that this clause should be given at the time when the inquiry was made before the Inspector of the Local Government Board. I may add that in the case of the Dalkey township which is included in the Bill that deals with your town an undertaking such as I ask for has been given, and in consequence our petition in their case will be withdrawn.

Of course if you do not agree to what I now propose we must prosecute our petition, and in that case the Company reserve to themselves the right to oppose on all the points specified in their petition; but I trust your Corporation will see the reasonableness of what is asked for, and at once accede to it, and thus secure the passing of the Act without trouble or expense either to themselves or the Railway Company.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
E. W. Maunsell,

Dalkey Town Commissioners' office
3rd June, 1876,

Dear Sir

In reply to your telegram of this date I beg to inform you that at the inquiry the Commissioners of Dalkey agreed to put a special Clause on the provisional order so as to confirm to the D. W. & W. Railway Company the exception granted by the 62nd sec. of the Towns Improvement Act 1854. The Company then withdrew their objection. The Local Government Board in framing the Provisional Order Bill, did not insert the special clause, but quoted the act in such a way that the meaning is the same as if the clause sought for by the Railway Company were inserted. After the second reading of the Provisional Order Bill the Railway Company for the first time complained and lodged a petition against the Bill on merits, and against the preamble in consequence of its not containing the claim as required. The Local Government Board are of opinion that the insertion of the special clause is necessary as the Railway Company have all they require, by the manner in which the acts are quoted, namely, to be assessed only one-fourth of any rate that may be struck by the Commissioners. The solicitor to the Commissioners have written to get the claim sought for by the Railway Company inserted, in order that the petition may be withdrawn, as it would be a loss of money to contest it.

I am Dear Sir

faithfully yours

A. O'Neill

Secretary

After some discussion the following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh, M.C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:-

Resolved

That our Parliamentary Agents be instructed to lay before Counsel the petition of the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company, against Provisional orders

(Ireland) confirmation (Wexford Waterworks Provisional order) in the following points:-

1st - How far the concessions sought for by the company if acceded to would affect the rates on other property similarly situated and if such exemptions would affect buildings, not being dwelling-houses, such as warehouses, food stores, passengers station, storage yards, &c, as well as lands.

2nd To advise generally as to the petition and the prospect of opposing it successfully.

3rd As to the evidence which should be rendered of this Corporation elect, to proceed with the bill as it stands, copies of all necessary documents to be submitted to Council.

Signed { Jasper W. Walsh
James M. Vicary

The Mayor announced that the Meeting on Monday next he would lay before the Meeting any further information he might receive concerning the Water Works Bill.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

William Simpson Junr
Mayor

12th June, 18th 1896.

At a Meeting of the Council held this day in the
"Sholse" at twelve o'clock noon

The following Members attended viz:

William Simpson Jun^r Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - John J. Walsh, and John Simmott,

Town Councillors - Lett Sealy Jeffares, David Harris
Edward Walsh, Joseph Lacy Martin Huggard,
Michael Delaney, Robert D. Walker, Jasper W. Walsh
William Armstrong, Philip Byrne, and Peter Murphy,

Also present R. W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor, Nicholas
Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, William Hughes, Borough
Gate Collector, and Nathaniel Hughes, Life Water
Superintendent.

A recommendation of the Works Committee that boxes
be provided for the weights and measures and they
be kept in the "Sholse" and the weights adjusted in
the Engine room was considered and it was
Ordered

That the suggestion be submitted to the Sub-
Inspector and carried out if approved by him.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Messrs Muggerridge
and Badham dated 10th June 1896, sending Council's
opinion and requesting that the opinion should not
be allowed to be published in the newspapers. He also
read Council's opinion being to the effect that he considered
there was no danger of the total exemption sought for
by the Railway Company being conceded but with respect
to the reduction of their rate to one-fourth he considered it
would require strong evidence to prove an exceptional
case to induce the Committee to change the general
law, and that he thought the clause given to Dalkey

would not affect other parties, and recommending the Corporation to offer to the Railway Company a clause preserving the rights of the Petitioners under Towns' Improvement Act (Ireland 1854 section 62 on condition that they should withdraw all opposition in both houses of Parliament the opinion also contained advice as to the nature of the evidence that should be produced in case the matter should come before the Committee of the House of Lords

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh J. C. and seconded by Robert D. Walker J. C. was passed viz:
Resolved

That our Parliamentary agents be instructed to offer the insertion of a clause as advised by counsel in his opinion, to the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company on their undertaking to withdraw all opposition to the bill and if this be not agreed to by the Company, the Parliamentary agents be instructed to proceed with the bill as it stands
signed { Jasper W. Walsh
Robert D. Walker

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by William Armstrong J. C. was passed viz:
Resolved

That in consideration of the Harbour Commissioners lighting the lamps as at present lighted. Directions be given to the man in charge of the watering cart to water the quays"
signed { John Joseph Walsh
William Armstrong

William Simpson J.
Mayor

16th June, 1876.

An adjourned Meeting of the Town Council on the subject of the Waterworks Bill held this day in the Tholsel at twelve o'clock noon.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Dimpson Jun^r Esq, Mayor in the chair

Aldermen—John J. Walsh.

Town Councillors—Jasper W. Walsh, William Armstrong, David Harris, John J. Harpur, Philip Byrne, Lett Sealy Jiffures, Martin Huggard, and Joseph Lacy.

Letters were read from Alderman Greene to Mr Maunsell and his reply and three telegrams from Messrs Huggard and Badham, one to the Mayor and two to the Town Clerk.

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh Esq, and seconded by Martin Huggard Esq was passed viz:

Resolved

That this Meeting stand adjourned to to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock to consider the necessity of sending a deputation to London in support of the Water Works Bill, and do all necessary acts respecting same such member to be served with a notice this afternoon such notice to be headed urgent.

signed { Jasper W. Walsh
Martin Huggard

William Dimpson Jun^r
Mayor

17th June, 1896

An adjourned Meeting of the Council on the subject of the Water Works Bill held this morning in the Tholsel at half past nine o'clock

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Junr Esq Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - John Freene, John Simmott and John J. Walsh

Town Councillors - John J. Harpur, John Hinton, William Armstrong, Martin Huggard, Philip Byrne, Lett Sealz Jeffares, David Harris, Jasper W. Walsh, Joseph Lucy and Robert D. Walker,

A telegram from Mr Maunsell, Secretary to the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company was read offering to withdraw opposition in case a clause was inserted in the Water Works Bill, same as was conceded by Dalkey, as proposed in a letter received from Mr Freene

The following resolution proposed by Martin Huggard Esq. and seconded by Alderman Walsh was passed viz:

Resolved

That the offer of the D. W. & W. Railway Company in telegram from their Secretary yesterday evening be not accepted and that the following witnesses be appointed to proceed to London this evening to give evidence on behalf of this Corporation viz: "The Mayor the Town Clerk Mr Hughes Pipe Water Superintendant and Alderman Freene,

signed { Mr. Huggard
John Joseph Walsh.

It was ordered

That this Meeting adjourn from day to day as may be necessary

The following telegram was transmitted to Messrs Sluggsbridge & Badham by the Town Clerk. "Witnesses leave here this evening and will be with you at Ten o'clock on Monday

William Simpson J^r
Mayor

20th June, 18th 1896.

An Election held this day for a Town Councillor for Saint Selskar Ward to supply a casual vacancy caused by the death of the late Town Councillor Thomas Prendergast.

Ferdal O'Beirne Ryan Esq. of Richmond Terrace Solicitor having been duly nominated, and no other person having been nominated the said Ferdal O'Beirne Ryan was declared duly elected as a Town Councillor for St. Selskar Ward in this Borough.

William Simpson J^r
Mayor

21st July 1876,

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Town Hall at twelve o'clock noon: To consider an application from the Town Surveyor for increase of salary To make arrangements for advertising for tenders for new Market Place To receive a report from Works Committee including Byelaws for Lodging Houses and Reports from Dr. Sheridan

The following Members of the Council attended

William Simpson Jun^r Esq. Mayor in the Chair
Alderman John Simmott
Town Councillors - Martin Huggard, David Faris Lett Sealz Jeffares, William Armstrong, Philip Byrne, Edward Walsh Gerald O'B. Ryan, Joseph Cornot.

Also present - R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor Nicholas Macdonnell Town Surveyor Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer Nathaniel Hughes Pipe Water Superintendant and William Hughes Borough Rate Collector.

The question of increasing Mr Macdonnell's salary was submitted by the Mayor and it was decided that, this being a Council Meeting it was not competent to entertain the subject which should come before a Meeting of the Town Commissioners.

The report of the Works Committee was also read and referred to next Meeting of the Town Commissioners.

The following letter from John A. Hadden, Esq late Town Councillor was read by the Mayor viz:

Wexford June 16th 1876,

To the Municipal Corporation
of Wexford

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

dated 1st May last signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk and sealed with your Corporate seal, and beg that you will excuse my not having sooner replied to its very kind and flattering expressions

I am happy and thankful to find to be able to say that I am now almost restored to my usual health and deeply feel the interest you have taken in the course of my recovery

Although I have by advice of my medical attendants debarr'd myself from taking part in your deliberations I shall still continue to feel a deep interest in all matters concerning the well-being of my fellow-townsmen as to Sanitary or social improvement, and must express at the same time my appreciation of the manner in which my feeble efforts in that direction were at all times supported by you

The manner in which you refer to my term of office as Mayor of my native town cannot but be gratifying to a young man - junior to all of you - who endeavoured in some measure to tread in the steps of one who not only filled every kindly office as a father to me, but, as you are pleased to say in your letter, left an inestimable character for those words and acts of charity and kindness of heart which I believe will ever be inseparably connected with his name

Again expressing my best thanks for your very kind letter

I am gentlemen

Yours faithfully
John A. Hadden

Letters were read from Messrs Muggersedge and Badham stating that the Waterworks Bill had passed the third reading in the House of Commons

Letter was also read from Local Government Auditor stating that he would attend to audit accounts on the 4th and 5th August next

Report from Dr. Sheridan Sanitary Officer was submitted to the Meeting stating that the following houses requested sewers to be made from them to communicate with the Corporation sewer in Mary Street viz:- In John Street houses occupied by John Byrne Patrick Faul, Thomas Rourke, William Roche, Matthew Hayes, William Kendrick John Doyle and John Foley, and in Mary Street the houses occupied by Charles Campbell, Mary Devereux and Mark Rourke and upon which the following resolution was proposed by William Armstrong P.C. and seconded by Gerald O.B. Ryan P.C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That notices be served on the owners of the houses in John Street and Mary Street stated in Dr. Sheridan's report of the 15th July, 1876. to compel them to make sewers to drain those houses into the new sewer in Mary Street within fourteen days from date of notice

signed { William Armstrong
Gerald O.B. Ryan

The Mayor submitted to the Meeting the report drawn up by the witnesses sent to London also Messrs Muggenridge and Badham's letter and letter from Board of Public Works as follows viz:-

Printed matter opposite

13, Little Queen-street, Westminster, S.W.,
16th June, 1876.

DEAR SIR—We informed you by telegraph this morning that the Committee on this Bill has been called to meet on Monday morning next.

We had a long conference with Mr. Hawksley as to the evidence requisite to be given before the Committee, and he thought it might safely be confined to the officials of the Corporation (yourself and the Town Clerk), and probably one other independent member of the Council; and as during Mr. Greene's courtesy much correspondence passed, and a good deal of preliminary business was done, we thought it would be a desirable representative of the wishes of the borough as regards water supply. Mr. Hawksley would himself, as a matter of course, supplement this evidence by his own in favour of the same proposed to carry it out.

The clause we submitted to the Agents of the petitioners, as suggested by Mr. Granville Somerset, is as follows:—

SAVING CLAUSE FOR DUBLIN AND WICKLOW RAILWAY COMPANY.—"Nothing in this Act contained shall alter or vary the provisions of 62 of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, so far as they relate to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company."

Mr. Keogh, the Solicitor of the Company, and Mr. Maunsell, their Secretary, were at the Agents when the clause was considered, and all refused to agree to saying they required full exemption from the domestic water rate. This is wholly out of the question, and we have no fear that the Committee on the Bill will yield to so unfair a request. We shall hope to see you and our witnesses at this Office on Monday ten o'clock to arrange your proofs of evidence before the Committee meet. Fortunately we are not on Committee's list of Bills.

Counsel will have ample time to-morrow fully to prepare himself to master our case, as we have given him his brief this evening.

We shall, of course, telegraph immediately if any change should occur in our position.

Yours very truly,

MUGGERIDGE & BADHAM.

William Timpson, jun., Esq.,

Mayor of Wexford.

Report for Corporation by witnesses sent to sustain Waterworks Bill before a Committee of the House of Lords on Monday, 19th June, 1876, as follows:—

Witnesses went to office of the Parliamentary Agents—Messrs. Muggeridge and Badham, on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and accompanied by them to the House of Lords at eleven o'clock, and finding that another case was to be heard before ours, suggestion of Parliamentary Agents, we proceeded to Mr. Hawksley's office, and examined statements of evidence as prepared by him. Went back to the use of Lords, and at about one o'clock the use of the Wexford Waterworks was proceeded with, commencing with an address from our counsel, Mr. Somerset, stating the object of the Bill; its having already received the sanction of the Local Government Board, after a local inquiry at Wexford before Mr. Robinson, an officer of the Board, and at which the Railway Company did not attend to make objection, and that it was only after the Bill had attained a second reading that the Railway, for the first time, made an objection, and lodged the petition, which was now the subject of inquiry. Counsel proceeded to read the different clauses of the petition, and objected to the *locus standi* of the petitioners, on the grounds that clause nine sought for total exemption from rating under this Bill.

Counsel for the Railway Company, Mr. O'Hara, stood on the other side for the *locus standi* of his clients, and after a considerable time spent in the arguments of Counsel on either side, the Committee proceeded to consider the point, and the Committee-room was cleared for their deliberation.

On re-admission to the room, the Committee announced their decision to be—to disallow the *locus standi* of the petitioners on clause nine, seeking total exemption, and to allow them a *locus standi* on clause ten, seeking a reduction of rates to one-fourth value under provisions of the 62nd section of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

Counsel for the petitioners, in his different addresses to the Committee during the course of his examination of witnesses, endeavoured to induce the Committee to alter the definition of the word "House" as it appeared in the Bill and define it "dwelling-house," which he contended was the term used in similar Bills.

Our counsel, Mr. Somerset, contended *contra*, and the Committee decided to let the term "House" remain as it appeared in the Bill. Mr. Somerset proceeded to call witnesses, and examined Messrs. Thomas Hawksley, Nathaniel Hughes, Alderman Greene, and Mr. Timpson, Mayor.

The first witness was Mr. Hawksley, who was examined and cross-examined at great length. He explained the necessity for a supply of water to

the town, the superior advantages of the source from which the water was to be supplied, the purity of the water, the extreme cheapness with which it would be supplied to the inhabitants as compared with all other towns with which he was acquainted, and explained that the public valuation on which the rate of 1s. on domestic rate and 6d. for public rate was to be made was fully a third less than the actual rents now paid, although those rents were invariably low as compared with other similar towns, and that if a re-valuation took place the proposed domestic rate of 1s. would be only 8d. and the public rate of 6d. would be only 4d.

On examination and cross-examination, Mr. Hawksley stated emphatically that his experience of English railways enabled him to say that they were exempted from rating to the extent of three-fourths of the actual value of the line on which the rails were laid, and were rated only the one-fourth of the net annual value, but this exemption was altogether confined to the line on which the railway was constructed, and did not extend to any buildings belonging to the railway which were always rated to the full annual value, and that he was aware of several cases in which this point was tried in the superior courts, and it was invariably decided that the railways was only entitled to exemption on the actual line, and not at all upon the buildings. This latter portion of Mr. Hawksley's evidence was strongly objected to by Counsel for the petitioners, and the Committee requested to take no notice of the statement, as Mr. Hawksley had no judicial knowledge of those facts. Mr. Hawksley declined to give any opinion as to the definition of the word "House" as in the Bill, and said it was for their Lordships to decide, and the Committee refused to define it, and said it was a question for the superior courts.

The next witness examined was Mr. Hughes. He gave evidence as to the insufficiency of the present supply of water to the Town of Wexford; stated the number of houses in the town at present supplied with water, and the total number of houses in the town and number of inhabitants, and that from the present source. He gave evidence as to the bad quality of the water which the railway at present possessed, and explained that it originated in the vicinity of a graveyard at Coolcott, and supplied a steam-mill belonging to Mr. Rowe, where from the smallness of the supply it had to be passed a second time into his mill-pond, and then passed through privies before it reached the railway. He also gave evidence as to the length of time it was since the Railway Company commenced to construct their present waterworks, and that it was several months after the local inquiry in Wexford by Mr. Robinson.

The next witness examined was Alderman Greene. He deposed to the great want of water in the town both for domestic and sanitary purposes, and that this want was felt for a quarter of a century, and during that time several attempts were made for procuring it, but from various causes a Bill was never promoted on the subject until now.

On cross-examination a letter was produced addressed by him to Mr. Maunsell, the Secretary of the Railway Company, dated the 15th of the present month, expressing a wish for an amicable settlement on the basis of the clause allowed by the Dalkey Company as advised by counsel being conceded, on condition of the petition being withdrawn. Witness admitted the letter, and being asked if he was still of the same opinion that a reduction of one-fourth should be allowed the same as contained in the Dalkey clause, he stated that he was still of opinion that an amicable arrangement would have been desirable, but as to the particular terms of the Dalkey clause he had never seen the clause, and therefore could not more particularly answer the question; but he had written the letter immediately on his return home, having been in Dublin, and having heard that an offer of a clause had been made through the Parliamentary Agent in London, and the next day being the day for the meeting of the Railway Directors, he wished to apprise them of the fact and so facilitate an amicable settlement if possible, and that he wrote the letter in his private capacity and not on the part of the Corporation.

Mr. Timpson, Mayor, was the next and last witness examined. He deposed as to the great want of water for the town. He stated that he and others were sent over by the Corporation to support the Bill as it stands, and that he and the majority of the Corporation believed that the Railway Company had no right to any exemption whatever; that he had learned that the Company were drawing a revenue of £40,000 a year from the traffic afforded by the Town of Wexford, and that they should not have given the present opposition, and that if the present claim had been conceded others and much larger ratepayers might come forward and oppose the Bill in the House of Commons. He stated that at the inquiry held by Mr. Robinson the Railway Company did not appear, but other parties appeared and made some objections and made claims, which were to some conceded and

some arranged. He gave evidence as to the bad quality of the water now belonging to the Railway Company, which, to his own personal knowledge, passed through privies. He stated that the Railway Company had been offered a clause prepared by counsel, and rejected it.

No witnesses were produced on behalf of the petitioners, although our counsel, different times, challenged them to put Mr. Maunsell in the witness box that he might cross-examine him, and show that the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company had on other occasion, presented petitions seeking the same exemptions that they now claimed, and were on each occasion defeated.

The Chairman of Committee stated that the letter so much dwelt upon had no influence on the case, and that the issue depended entirely on the legal question as to whether the 62nd clause of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, providing a particular concession to railways should not be also extended to this Railway Company, and what particular case could be shown that this Company should be made an exception to the general rule.

The room was then cleared, and on re-admission it was announced by the Chairman that the Committee had decided that a clause should be added to the Bill to give the Railway Company the benefit of the 62nd section of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and requested counsel to submit such a clause for the approval of the Committee.

Mr. O'Hara, counsel for the petitioners, and Mr. Somerset, for Corporation, each submitted a clause, which clauses were each examined by the Committee, and Mr. O'Hara's clause was approved and ordered by the Committee to be added to the Bill as follows, viz:—Clause I. A rate of assessment in certain cases. "Any rate to be made under the Wexford Waterworks Order, 1875, by this Act confirmed shall be made, subject to the provisions of section 62 of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854."

The Parliamentary Agent has suggested that our own counsel's opinion be taken on the construction to be put on the 62nd section of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and interpretation clause, as to the words including houses, &c., his own opinion, and that of counsel, Mr. Somerset, being that the clause gives the Company no advantage unless reduction to one-fourth on the value of the land covered by their rails, and not including houses.

Agreed to be a correct statement.

London, 21st June, 1876.

WILLIAM TIMPSON, JUN., Mayor,
JOHN GREENE,
NATHANIEL HUGHES,
THOMAS M. O'LEARY.

The following is the clause submitted by the Parliamentary Agents of the Corporation to the Railway Company and rejected; and the same clause was submitted to the Committee of the House of Lords by Mr. Somerset, Counsel for the Corporation:—

"That nothing in the Act contained should alter or vary the provisions of the 62nd section of the Act of 1854, so far as related to rating for water purposes at Wexford."

13, Little Queen-street, Westminster,
London, June 28, 1876.

DEAR SIR—The Bill was read a third time in the House of Lords last night. Passed, and sent to the Commons.

It will be printed in a few days as introduced into the latter House, with, of course, the amendments made by the Lords. We will send you a print as soon as we can obtain it.

Yours faithfully,

MUGGERIDGE & BADHAM.

To Thomas M. O'Leary, Esq.

DEAR SIR—I beg to inform you that I did much extra work since my appointment of Town Surveyor for which I shall make no claim, provided the Council grant me a salary of £50 from the commencement of this year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, your faithful servant,

NICHOLAS MACDONNELL.

To William Timpson, Esq., jun., Mayor.

To be taken into consideration at a special meeting for the purpose.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
1st July, 1876.

SIR—With reference to previous correspondence, I am desirous by the Commissioners of Public Works to acquaint you that the Lords of the Treasury have, by letter dated the 29th ultimo, sanctioned a loan of one thousand pounds to the Corporation of Wexford for a new market place—to be repaid within twenty-five years with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

The Board have, accordingly, instructed their Solicitor to prepare the necessary mortgage deed.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

E. HORNBY, Secretary.

The Town Clerk, Wexford,

After most of the Members had left the room, Mr John Redmond submitted a letter offering to take £174 for making the Water table &c in Brinitz Street that is taking off from the sum of £25 that he tendered for on account of not being required to make the sewers. It was ordered to be submitted to the next Meeting.

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Wm Timpson jun
Mayor

3rd August 1876.

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at the hour of twelve o'clock noon to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) herein undermentioned: The passing of accounts. "Proceedings to be adopted in reference to Waterworks" and all other business that may be brought before the Meeting
Also to elect a Member of the Council to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Commissioners Board

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Jun^r Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Robert Stafford, John Joseph Walsh

Town Councillors - Martin Huggard, Joseph Lacy, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Edward Walsh William Armstrong; David Davis, Jasper W. Walsh Gerald O'B. Ryan, Philip Byrne and Joseph Connot.

Also present - Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer Nathaniel Hughes Pipe Water Superintendant and William Hughes Borough Rate Collector.

It was ordered

That the Town Clerk write to Mr Hawkeley & Co to inquire as to the best mode of proceeding to obtain money from the Board of Public Works and the other steps to be taken in order to proceed with the Water Works without unnecessary delay and to suggest to him whether it would not be necessary to have a detailed estimate and advertise for tenders before seeking to borrow the money

It was ordered

That Mr Lett Sealy Jeffares & Co. be added to the Works Committee and also to the Finance Committee

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by David Harris J. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the Bills now submitted as recommended by Finance Committee amount £ 288-16-2 be approved and cheques signed for payment. Mathew Duggan's Bill £ 3-3-0. for sewer in Trinity Street and John Redmond's Bill £ 17-0-0 for Water table in William and Trinity Streets being deducted and referred to Town Commissioners

Signed John Joseph Walsh
David Harris

The following resolution proposed by William Armstrong J. C. and seconded by Martin Huggard J. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That Alderman John J. Walsh be elected a Harbour Commissioners to represent this Corporation on the Harbour Commissioners Board for the ensuing year

Signed William Armstrong
Martin Huggard

The following resolution proposed by Lett Sealy Jeffares J. C. and seconded by Edward Walsh, J. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

The tenders be advertised for the following:-
To cleanse and scavage all streets, lanes and alleys trapped grates, and water tables within the Borough, and to keep the streets and quays watered when required
The Manner to belong to the Contractor
Security to be given for the due performance of said works,
Works Committee to advertise for tenders and lay same before next Meeting

Signed Lett Sealy Jeffares
E. Walsh

Letters were read from Very Rev. Canon Roche P. P. and from C. M. Herin Esq County Inspector. To be submitted again to Monthly Meeting of Town Commissioners on the 7th instant

The following Bills were submitted to the Meeting as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and now passed for payment viz:-

1	Thomas M. O'Leary. for quarter's salary as Town Clerk ending 31 st July 1876.	£ 8-2
2	Thomas Lacy. for quarter's salary as Borough Treasurer to do	23-2-6
3	Do for do Pipe Water Department- "	7-10-0
4	John Heaton. for do. as Mayor's Leicant- £4 and for cleansing Fire Engine £1-5-0 to do. "	2-10-0
5	Mary Jordan. for do. for cleansing Mayor's Office to do.	5-5-0
6	Nathaniel Hughes for do. as Pipe Water Superintendant. to do	0-10-0
7	Thomas M. O'Leary. for do as Executive Sanitary Officer to do ^{July 1876}	13-15-0
8	Robert J. Leman. for do. as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do	5-0-0
9	John Heaton for do. as Sub-Sanitary Officer. to do.	3-15-0
10	Thomas M. O'Leary. Town Clerk for cash advanced by him to pay sundry small accounts "	5-0-0
11	Mathew Duggan for making sewer in Trinity Street	3-2-2
12	John Redmond. for making Water table at Trinity Street	3-3-6
13	Henry Connors for coal for Mayor's Office	17-0-0
14	Gas Consumers' Company for 6 months gas for Mayor's Office to 30 th June 1876. " " "	2-12-0
15	Gas Consumers' Company for seasons gas to 1 st January 1876	0-12-5
16	Nathaniel Hughes for cash advanced for Pipe Water Works	133-12-6
17	William Hughes. for commission on collection of £134-12-3 Borough Rate at 5 per cent- " " "	14-17-4
18	People Office for printing " " "	6-16-9

£ 248-19-8

Referred to Meeting of Town Commissioners on Monday 7th August 1876

11	Mathew Duggan for making sewer in Trinity Street	3-3-6
12	John Redmond for making Water table at Trinity Street	17-0-0

Recommended for payment £ 228-16-2

List of Payments
made by Finance Committee since last Quarterly Meeting
1st May 1876

James Murphy for cleansing Streets for 14 weeks	£ - S - d
ending July 22 nd 1876, " " "	42 - 0 - 0
William Bishop for acting as Poll Clerk at election of Town Councillors 6 th May 1876 " "	1 - 1 - 0

William Simpson Junr
Mayor.

25th August 1876.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Tholsel at twelve o'clock noon. To consider suggestions in a letter received from Mr Hawksley and a report from Mr Finlay Auditor, to the Local Government Board relative to his late Audit ~~and~~

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Jun^r. Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - John Simmott, John Greene, John Joseph Walsh and James M. Vicary

Town Councillors - David Harris, Gerald O'B. Ryan, Joseph Connors, Philip Byrne, R. D. Walker, William Armstrong, and Jasper W. Walsh.

Also present - Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer Nicholas Macdonnell Town Surveyor William Hughes Borough Rate Collector R. W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor
Mr Hawksley's letter to the Town Clerk dated 14th August 1876 was read before the Meeting.
The following resolution Proposed by Jasper W. Walsh J. C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:

Resolved

That a Committee of such members of the Council ~~and~~ may find it convenient will with the Town Surveyor and the Pipe Water Superintendant proceed to Coolree stream to ascertain the minimum quantity of water given by the stream in the dry weather to leave and meet at Keatings Mill at five o'clock this evening

signed { Jasper W. Walsh
James M. Vicary

The following resolution proposed by Gerald O'B. Ryan J.C. and seconded by Alderman Greene was passed viz:

Resolved

That Mr Macdonnell be hereby instructed to proceed at once to make the enlarged survey for the new waterworks on a scale of two chains to an inch. Suggested by Mr Hawksley

signed { Gerald O'B. Ryan J.C.
John Greene

The following resolution proposed by David Harris J.C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:

Resolved

That a Committee consisting of Alderman Greene and Town Councillors Jasper W. Walsh David Harris, and William Armstrong be appointed to draw up a report to the Local Government Board respecting the disallowance of the expenses incurred in connection with the Lord Lieutenant's late visit to Wexford and asking that same be reconsidered and also respecting the disallowance for the deputation to London

signed { David Harris
James M. Vicary

An account of 12/7½ for Stationery was handed in from representations of the late Thomas Prendergast and it was ordered

That the Town Clerk pay same

It was also ordered

That the Town Clerk be instructed to get in all accounts for expenses incurred in connection with the New Water Works and to lay same before next meeting and forward printed abstracts of same with notice of the Meeting.

William Simpson

4th September, 1896.

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the ^{Shol}shel at Twelve o'clock noon "To receive tenders for scavenging the streets" and "To consider proceedings to be taken in reference to Waterworks" and accounts received in connection with same

The following members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson, Junr. Esq. Mayor, in the chair.

Aldermen.-James M. Vicary, John Simmott and John Greene.

Town Councillors.- Robert D. Walker, Peter Murphy, Joseph Lacy, David Harris, Edward Walsh, Michael Delaney, Philip Byrne, Jasper W. Walsh, Lett Sealy Jeffares, and Joseph O'Connor.

Also present.- Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer, William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector, Thomas Blaney, Rate Collector, and Nathaniel Hughes Lipe Water Superintendant.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following tenders for scavenging the streets were laid before the Meeting, and were opened and read as follows.

From James Murphy, of Green Street proposing to Scavenge and keep clean all the streets, lanes and alleys under control of the Corporation within the Borough boundaries including all the trapped grates and waterstables and to water the streets and quays when necessary, for twelve months from the first of November next for the sum of four pounds per week, the manure to be his property and offering as sureties Mathew Kelly of Cromwellfort and Patrick Doyle of Redinagh.

^{up}From ^{up}Thomas Hughes, of John Street proposing to do the same work on the same terms, and Messrs ^{up}Thomas Kelly and John Dume, of John Street offering themselves as his sureties in the sum of £20,

^{up}From Thomas Deegan, of Corkmarket proposing to scavenge and keep clean all the streets, lanes and alleys within the Borough boundaries under the control of the Corporation, including all the trapped grates and water tables and to water the streets and quays when necessary for twelve months from the first of November next at £3-10-0 per week and the manure to be his property and offering as his securities Messrs Paul Carroll, of Corkmarket and Michael J. O'Connor of Main Street,

^{up}The following resolution proposed by Lett Sealy Jeffares and seconded by Alderman Greene, was passed viz:

Resolved

that ^{up}Thomas Deegan's tender for scavenging and watering the streets at three pounds ten shillings per week be approved of, no payment to be made unless on the certificate of the ^{up}Town Surveyor the usual bond and security to be given by the Contractor

Signed { Lett S. Jeffares
John Greene

^{up}The Town Clerk submitted to the Meeting the following list of claims and liabilities of the Corporation in reference to the proposed new Waterworks; as furnished to him up to this date, viz:

	£. S. d
Messrs Muggieridge and Badham, London, Parliamentary Agents	223-9-0
Mr M ^{rs} Dornell, L.E., for costs of surveying and Engineering, including cash paid by him to assistant Engineers &c	207-0-1
Carried forward	£ 430-9-1

Brought forward £430-9-1

Mr Lacy, Borough Treasurer, for taking references and serving notices upon owners, &c. including travelling expenses to Dublin &c twice	21-5-6
Mr Nathl. Hughes, for eight days attendance, assisting Mr Hawksley, and Mr M ^c . Donnell, in examining and measuring the streams at 15/- a day	6-0-0
West Gate Hotel for Car hire	11-14-6
Mr James London, for engrossing Memorial and schedules	2-0-0
Messrs Simpson, Greene, N. Hughes and O'Leary, sent to London, as witnesses at £12 each	48-0-0
"Wexford People" for advertising	3-0-0
"Wexford Constitution" do.	3-0-0
"Wexford Independant" do. £3. and Printing £4-2-6	7-2-6
Johnson & Co London for books of reference	25-14-6
Mr Gerald O'B. Ryan, Solicitor for Notices	1-15-10
Mr Pierce Ryan, for valuing Mills and premises for Waterworks	10-10-0

Bills furnished but not paid £570-11-11

Messrs Maclure and M ^c . Donnell of London were paid for Lithographs	5-0-18-3
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£ 621-10-2

Mr Hawksley Consulting Engineer and Mr R. W. Ryan, Solicitor to Waterworks have not yet furnished their accounts

The foregoing are the entire of the accounts against the new Waterworks, except some small items for Telegrams to and from London

A draft Bond forwarded by the Board of Public Works, to secure payment of £1000 proposed to be borrowed for the erection of a new market in the Bulring, with interest at the rate of five per cent. payable in twenty-five years by fifty half yearly instalments was read by the Mayor.

The following resolution proposed by David Harris ^{Esq.} and seconded by Alderman Vicary, was passed. viz:-

Resolved

That the draft Bond, submitted by the Board of Public Works be hereby approved of

Signed { David Harris
James M. Vicary

James M. Vicary Mayor & C.

9th October, 1876,

At a Special Meeting of the Council in pursuance of the Mayors requisition This day in the Hotel called for twelve o'clock (and held immediately after Meeting of Town Commissioners) "To consider steps to be taken in reference to new Waterworks and Town Councillor Murphy's notice with reference to contracts.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

James M. Vicary, Esq. Alderman in the chair

Alderman - John Simmott.

Town Councillors - Robert D. Walker Peter Murphy, Michael Delaney, Edward Walsh, Martin Huggard, Joseph Lacy, Jasper W. Walsh, John J. Harpur, Lett Sealy Jeffares, and Joseph O'Connor.

Also present - Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector, and Rodolphus W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

It was Ordered

That the Town Clerk write officially to Mr Hawksley & Co. Consulting Engineer for the new Waterworks and Rodolphus W. Ryan Esq. Solicitor for same requesting of them to furnish their accounts against the Waterworks up to the present time.

The following resolution proposed by Robert D. Walker Esq. and seconded by Martin Huggard Esq. was passed viz:

Resolved

That our Town Clerk be hereby instructed to take the necessary steps for applying to the Board of

Public Works for a Loan of twenty thousand pounds for the erection of the new Waterworks and to embody in application a request for an instalment of the Loan to meet preliminary expenses as already incurred

signed { Robert D. Walker
 { Mr. Auggard

The following resolution proposed by Peter Murphy Esq. C. and seconded by Michael Delaney Esq. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That previous to entering into any contract for goods or materials to be supplied, work to be done or any engagement made with employers in connection with the Waterworks, where payment for the former shall amount to the sum of ten pounds or the latter shall exceed that of one pound five shillings per week. Tenders for such shall be invited through the local papers and general advertiser

signed { Peter Murphy
 { Michael Delaney

The following resolution proposed by John J. Harper Esq. C. and seconded by Joseph O'Connor Esq. C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the Town Clerk be hereby instructed to order from Shand and Mason of London a canvass water cistern for Fire Engine

signed { John J. Harper
 { Joseph O'Connor

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Tenant's defence Association requesting the Corporation to appoint a deputation from its body to attend a conference to be held in Dublin

There was no notice taken of the Communication

The Town Clerk submitted Bills of twelve pounds each from the four witnesses sent to London in support of the Provisional Order for Waterworks which had been opposed on the part of the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company and stated that it was a legal payment and would be sanctioned by the Auditor, but although taken now from the Borough Fund account, it could be recouped back to that fund as soon as a loan was obtained for the new waterworks.

Some Members considered that those bills should be now paid, and others expressed a wish to have the payment deferred and the matter not being pressed the subject was left in abeyance for the present.

A pamphlet was laid before the meeting in advocacy of legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister and a form of petition in favor of that object, but no notice was taken of the letter or petition.

William Lingson J
Mayor

1st November, 1896,

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon, To pass accounts To consider an Estimate to be submitted of expenses to be provided for in the ensuing year and the settling of a rate to meet those expenses. Also to take into consideration a Memorial to the Commissioners of Public Works for a Loan of twenty thousand pounds for the erection of the new Waterworks and for an instalment to be paid on account of same to defray expenses in connection therewith already incurred and all such business as may be brought before the Meeting

The following Members of the Council attended

William Simpson Junr. Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen. James M. Vicary, John Greene, John J. Walsh, and Robert Stafford.

Town Councillors. Gerald O'Brien, Ryan, Robert D. Walker, Joseph Lacy, John Hinton Edward Walsh, Philip Byrne, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Michael Delaney, James P. Devereux, Peter Murphy, Martin Huggard, and Jasper W. Walsh.

Also present. Messrs Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer, William Hughes Borough Rate collector

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by James P. Devereux. Esq. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the accounts now submitted as recommended by Finance Committee amount £ 261. 2. 10 be approved and Cheques signed for payment

Signed { John Joseph Walsh
James P. Devereux

The following resolution proposed by Martin Huggard *et. al.* and seconded by Gerald O'B. Ryan *et. al.* was passed viz:

Resolved

That the following days and hours be now fixed for the holding of Quarterly Meetings previous to the first day of November next viz: On Thursday the first day February 1877, in the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon. On Thursday the third day of May, 1877, in the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon. On Thursday the second day of August 1877, in the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon

Signed { Martin Huggard *et. al.*
Gerald O'B. Ryan

The following resolution proposed by Joseph Lacy *et. al.* and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:

Resolved

That this Council hereby approve of the appointment of Mr Michael J. O'Connor of Main Street North, by Mr Thomas Martin Borough Assessor, as his deputy to act for him as Borough Assessor, during the remainder of his year of Office in the event of the illness or absence of Mr Thomas Martin.

Signed { Joseph Lacy
James M. Vicary

The following resolution proposed by Joseph Lacy *et. al.* and seconded by Edward Walsh *et. al.* was passed viz:

Resolved

That the following committees be appointed for the ensuing year viz:

Finance Committee

Alderman. James M. Vicary

Town Councillors. Lett Sealy Jeffares, William Timpson Junr, Joseph Lacy, John J. Harpur, David O'aris, William Armstrong

Works Committee

Aldermen. James M. Vicary, John J. Walsh and John Simmott,

Town Councillors. Jasper W. Walsh, William Simpson Junr.
 Lett Sealy Jeffares, John J. Harpur, Robert D. Walker, Michael
 Delaney, William Armstrong, David Harris and Joseph Connor
 Lamp, Pipewater and Sanitary Committees to be composed
 of the whole Board

signed { Joseph Lacy
 { Edward Walsh

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Walsh, and
 seconded by Philip Byrne T.C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Estimate of expenses for the ensuing
 year now submitted be approved and that a Borough Rate
 of tenpence in the pound sterling be now struck for the
 ensuing year's expenses and paying of debts now due

signed { John Joseph Walsh
 { Philip Byrne

The following resolution proposed by Robert D. Walker T.C.
 and seconded by Alderman Greene, was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Memorial to the Commissioners of Public
 Works in Ireland seeking for a Loan of £ 20,000, for the
 new Waterworks, as now read be adopted, and signed by
 the Mayor and Town Clerk on behalf of this Council and
 that the Town Clerk forward same to the Local Government
 Board in Dublin with a request that the Board will
 recommend the prayer of the Memorial to the Board of Public
 Works and to the Lords of the Treasury

signed { Robert D. Walker
 { John Greene

The following resolution proposed by James P. Devereux T.C. and
 seconded by Gerald O.B. Ryan, T.C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Town Clerk write to Mr Casey of Enniscorthy and
 inform him that this Council requires that he will pay the sum of
 six pounds, being one pound per day for the six days that he used the
 Town Hall for the sale by auction and exposure for sale of furniture

signed { James P. Devereux
 { Gerald O.B. Ryan

Previous to the passing of the resolution for paying the Bills as approved by Finance Committee amount £309. 2. 10. including £48. for expenses of Witnesses sent to London in support of the Provisional Order for Waterworks it was suggested by Alderman Walsh that this sum of £48 be not paid at present, but left to be paid out of the first instalment of money borrowed for the Waterworks, which was resisted by the Mayor and a poll taken to ascertain the decision of the Council on the subject when the following voted with Alderman Walsh for deferring the payment. viz: Alderman Stafford, Town Councillors. Peter Murphy Martin Huggard Robert D. Walter, Joseph Lacy, Edward Walsh and James P. Devereux.

The following voted for immediate payment viz: Alderman Vicary and Town Councillor. John Hinton. The other members present declined to vote.

Alderman Walsh's proposal was declared carried

Mr David Leonard of Main Street South made application that pipewater should be supplied to his house and

It was Ordered

That pipewater be supplied to the house of Mr David Leonard of Main Street South, he paying the expense of putting the water pipe into his premises

A letter was submitted to the Meeting from the Alliance Fire and Life Insurance Company to the Agent here Samuel Johnson Esq. in reference to an application from the Town Council for a contribution towards the expenses of a Fire Brigade, stating that the company had already subscribed £36. 6. 8 towards the purchase of the Fire Engine and could not reasonably be expected to subscribe towards the expenses of a Brigade which ought to be provided for by the Corporation but that the company would not object to make a payment for the wages of the men when they attend at a Fire where the Company was interested and declining to contribute in any other way.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary and seconded by James P. Devereux &c. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That this Meeting do stand adjourned to this day
Month

Signed { James M. Vicary
James P. Devereux

It was Ordered

That the adjournment agreed upon this day be from day to day on notice by the Town Clerk in the case of Mr Hawksley &c. coming to Wexford.

Particulars of Bills submitted to Meeting for payment is recommended by Finance Committee and now approved by resolution. Amount £ 261-2-10.

	£ - s - d.
1 Thomas M. O'Leary for quarters salary as Town Clerk ending 31 st October, 1876,	22-2-6
2 Thomas Lacy for do. as Borough Treasurer to do	7-10-0
3 Do for do Pipe-Water Department to do	2-10-0
4 John Hession for do as Mayor's Sergeant £4 and for cleansing Fire Engine £1-5s to do.	5-5-0
5 Mary Jordan, for do. for cleansing Mayors Office to do	0-10-0
6 Thomas M. O'Leary, for do. as Executive Sanitary Officer to 5 th October 1876.	5-0-0
7 Robert J. Breane M. D. for do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do.	3-15-0
8 Nathaniel Hughes for do. Pipewater Department to	13-15-0
9 John Hession for do as Sub-Sanitary Officer to do	5-0-0
10 Thomas M. O'Leary for cash advanced by him as Town Clerk to pay sundry small accounts	4-0-7 1/2
11 William Hughes. for poundage on collecting £ 35-4s Borough Rate at 5 per cent	1-15-6
12 "Wexford Independant" for advertisement	2-11-0
13 "Wexford People" for advertising and printing.	4-1-0

Carried forward

£ 78-15-7 1/2

Brought forward £ 78-15-7½

- 14 "Wexford Constitution" for advertising. 2-10-0
 15 Do for printing handbills. 18-6
 16 Nathaniel Hughes, for lease advanced by him, for
 leaden pipe and workmanship for bringing
 water to Upper Georges Street 24-7-9
 17 Do for do for sundry works. 15-4-1½
 18 Chand and Mason, London, for canvass cistern for
 Fire Engine 3-3-2
 19 John Kullen for oil for Fire Engine &c 1-2-2
 20 Ellen Murphy for years rent of Manure Depot in
 the Haythe to 1st November, 1876. 2-10-0
 21 Gas Consumers' Company for season's gas from 1st
 January to 1st May, 1876. 133-12-6

£ 262-3-10

Deducted from Bill from "People" Office £ 1. and
 "Independant" Office 1½ for extra charge of advertisement
 beyond charge of "Constitution" price. 1-1-0

£ 261-2-10

List of Payments.

Made by Finance Committee for Council from 3rd August
 to 31st October, 1876

£ -s-d.

James Murphy for cleansing &c Streets for 14 weeks
 and 2 days from 22nd July to 31st October
 1876, at £ 3. per week. £ 48-0-0

Deducting £ 1-13-0 for work
 neglected by him

1-13-0
 41-7-0

41-7-0

Board of Public Works on account of expenses of
 Loan of £ 1,000 applied for
 David Curran for repairs of Corporate Buildings 6-0-0
 16-5

Total

£ 48-3-5

Estimate of the expenses necessary for carrying out the charter of Incorporation of the town of Wexford for the year 1877

		£	s	d	£	s	d
1876	To years instalment on £450 due Board of Public Works and interest thereon				41	0	0
"	To amount of Gas rent now due				267	5	0
"	To amount of Gas rent chargeable the 1 st day of May 1877				267	5	0
"	To amount for cleansing and watering for the ensuing year				182	0	0
"	To printing and Stationery for ensuing year				40	0	0
"	To expenses attendant on Fire Engine				15	0	0
"	To Town Clerk's salary and Mr Vicary's Superannuation				92	10	0
"	To Mr O'Leary, as Sanitary Officer				20	0	0
"	To Doctor hereon for Sanitary purposes				15	0	0
"	To Treasurer's salary chargeable to this fund				30	0	0
"	To John Heaton, Mayor's Sergeant and Sanitary Officer				41	0	0
"	To woman for cleaning Mayor's Office				2	0	0
"	To woman for cleaning Fish Market				5	4	0
"	To livery for Mayor's Sergeant				5	0	0
"	To meals for Mayor's Office				3	10	0
"	To Ellen Murphy for Manure Depot				2	10	0
"	To repairs of Corporate Buildings				20	0	0
					1047	4	0
"	By years rent of Bullring Market Ground	50	0	0			
"	By years rent of Town Hall and Market House	18	8	6			
"	By years rent charge, deducting Poor Rate &c	4	10	6			
"	By years Quilt rent, deducting Income tax	6	15	0			
"	By years Poor Rate and Income tax allowable	26	0	0			
		100	14	0			
"	Sanitary Offices and Board of Public Works	33	13	4			
"	Gross amount of Corporate Income	323	0	0			
"	Amount of Dog Licenses	22	16	0			
"	Profit from Fish Market	2	15	4			
		382	4	8			
	Deduct liabilities as above	100	14	0			
		281	10	8	281	10	0
	Amount to be liquidated by Borough Rate				2767	13	0

Estimate of the amount of Revenue derivable from the Pipewater Rent deducting the years charge on same

				£-s-d	£-s-d
1876	Probable amount of Income for the ensuing year			200	0 0
"	Years rent of Pipe fields from Mr William T. Rossiter			11	1 6
				211	1 6
"	By years Head rent of Pipe fields,	30	0 0		
"	By years Head rent of Passage to Reservoir	4	0 0		
"	By Superintendants Salary	55	0 0		
"	By Treasurer's Salary	10	0 0		
"	By Rent collector's commission	10	0 0		
		109	0 0	109	0 0
	Balance likely to be absorbed in the Waterworks of the ensuing year			102	1 6

William Simpson J
Mayor

To the Honourable the Board of Public
Works in Ireland

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of
the Borough of Wexford, being the Urban Sanitary
Authority within Said Borough,

Respectfully Sheweth,

That the town of Wexford is an important Seaport, with
over 12,000 inhabitants; that it is the terminus of Railways
from Dublin, Kilkenny, and other places, and is increasing
in population; and the value of property as shown by
returns from the Government Valuation Office, its present
net annual value being £15,796..5..0, whereas in the year 1869
it was but £15,074..1..0.

The town and borough of Wexford has for many years
past been suffering from an insufficient supply of water
for domestic and Sanitary purposes. The present Waterworks,
which were constructed about eighty years ago, are under
the control of the Corporation and managed like a private water
Company, giving water by agreement to those who pay for it,
and obliged to refuse many applications from persons wishing
to be supplied in consequence of the scarcity of the supply of
water, whilst those who do not get the pipewater only get a
precarious supply of water, not of the best quality, from wells
and pumps which fail altogether in dry weather, when great
distress is felt from the want of a sufficient supply of pure water,
to the detriment of the health of the inhabitants.

That the financial resources of the Borough being very
limited in consequence of the greater part of the Corporate estates
having been alienated a long time back, leaving only a gross
rental of £323, and after deducting head rents and taxes leaves
but an average net rental of little over £200 per annum, so that
all expenses, including sanitary expenses, have to be defrayed
chiefly by rates. That the Council being anxious to tax the town
as lightly as possible, tried every expedient for increasing the
supply of water without resorting to the expense of getting

extensive Waterworks, but all those expedients proving ineffectual, the inhabitants called upon the Corporation to take steps for procuring an adequate supply of water, whereupon an eminent engineer - Mr. Thomas Hawksley, of London - was consulted, and ^{an} application duly made to the Local Government Board, and by directions of the Board a public inquiry was held before Henry Robinson, Esq., in March, 1875, when upon his report a Provisional Order was made conferring powers on the Corporation to erect Waterworks for the town of Wexford, with power to levy a public water rate of sixpence in the pound on all property within the Borough, and a domestic water rate of one shilling in the pound on all inhabited houses, which two rates would produce an annual income of over £900 per annum, to which would be added an income to be derived from water supplied by agreement for manufacturing purposes, all of which is included in the Provisional Order, together with borrowing powers and power to take land and water otherwise than by agreement, which Order received the Sanction of Parliament on the 24th July, 1876.

That the estimated Cost of the proposed new Waterworks by Mr. Hawksley is £18,500, to which some expenses have to be added, so that it is believed that it is necessary to borrow £20,000 to cover the entire of the cost of obtaining the Confirmed Provisional Order, of paying compensation for land and water rights and construction of the works. That in the last year notice was given of the intention of this Corporation to apply for a loan of £20,000 in the present year for the construction of those Waterworks, and that this Corporation being now desirous to have the Waterworks constructed with as little delay as possible hereby now beg leave to request that the Board of Public Works in Ireland will lend to this Corporation the required sum of £20,000 for the construction of those waterworks on the terms specified in the 43^d Section of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1874, by mortgage on the rates authorised by the said Provisional Order, and if necessary any or all other rates and property that this

Corporation is possessed of or entitled to make, and which are at present chargeable with a mortgage of £500 obtained from your Board to pay for the purchase of ground for a Market, and to be charged with another mortgage of £1,000 already sanctioned for the erection of new Markets, and that on the application for said mortgages the property of the Corporation and the rates that the Corporation are entitled to raise were fully detailed to your Board, and continue at present the same as detailed in the application for the loan of £1,000.

That in consequence of the very limited amount of Corporate property it is respectfully requested that your honourable Board will grant this loan of £20,000 now sought for, with the easiest terms of repayment and extending over the longest term that your Board may consider it proper to allow, and repayable either by fixed annual or half yearly instalments, or converted into an annuity for the longest term that your Board may consider right. And Memorialists further beg leave to request that an instalment of said loan to the amount of £1,500 may be advanced by your Board in the first instance to pay expenses already incurred, and the remainder in such instalments as may be required.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation
of Wexford at a Meeting held this first
day of November, 1876, when this Memorial
was unanimously adopted

Signed,

William Simpson, junr. Mayor

Thomas M. O'Leary, Town Clerk

(Seal)

