

14 November, 1886

At a Meeting of the Council as by adjournment from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant held this evening in the Town Hall at seven o'clock To meet Mr Hawksley and to transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting.

The following members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Junr Esq Mayor in the chair

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

Town Councillors - Robert D. Walker, David Harris, Joseph Lacy, Martin Huggard, John Hinton, Lett Sealy Jeffares, John J. Harpur, and Jasper W. Walsh,

Also present. R. W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor, Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, William Hughes, Borough Rate collector, and Nathaniel Hughes Pipewater Superintendant.

Mr Hawksley was also present.

The Town Clerk read two letters from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of Memorial from the Corporation asking a loan of £20,000, from the Board of Public Works for the new Waterworks, and stating that it was necessary to submit Plans Estimates and Specifications of the proposed works

The Mayor read a letter from Town Councillor Philip Byrne tendering his resignation as a Councillor for St Ibbinus Ward.

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

Resolved

That the resignation of Town Councillor Philip Byrne

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now read be accepted with great regret for the loss of his  
valuable services as a member of this Council

signed { M. Huggard  
Rob. P. Walker.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary  
and seconded by John J. Harpur, Esq., was passed viz:  
Resolved

That this Meeting do now stand adjourned to Eleven  
o'clock on tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Town Hall

signed { James M. Vicary  
John J. Harpur

William Simpson J  
Mayor



15<sup>th</sup> November, 1886,

At an adjourned Meeting of the Council (from yesterday evening) to confer with Mr Hawkeley on the subject of carrying out the new waterworks.

The following Members of the Council attended vizt  
William Simpson Junr Esq Mayor in the chair

Aldermen- James M. Vicary John Simmott and John Greene  
Town Councillors, John Hinton, David Harris, Jasper W. Walsh, Martin Huggard, and Robert D. Walter

Also present Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor  
Nathaniel Hughes Pipewater Superintendant William Hughes, Borough Rate collector, and Thomas Lary Borough Treasurer.

Mr Hawkeley & Co. Consulting Engineer to the waterworks was in attendance and explained to the Meeting that from information he had received the limit of their capital for the erection of the waterworks, and all expenses connected with it, including the expenses of obtaining the Act of Parliament the payment of compensation for mills and land and engineering expenses &c was £20,000, and on due consideration he had come to the conclusion that they would have but £14,000 or thereabouts to expend in the erection of the works, and that he should adopt plans suitable to the circumstances. He calculated however that the plans he would propose would afford 300,000 gallons per day in the driest weather which would be sufficient to supply a population of 13,000, or 14,000 people. However with the sum at their disposal they could not have filter beds nor a storage reservoir, and he stated that the want of a service reservoir would be felt chiefly in the early morning hours when everybody would be drawing from a reservoir three miles distant instead of from one close at hand.



pressure was maintained by main W.S.

and thereby causing a diminished pressure of twenty or thirty feet and in effect you will have a very good second class Waterworks instead of first class Waterworks. Mr Hawksley further stated that <sup>W.S.</sup> filter beds were not absolutely necessary <sup>W.S.</sup> as the Water was exceedingly pure he stated that the mains would be ten inch pipes which would be always full and that it would require for the reservoir, but it would be necessary to purchase sixteen to eighteen acres to provide for drainage and access to the reservoir and he further remarked that when they got richer they could provide all that would be deficient in the present plan

After some further discussion

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh &c. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:-

Resolved

That drawings, specifications and estimates required by the Local Government Board in their letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. for the Waterworks, be provided by Mr Hawksley and Mr Macdonnell as soon as practicable and submitted to the Corporation previous to being transmitted to the Local Government Board

Signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
James M. Vicary

William Simpson J  
Mayor



24<sup>th</sup> November, 1876.

At a Meeting of the Council held this day in the Hall at Twelve o'clock noon. To consider applications made for payment of signers of cheques for sums disallowed by the Auditor at his last Audit.

The following members of the Council attended

William Simpson Junr. Esq. Mayor in the chair.

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

Town Councillors - Joseph Lacy, Martin Huggard, Edward Walsh, Michael Delaney, John J. Harpur, Jasper W. Walsh, John Hinton, David Harris, and James P. Devereux.

names to inserted in minutes, but members of office

Also present R. W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor William Hughes Borough Rate collector, and Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer, Robert H. Cooper, Richard Fortune, John Redmond, Peter Cassin, Patrick Cornors, and Thomas O'Keeffe. W.J.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman John J. Walsh and seconded by James P. Devereux Esq. was passed ~~un~~ having voted for the resolution and four against viz:-

Resolved

That the Local Government Board are hereby requested to hold an inquiry into those payments of the Corporation surcharges by Mr. Sinlay at the last Audit as provided for by the Local Government Act.

Signed { John Joseph Walsh  
James P. Devereux

William Simpson Junr  
Mayor



25<sup>th</sup> November, 1896,

At an election held this day in the Town Hall for Aldermen and councillors in place of Aldermen and councillors going out of Office by rotation as follows

In St Selskar Ward

Alderman - James M. Vicary.

Town councillors - David Harris and John Hinton

In St Berus Ward.

Alderman - John Simmott.

Town councillors - William Timpson Junr and Edward Walsh. Philip Byrne went out of Office by resignation

In St Mary's Ward.

Alderman - Richard Joseph Devereux.

Town councillors - Jasper M. Walsh, and James P. Devereux. Mr Murphy went out of office as a councillor by resignation

In St Selskar Ward.

Alderman John Greene presided.

James M. Vicary having been duly nominated as Alderman and no other person having been nominated he was thereby declared duly elected.

Four persons were nominated for Election as Town councillors for this Ward viz:

David Harris, John Hinton, Robert Heath Cooper and John Cardiff, and an Election was held by Ballot with the following result viz:



Mr David Harris.	48 votes
" John Hinton	47 "
" Robert Heath Cooper	39 "
" John Cardiff	14 "

At the close of the Poll David Harris and John Hinton were declared duly elected as Town Councillors for this Ward.

In Saint Iverius Ward.

Alderman John Joseph Walsh presided.

John Simmott having been duly nominated as Alderman and William Simpson Junr and Edward Walsh, as Town Councillors and no other persons having been nominated they were thereby declared duly elected William Devereux replaced Philip Byrne.

In St Mary's Ward.

William Simpson Junr Mayor presided.

Peter Murphy having been duly nominated as Alderman and Jasper H. Walsh and James P. Devereux as Town Councillors and no other persons having been nominated they were thereby declared duly elected, ~~Mr~~ Richard Fortune replaced Peter Murphy

on the 13 December 1870

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27<sup>th</sup> November, 1896,

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day at the Tholsel at two o'clock afternoon. For perfection of Deed of Mortgage of £1000. for Market place, and to consider the subject of forming a Fire Brigade. All letters received since last Meeting will be submitted

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Junr. Esq. Mayor in the chair.

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

Town Councillors - David Harris, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Gerald O.B. Ryan, John J. Harpur, John Hinton Robert D. Walker, Michael Delaney, Edward Walsh, and William Devereux,

The Deed of Mortgage was submitted to the Meeting and read,

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

Resolved

That the Deed and draft Deed of Mortgage to the Board of Public Works, for the <sup>sum of</sup> £1,000 for a new Market place, be handed over to our Solicitor for his consideration and approval, and that this Meeting stand adjourned to this evening at 1/4 past four o'clock

Signed { Robert D. Walker  
John Simmott

William Simpson Jr  
Mayor



Monday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1896.

At an adjourned Special Meeting of the Council from this morning, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held at the Hotel, at 1/4 past four o'clock afternoon, for perfection of Deed of Mortgage of £1,000, for Market place, and to consider the subject of forming a Fire Brigade. All letters received since last Meeting will be submitted.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Junr Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - John Greene, and James M. Vicary.

Town Councillors - David Harris, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Gerald O'B. Ryan, John J. Harpur, John Hinton, and Robert D. Walker.

Also present, A. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer, William Hughes Borough Rate collector.

The following resolution proposed by James M. Vicary Esq. and seconded by John Greene Ald was passed viz:

Resolved,

That our corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage, and Memorial which has been read at this Meeting dated twenty seventh day of November 1896, for securing repayment for the sum of one thousand pounds proposed to be advanced to us by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

Signed { James M. Vicary  
John Greene

The following resolution proposed by Town Councillor Walker and seconded by Town Councillor Hinton was passed viz:

Resolved

That the advances be from time to time made to us by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland on foot of the Deed of Mortgage for one thousand pounds shall be lodged by said Commissioners in the National Bank Wexford to our account, and that the requisitions for such advance shall be intimated by the Mayor for the time being and countersigned by the Town Clerk

Signed { Robert D. Walker  
John Hinton

Ordered

That the Town Clerk embody in the notice for next Meeting of Town Commissioners to have arrangements made for providing a Fire Brigade

Ordered

That Mr Casey's cheque for three pounds be taken in part payment of six pounds, and Mr Casey to be written to by the Town Clerk, for the balance, and sued for same in case of non-payment.

William Simpson  
Mayor



1<sup>st</sup> December, 1896

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall, at Twelve o'clock, noon, "To take into consideration or transact the business as may be hereunder mentioned, The Election of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, and such other business as may be brought before the Meeting, including the advertising for a Contractor to erect the new Market, and the enforcing of a disputed Borough-rate, The Election of Mayor to be the first business to be proceeded with pursuant to the statute.

The following Members of the Council attended, viz;—

William Simpson, junr., Esq. Mayor, in the Chair  
Aldermen—James M. Vicary, John Greene, John Joseph Walsh, Robert Stafford, and Peter Murphy.

Town Councillors—Peter Symmott, Joseph O'Connor, William Devereux, John J. Harpur, David Faris, John Hinton, William Armstrong, Jasper W. Walsh, Robert B. Walker, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Joseph Lacy, Gerald O'B. Ryan, and James P. Devereux.

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

The Minutes of Meetings of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1896, were read and

The Plans, Estimates, and Specification for the new Market-place were laid before the Meeting.

The Resignation of Peter Murphy, Esq., as Town Commissioner was also submitted to the Meeting.



The following Resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary, and seconded by James P. Devereux, J.C., was passed, viz:-

Resolved - That Alderman John Joseph Walsh be elected Mayor for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed, and shall have accepted office

Signed { James M. Vicary  
James P. Devereux

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

Resolved - That George Jacob, Esq. <sup>Land</sup> Agent for the representatives of the late John Goodall, Esq. having refused to pay a Borough Rate of eight shillings imposed on a half annual rent of Chapel and yard at Bride street for rate made 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1845, and signed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1846. it is hereby ordered that our Solicitor take legal proceedings for recovery of same.

Signed { John J. Warpeau.  
Lett S. Jeffares

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

Resolved - That resignation of Peter Murphy, Esq. as Town Councillor of St. Mary's Ward be accepted.

Signed { John Hinton, J.C.  
William Armstrong, J.C.

The following Resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary and seconded by John Hinton, J.C., was passed, viz:-

Resolved - That Alderman Murphy and Town Councillors Jasper W. Walsh and William Armstrong be appointed a Committee to receive plans and prepare advertisement for Contractor for the erection of the new Market, to be submitted to a Special Meeting of the Council for approval.

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Signed { James M. Vicary  
John Hinton



It was Ordered - The Committee appointed this day for preparation of plans, &c. for Market-Place be authorised to employ Mr. Robert Simmott, Architect, to make out such plans, &c. as they may Consider necessary.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, stating that they were prepared to receive an application for an inquiry from the parties aggrieved by the surcharges made by Mr. Finlay at his last Audit, but that they could not act on an application from the Corporation or Town Commissioners.

William Simpson J.  
Mayor

11<sup>th</sup> December, 1876.

At a Special Meeting of the Council of said Borough pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition held this day in the Hall, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, to consider as to adopting suggestions and form of advertisement for a contractor by the Committee appointed to examine plans &c for the new Market-place and to order a notice to be served on the Public Works Loan Commissioners that a Loan of £20,000. for waterworks will be required in the next year.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

William Simpson Junr. Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen- James M. Vicary and Peter Murphy

Town Councillors- David Harris, Joseph Lacy, Jett Sealy Jeffares, Gerald O'B. Ryan, John J. Harpur, Jasper M. Walsh, William Armstrong

Also present, William Hughes, Borough Rate collector Robert Simmott Architect

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Plans, and form of advertisement &c. prepared by the Committee was submitted to the Meeting and altered so far as limiting the contract so as not to exceed nine hundred pounds.

The following resolution proposed by Jett Sealy Jeffares and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the suggestions and form of advertisement for a contractor to erect the new Market as now altered, be approved and that the Town Clerk forward the plans &c to the Board of Public Works, as soon as copies of the plans are prepared by Mr Simmott, and point out to the Board that the alteration proposed of not sinking the foundation to the full depth, was adopted because the ground is so solid that



sinking a deep foundation is considered unnecessary and that flagging has been dispensed with and concrete substitutes both being to bring the estimate within the sum borrowed

Signed,

{ L. S. Jeffares  
James M. Vicary

The Town Clerk submitted a printed circular from the Local Government Board pointing out that intending borrowers from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, should send to them before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December every year a statement of the loan which they will probably require to borrow during the ensuing financial year and also stating that it was only required in the case of Irish Loans by the Public Works Loan Board in England and does not affect Loans to be obtained from the Board of Public Works in Ireland. And he then stated that fearing there might be any doubt as to what Board would advance the £20,000, for the new waterworks, he wrote to the Local Government Board on the subject and received a reply which he read stating that the Board of Public Works were authorized to make Loans for Sanitary purposes under the 43 section of the Public Health Act 1874, but also stating that there could be no objection to its being made known to the Public Works Loan Commissioners that it was intended to apply for the Loan.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Murphy and seconded by William Armstrong A.C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That our 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 apply in the ensuing year for a Loan of £20,000, to enable the Corporation to construct waterworks for the supplying of this Borough with a sufficient supply of pure water to be applied for from the Board of Public Works in Ireland.

Signed { Peter Murphy  
William Armstrong

At the suggestion of Town Councillor Lett Sealy Jeffares,  
It was Ordered

That the Architect Mr. Linnott add to the plans



for Market-place eave shoots and downpipes under the eaves of the sheds.

D<sup>r</sup>. Sheridan, Sanitary Officer laid before the Meeting two reports of nuisances viz-

1. Nuisance at the rear of the house occupied by William Whitmore in Back Street by means of a filthy water closet or privy, the contents oozing through the wall into Mr Sutton's stable and an ashpit full of filthy matter, dangerous to health, to abate which it is necessary to have the ashpit cleaned and a sewer made to carry away the contents of the water closet or privy

2- Nuisance on the premises of Patrick Kelly in Leathe-Street by a quantity of stagnant water and a piggery in a filthy state, to abate which it is necessary to have the piggery properly cleansed and the sewer in the yard opened and put into good order.

It was Ordered

That notices be served on parties liable directing them to abate the nuisances in seven days.

William Thompson J  
Mayor

Election of Town Councillor for St. Marys Ward  
13<sup>th</sup> December 1878

An election held this day in the Town Hall for the election of a Councillor for St. Marys Ward in the place of Town Councillor Peter Murphy, who resigns as Town Councillor and was elected Alderman. Richard Fortune of New Street South, Wexford having been duly nominated and no other person having been nominated the said Richard Fortune was declared duly elected as a Town Councillor for St. Marys Ward.



1<sup>st</sup> January, 1877.

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day at the Town Hall at the hour of twelve o'clock noon: to inaugurate the Mayor Elect for the ensuing year.

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

William Simpson Junr Esq. Mayor in the chair

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

Town Councillors - David Harris, Joseph Lacy, William Berenue, Lett Sealy Jeffaus, Michael Delaney, Richard Fortime, Joseph O'Connor, Jasper W. Walsh, and John J. Harpur.

Also present. Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer, Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewater Superintendant William Hughes, Borough Rate collector, and R. M. Ryan Corporation Solicitor.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Mayor Elect John Joseph Walsh Esq. Alderman was duly inaugurated and signed his declaration of acceptance of Office

The Mayor John Joseph Walsh Esq. Also, then assumed the chair.

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

Resolved

That the best thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the outgoing Mayor William Simpson Esq. for his indefatigable exertions to promote the welfare and prosperity of this Borough during his year of Office

signed { John Simmott Also  
James M. Vicary Also  
John J. Walsh  
Mayor



1<sup>st</sup> February 1877

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 hereinafter mentioned. To pass accounts. To sign the Borough Rate Book and Collection Book for Rate made 1<sup>st</sup> November 1876. To consider as to petitioning the Legislature in favour of closing Public Houses on Sundays. To examine Mr Macdonnell's map of the Town Waterworks. To elect a Harbour Commissioner in place of John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor. Application from Messrs Muggenridge & Badham for Law Costs for Waterworks. with ordinary business

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - James M. Vicary. Robert Stafford. Peter Murphy

Town Councillors. William Simpson Junr. Jasper W. Walsh. John J. Harpur. James P. Devereux. William Devereux. Richard Fortune. Joseph O'Connor. David Harris. Gerald O'B. Ryan 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.

An Abstract of the accounts submitted to the Finance Committee on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, last and recommended for payment was laid before the Meeting Amount £101-16s-3d. The Gas account for half year ending 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1877, amt £133.12.6 having been recommended to be held over until cheques for gas supplies previously should be paid and £1-6.1. having been deducted from a bill of £6.6.1. for clothes for Mayors Sergeant



The following resolution proposed by William Devereux J. C. and seconded by David Harris J. C. was passed <sup>unanimously</sup> viz:

Resolved

That the Bills now submitted as recommended by Finance Committee amount £ 107. 16. 3. be approved and cheques signed for payment.

signed { William Devereux  
David Harris

The Town Clerk submitted to the Meeting the Rate Book and collection Book for Rate made 1<sup>st</sup> November 1876. for approval and signature of the Meeting. and also the collector's list of uncollectable Rates Amt £ 23. 18. 9.

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

Resolved

That Mr Hughes. Borough Rate collector's List of uncollectable Borough Rates. Amount £ 23. 18. 9. be struck off as uncollectable, as recommended by Finance Committee. and that the remainder of the uncollectable Rates. Amount £ 7. 2. 3. be carried into the new Rate Book as collectable areas and that the Rate Book and collection Book be now signed

signed { James M. Vicary  
Gerald O'B. Ryan

The Mayor read for the Meeting a letter and petition in favour of closing Public houses on Sundays

The following resolution proposed by William Simpson Junr. J. C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Petition in favour of Sunday closing of Public houses as submitted be approved and signed and forwarded to our Borough Member for presentation in the House of Commons

signed { William Simpson Junr.  
James M. Vicary Ald



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The Town Clerk states that he has received a notice from the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners that Alderman Peter Murphy has been nominated by Town Councillor William Armstrong as a Harbour Commissioner to supply the place of John J. Walsh Esq Mayor and that no other person has been nominated

The following resolution was proposed by Alderman Vicary and seconded by Town Councillor John J. Harper and passed viz:

Resolved

That Alderman Murphy be elected to represent the Council at the Harbour Board

signed { James M. Vicary  
John J. Harper

The Mayor read a letter he had received from Messrs Little & Elgee in reference to the reservoir fields as follows viz:

Meaford 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1877.

Dear Sir

I beg to bring under the consideration of the Corporation the question of the present Reservoir for supplying the Town with water which they hold with the land attached to it on the Percival Estate at a rent of £ 30 per year. and the lease of which has long since expired

I am not aware whether the Corporation will require to use this reservoir after the new Waterworks have been completed. but I have no doubt they will agree in the view that it would be desirable to have a definite arrangement upon this point, and that they would not consider it reasonable that the owners should receive it up from them after it had ceased to be of further use to them without compensation for the waste that has been committed on the land. more especially as the owners have never sought to take advantage of the expiration of the lease by raising the rent during



the many years when the use of it was absolutely essential to the Town

Mr Percival has no desire to act otherwise than he has hitherto done and what appears to him to be fair and reasonable to all parties would be that the Corporation should now take out a new lease at the present rent for a long term of years.

It will be necessary that the Corporation should come to a decision upon this subject before the 25<sup>th</sup> March next, and I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly bring it under their notice at their next Meeting, and by your letting me know the result at your convenience

I remain dear Sir  
Yours very sincerely  
Simon Little

J. J. Walsh Esq.  
Mayor of Wexford.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Stafford and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed viz:  
Resolved

That Mr Little, Solicitor, on the part of Mr Percival having proposed that the Corporation should take out a new lease of the land now held by the Corporation on the terms of an expired lease. It is hereby agreed that a new lease be taken out on the same terms and conditions as the old lease and that the Mayor communicate with Mr Little on the subject

signed { Robert Stafford  
James M. Vicary

Three letters were submitted to the Meeting from Messrs Muggenridge & Radham Parliamentary Agents asking for payment of their Bill of Costs on account of the new Waterworks or an instalment of one hundred pounds on account.



The following resolution proposed by Joseph O'Leonor <sup>T.C.</sup> and seconded by Richard Fortune <sup>T.C.</sup> was passed viz:

Resolved

That our Town Clerk be hereby instructed to reply to the letter of Messrs Muggenidge & Badham applying for payment of Law costs for Waterworks and to inform them that the Corporation have no funds whatever for that purpose until money shall have been received from the Board of Public Works before whom there is an application for £20,000, to carry out the works and are only awaiting Mr Hawkeley to furnish the plans necessary to lay before the Board of Public Works

signed { Joseph O'Leonor <sup>T.C.</sup>  
Richard Fortune <sup>T.C.</sup>

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the want of some superintendence to inspect the Fire Engine as no one had been appointed since Town Councillor Harpur and the Volunteer Fire Brigade had resigned

It was ~~considered~~

That Town Councillors David Harris John J. Harpur and William Thompson just be appointed a committee for inspecting the Fire Engine.

Alderman Stafford complained of the dirty state of the streets in his part of the Town and inquired how it was that the person who had now the contract for cleaning the streets did not call upon him as his predecessor had done to get him to certify for him before receiving payment.

The Town Clerk states that at a Meeting of the Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September last Thomas Beggs tender to cleanse the streets at £3. 10. 0. a



week was accepted and the Town Surveyor was appointed to superintend this work and payment to be made upon his certificate only in place of Three Aldermen as has been previously done.

After some discussion in which it was stated that the Haythe was now very badly kept by the scavenger  
It was Ordered

That Alderman Stafford, Simmott and Vicary, be appointed to superintend the cleansing of the streets in conjunction with the Town Surveyor, and that no payment be made to Thomas Began, until his bill should be certified by the abovenamed Aldermen and by the Town Surveyor.

Complaints were made that the Stonebridge river, at the rope walk, in King street, was obstructed by the falling in of a wall in the rope walk premises.

It was stated that Mrs Burngoole was the owner of the rope walk premises and the Town clerk was directed to write to Mr Nolan as her agent on the subject.

Mr Macdonnell Esq. Town Surveyor submitted his map of the Town for Waterworks and also a letter to him from Mr Hawksley Esq. in reference to the map and Plans for Waterworks

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh Esq. and seconded by William Simpson Jun. Esq. was passed  
Resolved

That Mr Macdonnell supply to Mr Hawksley the map of the Town for Waterworks as requested by his letter and that the Town clerk write to Mr Hawksley informing him of the Application of Messrs Muggieridge and Badham for payment and suggesting the necessity of the Plans being got ready as soon as he can make it convenient and to request he will inform the Corporation as to when the Plans will be ready.



in order to submit them to the Board of Public Works to facilitate the obtaining of the Loan of £20,000.

signed { J. W. Walsh  
William Timpson Jun. &c

Particulars of Bills submitted to Meeting for payment as recommended by Finance Committee and now approved by resolution. Amount £101. 16. 3d.

1	Thomas M. O'Leary. for quarters salary, as Town clerk. ending 31 <sup>st</sup> January. 1877.	£. s. d.
		23. 2. 6.
2	Thomas Lacy. for do., as Borough Treasurer. do.,	7. 10. 0.
3	Do., for do., Pipewater Department. do.,	2. 10. 0.
4	John Kearon. for do., as Mayors Sergeant £4. and for cleaning Fire Engine £1. 5. 0 to do.	5. 5. 0.
5	Mary Jordan. for do., for cleaning Mayors Office do.,	0. 10. 0.
6	Thomas M. O'Leary. for do., as Executive Sanitary Officer do.	5. 0. 0.
7	Robert J. Leman. M. B. for do. as Consulting Sanitary Officer do.	3. 15. 0.
8	John Kearon. for do., as Sub Sanitary Officer do.,	5. 0. 0.
9	Nathaniel Hughes. for do., as Pipewater Superintendent do.	13. 15. 0.
10	Do for collector's poundage on £96. 7. 6d. Pipewater rents collected and lodged.	4. 16. 4.
11	Do. for cash advanced by him for Pipewater Works.	13. 2. 9.
12	Thomas M. O'Leary. for cash advanced by him to pay sundry small accounts " "	2. 11. 8.
13	Alexander Mackay. for printing and advertising	5. 11. 6.
14	William Gaffney. for coals.	2. 2. 0.
15	Patrick Hynes. for clothes for Mayors Sergeant.	5. 0. 0.
16	William Gainfort. for stationery	1. 5. 6.
17	Gas Consumers' Company. for Gas for Mayors Office.	0. 19. 0.

Ordered for payment Amt. £101. 16. 3

The following submitted to Finance Committee were not passed  
Gas Consumers' Company for Season's gas to the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

1877. payment deferred until amount for which cheques are signed shall be paid 133. 12. 6.

From Mr Hynes's bill for clothes for Mayors Sergeant furnished at £1. 6. 1d  
There was deducted

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£134. 18. 7



List of Payments made by Finance Committee  
for Council from 31<sup>st</sup> October. 1876 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1877

Thomas Beigan. for cleansing &c. streets from 1 <sup>st</sup> £. S. D.	
November. 1876. to 19 <sup>th</sup> January. 1877. - 11 weeks	
and 2 days at £ 3. 10. 0. per week	40. 16. 8
Joseph Murphy. for smithwork.	1. 0. 0.
William Gore. for acting as Poll clerk at election.	
of Town Councillor for Selkar Ward	1. 7. 0
Ditto. for writing up and applotting Borough	
Rate Book and collection Book	2. 0. 0.
Board of Public Works on account of Law costs	
for Loun " " " "	1. 0. 0
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	£ 45. 17. 8

John Joseph Watson  
Miner



21<sup>st</sup> March 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Town Hall at Two o'clock P.M. "To receive and Consider Tenders for the erection of a New Market"

The following members of the Council attended viz-

J. J. Walsh Esq Mayor in the Chair  
Alderman - John Simmott. Jas M. Vicary.  
Town Councillors - James P. Devereux Gerald O'Ryan  
John O'Harepur Edward Walsh. David Harris. Joseph  
Lacy. William Devereux. Joseph Connor. Jasper  
W. Walsh. William Simpson Junr

Also present - R. W. Ryan Corporation Solicitor  
Robert Simmott Architect. N. Macdonnell Town Surveyor  
and W. Hughes Borough Rate Collector.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Three reports of Nuisances sent in by Dr Sheridan were submitted to the Meeting and an order made in each case that the Nuisance be abated in seven days from Service of Notice from the Sanitary Officer as follows viz-

Notice dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 1877 Stating that on premises occupied by Patrick P. P. P. in Back Street there was a heap of Manure and a quantity of Stagnant water very fetid and dangerous to health and recommending that the Manure be removed and a Sewer made in the yard at once.

Notice dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1877. Stating on premises occupied by W. Busher in Mone R Street there was an alk. pit full of the most offensive Matter



and dangerous to health and recommending the ash pit to be cleaned immediately and a sewer made so as to convey any water that may accumulate in it.

Notice dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1877. Stating that on premises occupied by John Jackson in Green Street there is an open drain full of offensive Matter which passes into a small park where it accumulates producing a fearful nuisance and dangerous to health and stating that said park is also used as a depot by some parties for heaping Manure which is most injurious to the health of the people living in the locality and recommending a sewer to be made from Jackson's house to pass into the one lately built in Green Street and that in future no person be allowed to accumulate Manure in this park.

The Council next proceeded to consider the tenders submitted for erection of New Market. The Mayor produced two tenders which had been sent to him and inquired from the Town Clerk whether he had received any tender. The Town Clerk replied that he had not and at the request of the Mayor went from the Council Room to his office to inquire whether any tender had been left there and returned stating that no tender had been left there. The Mayor then proceeded to open the tenders. The first tender opened being that of Mr. Walter Wardrop proposing to erect the Market according to plans and Specification for the sum of £1227. 18. 4. The Mayor then opened the other tender which he had received which was from Mr. Timothy O'Connor proposing to execute the works according to plans and Specification for the sum of £969. 0. 0 and offering as his securities for the



due performance of the Contract Michael O'Connor and Capt<sup>m</sup> Hugh Maguire.

There was no other tender then before the Meeting

The following resolution was proposed by Jasper W. Walsh Esq. Seconded by W<sup>m</sup> Simpson Esq. J.B. and passed unanimously  
Resolved

That Mr Timothy O'Connor's tender for erection of New Market for £969, being the lowest tender be accepted, Subject to the terms and Conditions adopted by the Market Committee Mr O'Connor to perfect his Security within a fortnight from this date to the Satisfaction of the Corporation Solicitor and to complete his Contract within six Months from date of his bond

Signed Jasper W. Walsh  
William Simpson Esq

Mr O'Connor was then sent for and the terms of Contract read to him to which he agreed and Signed Same He also Signed the Specification,

It was ordered

That the Contract with Mr O'Connor for erection of New Market be drawn under the advice of Counsel

After Mr O'Connor's tender had been accepted and that he agreed to and signed the terms of Contract and Specification a letter addressed to the Mayor was brought into the Council Room and laid before the Mayor and was understood to be a tender from Mr John Redmond for the execution of the work & a discussion ensued as to whether it should be opened or returned unopened



and kept by the Corporation without being opened it not having been received <sup>at the meeting</sup> in due time and it was decided to retain the letter and it was accordingly put into an envelope and sealed by the Mayor with his own seal and the Town Clerk directed to keep it in the Corporation safe. Inquiries were made as to how the letter came late and to whom it had been given when it was ascertained that it was been given to William Hone whom Mr O'Leary had employed as a temporary assistant, in the absence of Mr O'Leary and on being interrogated William Hone stated that the letter had been given to him by Mr Redmond at about half past eleven o'clock desiring him to give it to Mr O'Leary and that he did not know it was a tender and was not told by Mr Redmond that it was one and that being in a hurry at the time he laid it by in a pigeon hole in the press and forgot it there until he returned from dinner when he sent it in to the Mayor. Mr Redmond came before the Council and requested to have his tender opened as he had lodged it in the Mayor's office ten minutes before twelve o'clock. but the Council declined to do so as Mr O'Connor's tender had been already accepted and he had signed his agreement. The Town Clerk said he was obliged to contradict Mr Redmond as to his having left the tender in his office at ten minutes before twelve o'clock as it was beyond that hour when he left the office and the tender had not arrived before he left.

John Joseph Warr  
Mayor



24<sup>th</sup> March 1894

A meeting of the Council took place this day in the Tholkel at Eleven O'clock A.M. at the request of the Mayor, to meet Mr. Haw Ksley Esq. and receive from him plans and specifications &c. for the new intended water works and information respecting same.

The following members of the Council attended viz-

John Walsh Esq Mayor in the Chair  
Aldermen James McKieley Peter Murphy Robt Stafford  
Town Councillors - David Faris Robert Decker  
Michael Delany John Harper. Jett Lally Jeffares  
W<sup>m</sup> Simpson J<sup>r</sup> William Devereux Gerald O'Ryan  
William Armstrong, Jasper W. Walsh, Joseph Lacy  
Peter Symott and Richard Fortune.

Also present Nicholas McDonnell Town Surveyor  
Nathaniel Hughes, Pipe Water Superintendent  
Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer, William  
Hughes Borough Rate Collector P.W. Ryan  
Corporation Solicitor

Mr. Haw Ksley stated that he brought three sets of plans complete, one for the Council, one for the Local Government Board and one to be retained by him in dealing with the Contractors. And that he also brought three sets of specifications Bills of quantities Letters of Surety and forms of tender for Reservoir and for pipe Contractors and that he would supply printed copies of each as many as might be required. He stated that they should get separate contracts for the construction of the Storage Reservoir, the supply of the pipes and the laying of the pipes and that a Deputation should be appointed to wait on the Local Government



Board and lay the plans and Specifications before the Board and supply the Board with such Information as they might require. He stated that he and the Town Clerk would prepare advertisements for contractors. He recommended that a Confidential Committee be appointed to treat for terms of compensation for land and mills.

It was ordered

That the Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for Friday next the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst in the Town Hall at Two o'clock P.M. To carry out the recommendations of Mr. Hawkesley

The following resolution proposed by Alderman Vicary and seconded by Town Councillor David Paris was passed unanimously viz:-

Resolved

That the best thanks of this Council be presented to Mr. Hawkesley for his trouble in coming here to give such valuable Information to the Council

Signed } J. M. Vicary  
David Paris

Mr. Hawkesley returned thanks and the Meeting then separated.

Sam. James Walsh  
Mayor



30<sup>th</sup> March, 1871.

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Holsel at two o'clock P. M. To carry out directions given by Mr Hawksley Esq. in reference to our Waterworks

The following members of the Council attended viz:

John J. Walsh Esq Mayor

Aldermen: Peter Murphy, John Greene, John Simmott.

Town Councilors: Lett Sealy Jeffares, David Harris, Edward Walsh, Joseph Lacy, William Davenport, Richard Fortune.

Also present: R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor Nathaniel Hughes, Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer

The Minutes of the Meetings of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman John Simmott and seconded by Lett Sealy Jeffares Esq. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Plans, Specifications and Estimate for our new intended Waterworks as submitted by our Consulting Engineer Thomas Hawksley Esq. be hereby approved and adopted and that same be forwarded to the Local Government Board for Ireland by the following as a deputation from this Council viz: John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor Alderman Greene, Mr Gerald O'B. Ryan and the Town Clerk and that the Local Government Board are hereby requested to forward same to the Board of Public Works in Ireland and to recommend that the Board of Public Works and the Lords of Her Majesty's



Treasury will be pleased to sanction a Loan of £20,000 for the erection of those Waterworks, as sought for by this Corporation by Memorial to the Board of Public Works dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1876 and forwarded to the Local Government Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> of the same month

signed { John Simmott  
L. S. Jeffares

The following letters were submitted to the Meeting viz:  
From Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mugggeridge & Badham dated 26<sup>th</sup> inst requesting payment of their account this week or next week at the latest.

From the Local Government Board being a printed communication containing suggestions on the subject of filth removal.

From the Corporation of Bloxham with a printed copy of Petition to the House of Commons requesting to have the jurisdiction of Justices under small debts Act extended to ten pounds and the time extended to four years.

It was Ordered Unanimously

That the Petition of the Bloxham Corporation as now read, be adopted by this Council and that it be entrusted to our Borough Member William A. Redmond Esq, for presentation in the House of Commons. and the County Members Sir George Bowyer Bart. and Chevalier Keyes Esq be requested to support the prayer of the Petition and that it be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation and sealed with the Corporation seal,

The Petition as adopted is as follows: viz

To the Honorable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled



The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen  
and Burgesses, of the Borough of Wexford.

Sheweth

That traders, shopkeepers, farmers and others in this town and County and also as your Petitioners have reason to know those of other counties in Ireland, complain of the needless impediments, delays, inconveniences and expense attending the recovery of small debts in Ireland.

That the tribunals to which in most cases creditors must now resort are the Civil Bill Courts which are held only once every three months, and generally in towns remote from the residence of the suitor and although in many cases no defence is intended to be set up to the claim still the complainant has to attend with his witnesses shop ~~assist~~ assistants, books of account, &c. all entailing inconvenience and loss for which he cannot for ~~adequately~~ compensated by the chairman of Quarter Sessions

That it not unfrequently happens that the debtor though well enough able to pay makes default in doing so hoping to escape his liability relying on the creditors unwillingness to incur the trouble, inconvenience and expense of enforcing his claim.

That the foregoing facts together with the facilities for removal of goods greatly encourage dishonesty

That the only convenient and speedy remedy at present afforded in such cases is by the small debts act. This statute enables justices in Petty Sessions to grant decrees in simple cases of debt under £2 contracted within twelve months

That the Petty Sessions courts are generally held once a week or fortnight so that as to time



and places they are most convenient to all parties

That the Justices in Petty Sessions have in other cases an extensive civil jurisdiction in ordinary debts for wages up to £10 for seamen's wages up to £50 and by recent legislation have the same jurisdiction as the Chairman at Quarter Sessions in cases of disputes between master and workman where the claim does not exceed ten pounds. in dealing with these cases the Justices have the assistance of an experienced stipendiary Magistrate

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your honorable house may be pleased to extend the jurisdiction conferred by the small debts Act to debts of the nature therein specified where the amount does not exceed £10. and has been incurred within a period of four years

And your Petitioners will ever pray

Unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the Corporation held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. 1877

Signed on behalf of the Corporation

(seal)

John Joseph Walsh  
Mayor of Wexford

Thomas M. Henry  
Town Clerk

John Joseph Walsh  
Mayor



13<sup>th</sup> April, 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Council in pursuance of the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Town Hall at twelve o'clock noon: To take into consideration the following subjects, viz: The adopting a Petition to Parliament on the subject of University and intermediate education, as has been done by the Corporation of Dublin, To petition Parliament for extending the act relating to dwellings for the labouring classes and also on the subjects of weights and measures

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
Aldermen- John Sinnott, Peter Murphy,  
Town Councillors- William Denevise, Joseph Lacy, John J. Harpur, Edward Walsh, Richard Fortune, John Hinton, Jasper W. Walsh.

Also present- William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

Letter and copy of Petition from Dublin Corporation on the subject of University and intermediate education

Letter from Kilkenny Corporation in reference to extending the provisions of the Artizans' dwellings Act 1875 to all the corporate Towns in Ireland and from a Committee in Dublin in reference to weights and measures. Were submitted to the Meeting

The Communication in reference to weights and measures was ordered to be marked as read and no action taken about it at present as the object was not clearly understood

The following resolution proposed by Edward Walsh Esq. and seconded by Alderman John Sinnott was passed



unanimously viz:

Resolved

That the Petition of Dublin Corporation to the House of Commons in reference to University and intermediate education be hereby adopted and that it be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation, and sealed with the Corporation seal, and that it be sent for presentation to our Borough Member William A. Richmond Esq., and that the County Members Sir George Bowyer Bart. and Chevaliers O'Leary, and also the Member for the Borough of New Ross be requested to support the prayer of the Petition

signed { E. Walsh  
John Summott

The following resolution proposed by John J. Harpur Esq. and seconded by Alderman Peter Murphy was passed unanimously viz:

Resolved

That a Petition from this Corporation to the House of Commons be adopted praying to have the provisions of the Artizans dwellings Act, 1875, extended to each of the corporate Towns in Ireland

signed { John J. Harpur  
Peter Murphy

The Mayor informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from Mr Trouton, Manager of the Bank of Ireland, complaining of the inconvenience felt by the inhabitants of the quay in dry weather from clouds of dust, and requesting the Corporation to get the quays watered same as the other parts of the Town

It was arranged

That the subject be brought before the next Meeting of the Harbour Commissioners to try if the Harbour Commissioners would erect a pump on the quay to facilitate it being watered



The Mayor also informed the Meeting that he had a letter from the Superiores of the Loretto Convent complaining of a nuisance caused by an open sewer at the rear of the Convent and requesting to have the nuisance abated and the Town Clerk was requested to communicate on the subject with Dr Sheridan as soon as possible.

The Petitions adopted are as follows viz:-

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled

The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford

Sheweth

That the great majority of the People of Ireland belong to the Catholic Religion

That the civil disabilities under which this great majority of the people labour, owing to no provision being made by the State for a system of University and Intermediate Education in Ireland, of which they can avail themselves, without violation of their religious convictions, constitute a grievance, are contrary to the principle of religious equality recognized by the Legislature, and call for immediate redress

That your Petitioners have learned that a Bill, intitled "A Bill to make better provision for University Education in Ireland" has been introduced into your Honorable House.

And your Petitioners pray that either by passing that Bill, or in such other way as may seem best, your Honorable House will establish in Ireland a system of University Education in accordance with the religious convictions of Irish



Catholics, and that your Honorable House will also make provision for a system of Intermediate Education in Ireland of which Irish Catholics can conscientiously avail themselves

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the Town Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1877.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation

John Joseph Walsh

Mayor of Wexford

Thomas M. O'Leary

Town Clerk

seal

To The Honorable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled

The Humble Petition of the Mayor Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford.

Sheweth

That your Petitioners highly approve of the provisions contained in the Act of Parliament passed in the year 1875:- 38 & 39 Victoria, Chapter 36, for facilitating the improvement of the dwellings of the working classes in large Towns

That your Petitioners are also of opinion that the provisions of that Act would be suitable to many Towns containing a smaller population than that to which the provisions of the Act is limited:- namely Twenty-five Thousand

That your Petitioners therefore pray that the provisions of the Act may be extended to all corporate towns in Ireland and that provisions may be made in the Public Health Act, now before your Honorable House to accomplish that object

And your Petitioners will pray



Unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the  
Town Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 1877.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation

(seal)

John Joseph Walsh  
Mayor of Wexford

Thomas M. O'Leary  
Town Clerk

James Joseph Walsh

Mayor



3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1877,

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon..  
 To pass accounts " To receive communications from Local Government Board concerning Waterworks  
 From Local Government Auditor with Abstract of accounts and Report &c. and all such business as may be brought before the Meeting, including renewal of licences to deal in Gunpowder &c.

The following Members of the Council attended

John J. Walsh Esq Mayor in the chair  
 Aldermen - John Greene, Robert Stafford, James M. Vicary

Town Councillors John J. Harpur, David Harris Joseph Lacy, Peter Symmott, Martin Huggard, William Armstrong, William Devereux, Leto Sealy Jeffures, Jasper W. Walsh, Gerald O'B. Ryan, William Simpson Junr, Joseph O'Connor, Edward Walsh

Also present - Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewater Superintendent William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector, Thomas Lacy, Corporation Treasurer, Rodolphus W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor

The following resolution was proposed by David Harris J.C. and seconded by William Armstrong J.C.

Resolved

That the Bills now submitted and recommended for payment by Finance Committee amount £ 277. 3. 3. be approved and cheques signed for payment

signed { David Harris  
 William Armstrong



Mr Huggard S. C. objected to passing the bill for the "Wexford Independent" for printing on the grounds that Alderman Greene being a member of the Council was the person who supplied the printing.

Alderman Greene explained that the printing business did not now belong to him but to his son to whom it was legally transferred by a registered deed.

The resolution was then put to the Meeting when the voting was taken as follows viz +

For the Resolution  
 Alderman Greene  
 Alderman Stafford  
 Alderman Vicary  
 Gerald D. B. Ryan S. C.  
 David Harris S. C.  
 Joseph Lacey S. C.  
 William Devereux S. C.  
 William Armstrong S. C.  
 Lett Sealy Jeffares S. C.  
 John J. Harpur S. C.  
 Joseph O'Connor S. C.  
 Peter Symmott S. C.  
 Jasper W. Walsh S. C.  
 Alderman Walsh Mayor.

Against the Resolution  
 Martin Huggard S. C.  
 Edward Walsh S. C.

For Resolution - 14

Against Resolution - 2.

William Simpson S. C. declined to vote

The Resolution was declared passed

A letter from the Local Government Board, with observations of Mr Barney, Engineer to the Board, stating that the Plans submitted to the Board for the Wexford Waterworks so far as the storage Reservoir was concerned was deemed satisfactory but requiring a map or plan of the



main pipes and distributing mains through the Town and some other details before the Board could recommend the loan by the Board of Public Works

A letter from Mr Hawksley L. E. to the Town Clerk in reference to the Local Government Boards letter and observations of Mr Barney, a copy of which had been sent to him by the Town Clerk, was also submitted to the Meeting

After considerable discussion on the subject the following resolution was proposed by Jasper W. Walsh S. C. and seconded by Gerald O. B. Ryan S. C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the Town Clerk forward to the Local Government Board a copy of Mr Hawksley's letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> as a reply to the communication from that department of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> No 7453, also a map of the town to be forwarded with the proposed line of pipes laid down thereon and stating advertisements for tenders will be issued as soon as the loan is approved

Signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
Gerald O. B. Ryan

It was Ordered

That the proposer and seconder of the resolution assist the Town Clerk in carrying out the resolution

The Town Clerk submitted to the Meeting an Abstract of the accounts of the Corporation by the Local Government Auditor as audited by him for year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> of September last and also the Auditor's report to the Local Government Board and two letters from the Auditor one requesting that his Abstract of Accounts should be published in a newspaper and that a copy should be sent to him. The other letter was in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk dated 18<sup>th</sup> April last informing him that the



Corporation had consented to remit the rates on the female National School in the Haythe and also on the land used as drying ground for their laundry by the Sisters of Mercy in case that the Auditor would sanction those remissions and stating that it was from the laundry only that the rates on the school in the Haythe should be sought to be recovered on half the poundage for the annual rent she receives out of it and as to the drying ground belonging to the Sisters of Mercy he could see no grounds for exemption as he presumed the land was returned by the Commissioners of Valuation for rating purposes...

It was Ordered

That the Town Clerk get the Auditors Abstract published once in each of the Wexford Papers

The Town Clerk also submitted the following circular letters viz:

From the Corporation of Limerick with a resolution passed by that body requesting that Government in the New Public Health Act would make provision that all future sanitary expenses should be paid out of the Poor Rates

From the Corporation of Waterford containing copy of Memorial to Sir Michael Hicks Beach, seeking alterations in the mode of providing for the support of Lunatic Asylums

A printed circular from the Local Government Board on the subject of filth removal and inclosing a pamphlet on that subject and

A circular from the Corporation of Dublin with copy of Memorial to the Earl of Beaconsfield seeking the interference of the British Government with the Government of the Kingdom of Italy to get the latter to



withdraw a Bill entitled "The Clerical Abuses Bill" and inviting the incorporation of other corporations

The Town Clerk also submitted a letter from the Board of Public Works stating that an instalment of £1,000 loan would be given whenever required and that no form of notice was necessary.

The Mayor signified that he was obliged to leave on urgent private business and requested the another chairman would be appointed

On the motion of Alderman Greene seconded by John J. Harpur S.C. the chair was taken by Alderman James M. Vicary.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read inclosing copy of a letter from Mr Robert Sparrow as on behalf of the Wexford Taxpayers Protection Society against the new Waterworks scheme

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh S.C. and seconded by William Simpson Junr. S.C. was passed unanimously viz:-

Resolved

That Mr Sparrow's letter to the Local Government Board be marked read. That the Local Government Board be informed that the assertions in said letter are not consistent with the facts. That this entire question was gone into by Mr Robinson when he held the preliminary inquiry under directions of the Local Government Board where Mr Sparrow was heard

signed { Jasper W. Walsh.

{ William Simpson Junr.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that those persons who had obtained licenses last year to keep gunpowder, had applied to have their licenses renewed,



The following resolution proposed by William Simpson S.C. and seconded by Lett Sealy Jeffares S.C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the following licences to keep gunpowder and mixed explosives respectively issued by this Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1876, be now renewed for the different parties and that the Town Clerk be hereby authorized to sign same viz: For John Wheelock for mixed explosives and for the following for gunpowder only viz: Ellen Simmott, William P. Rossiter, Mathew Harpur, Thomas Devereux, Brian Keating and John Simmott

Signed { William Simpson Junr  
L. S. Jeffares

It was proposed by Edward Walsh S.C. and seconded by Joseph O'Connor S.C.

That the Memorial of the Dublin Corporation to Lord Beaconsfield be adopted by this Corporation and forwarded by the Town Clerk. Mr Keggan S.C. objected to the resolution as foreign to the business of the Corporation and Mr Walsh S.C. withdrew the resolution with an understanding that Special Meeting would be called for the purpose.

Captain Chandler came before the Meeting and made application that the Corporation Treasurer should be instructed to pay him rent for the use of the passage to the reservoir as the Treasurer had refused to pay him.

Captain Chandler was informed that a resolution was passed last year to discontinue the payment and that no payment could be made unless that resolution should be rescinded after due notice.



Particulars of Bills submitted to Meeting for payment as recommended by Finance Committee and now approved by resolution  
Amount £ 277. 3. 3. viz:

1	Thomas M. O'Leary, for quarters salary as Town clerk, ending 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1877	L. S. d. 23. 2. 6
2	Thomas Lacy, for ditto as Borough Treasurer to ditto " "	7. 10. 0
3	Ditto for ditto, as Pipewater Treasurer, to do	2. 10. 0
4	John Kearon, for ditto, as Mayor's Sergeant £ 4, and for cleaning Fire Engine £ 1. 5s., to ditto " "	5. 5. 0
5	Mary Jordan, for ditto for cleaning Mayor's Office to ditto, " "	5. 10. 0
6	Thomas M. O'Leary, for ditto as Executive Sanitary Officer, to ditto, " "	5. 0. 0
7	Robert J. Crean M. D., for ditto, as Consulting Sanitary Officer, to ditto, " "	3. 15. 0
8	John Kearon, for ditto, as Sub-Sanitary Officer, to ditto, " "	5. 0. 0
9	Nathaniel Hughes, for ditto, as Pipewater Superintendent, to do, " "	13. 15. 0
10	Ditto, for collectors poundage on £ 79. 17. 6. Pipewater Rents collected and lodged	3. 19. 11
11	Ditto, for cash advanced by him for Pipewater Works " "	17. 11. 8½
12	Thomas M. O'Leary, for cash advanced by him to pay sundry small accounts	4. 14. 9½
13	"Wexford People" for advertising	3. 2. 0
14	"Wexford Independent" for printing and advertising " "	11. 19. 0
15	"Wexford Constitution" for ditto " "	3. 2. 6
16	William Gaffney, for coals and carriage	2. 4. 0
17	William Guinfort, for Stationery	5. 15. 1½
18	George Sheffield, for papering, painting and glazing in Mayor's Office	3. 0. 0



Brought forward £ 116. 16. 9½

- 19 John Cullen. for paints, oils &c. £ 5. 13. 1
- 20 William P. Rossiter. for putting up Water  
shoots in Holsel. and sundry goods  
supplied " " " 4. 14. 0
- 21 William Hughes. for commission on  
collection of £ 450. Bourrough Rate  
at 5 per cent and postage 22. 17. 6.
- 22 Gas Consumers' Company for season's  
gas to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1877. 133. 12. 6
- 23 Ditto. for gas for Mayo's Office. to 1<sup>st</sup>  
April, 1877. 0. 11. 0

£ 277 - 4 - 10½

Payment of Part of Wm. P. Rossiter's account  
transferred to Town Commissioners 8 - 1

£ 278 - 16 - 9½

No 13 Deduct "Wexford People" transferred to  
Town Commissioners 1. 13. 6

£ 277. 3. 3½

List of Payments  
Made by Order of Finance Committee since  
last Quarterly Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1877

Thomas Deegan. for cleansing streets for  
14 weeks ending 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1877 £ 49. 0. 0

David Curran. for repairs of corporate  
Buildings. " " 0. 9. 4

£ 49. 9. 4

John James Walsh.  
Mayor



8<sup>th</sup> May, 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Council, held this day in the Holsel at twelve o'clock noon:- For the purpose of considering the desirability of adopting a Memorial to the Right Honorable The Earl of Beaconsfield as has been done, by the Dublin Corporation requesting the interference of Her Majesty's Government to seek to influence the Italian Government to withdraw a measure now before the Italian Parliament entitled "The Clerical Abuses Bill"

The following Members of the Council attended

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
Aldermen - John Greene John Sinnott  
Town Councillors - William Devereux, Richard Fortune, Edward Walsh, John J. Harpur, Gerald O'B. Ryan, Jasper W. Walsh, Michael Delaney, Joseph Lacy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The following resolution proposed by Edward Walsh S.C. and seconded by Gerald O'B. Ryan S.C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the Memorial of the Dublin Corporation to the Earl of Beaconsfield asking the interference of the British Government with the Italian Government against "The Clerical Abuses Bill" be adopted by this Council and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk and sealed with the Corporation Seal and forwarded for presentation to The Earl of Granard and our Borough Member

signed Edward Walsh S.C.  
Gerald O'B. Ryan S.C.



The following letter was read  
 Wexford Harb<sup>r</sup>. Boat Club  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in handing  
 you a foot copy of resolutions passed at  
 Committee Meeting of this Club held yesterday

Very truly Yours

W. A. Ennis

Hon. Sec

J. J. Walsh Esq

Proposed by W. B. Devereux seconded  
 by W. C. Walter

"That the Mayor of Wexford be  
 elected an honorary member of this Club during  
 his year of Office."

John Joseph Walsh  
 Mayor



10<sup>th</sup> May 1877

At a Meeting of the Council held this day in the  
 Tholsel at Twelve o'clock noon Specially called by the  
 Mayor: To consider a very important letter from  
 Mr Hawksley

The following Members of the Council attended viz.

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair  
 Aldermen - John Greene, James M. Victory  
 Town Councillors - Peter Symmott, Joseph Lacy,  
 Robert D. Walker, Edward Walsh Michael Delaney,  
 William Devereux, David Jarvis, Jasper W. Walsh  
 Joseph O'Connor, Lett Lealy Jeffares, John J. Harpur,  
 William Armstrong, William Simpson Junr.  
 John Hinton.

Also present - Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor,  
 Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewater Superintendent,  
 Thomas Lacy, Borough Treasurer, R. W. Ryan,  
 Corporation Solicitor, William Hughes, Borough  
 Rate collector.

Mr Hawksley's letter and telegrams were read to  
 the Meeting by the Mayor.

The following resolution proposed by Alderman  
 Greene, and seconded by William Armstrong J. C.,  
 was passed unanimously viz.

Resolved

That the Local Government Board be  
 applied to requesting that a loan of £ 25,000, be  
 recommended in place £ 20,000, as already applied  
 for and that a copy of Mr Hawksley's last letter and  
 telegrams submitted this day be forwarded to the Local  
 Government Board

signed { John Greene  
 William Armstrong



The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh J. C. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was passed unanimously viz:

Resolved

That the Town clerk be directed to write to the Local Government Board calling attention, to the great advantage to the public here, of their Board placing this corporation <sup>in a position</sup> to invite tenders for the Waterworks as soon as possible

signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
James M. Vicary

It was Ordered

That the Town clerk in communicating with Local Government Board shall state that the Mayor with other members of the Corporation as a deputation were ready to wait on the Local Government Board to give any explanations that they might require in case the Local Government Board were willing to receive them and would appoint a day for the purpose and that he also write to Mr Hawksley J. C. apprising him that the Corporation had agreed to ask the Local Government Board to recommend a Loan of £25,000, instead of £20,000 for our Waterworks and direct him to furnish without delay to the Local Government Board a plan or map of the Town with the pipes marked on it

John Joseph Walsh



25<sup>th</sup> May, 1877.

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the Holsel at twelve o'clock noon, to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) hereinafter mentioned: To consider as to appointment of a clerk of works for superintending the building of <sup>the new Market</sup> ~~the new Market~~ and to consider as to what changes, if any, should be made in the plan already adopted for said building and in the contract for same. And to arrange proceedings as to Waterworks

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
 Aldermen - James M. Vicary, John Sinnott  
 Town Councillors - Jasper W. Walsh, William Armstrong  
 John J. Harpur, William Devereux, Gerald O'B. Ryan,  
 David Harris, William Simpson Junr, Lett Sealy Jeffares  
 John Kinton, Edward Walsh, Richard Fortune,  
 Martin Huggard.

Also present, R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor  
 Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, Thomas Lacy,  
 Borough Treasurer, Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewaters  
 Superintendent, William Hughes, Borough Rate  
 Collector.

The following resolution proposed by William Armstrong Esq. and seconded by Alderman Vicary was carried unanimously

Resolved

That Mr Robert Sinnott be appointed clerk of works for the new Market to include measuring and certifying <sup>the</sup> instalments for a remuneration of twenty guineas

Signed { William Armstrong  
 James M. Vicary



Letter read from the Under Secretary of Dublin Castle stating the Law Advisers opinion ~~on~~ that where the constabulary prosecute for offences under the Licensing Acts. The Town Commissioners are entitled to only half of the fines imposed under those Acts

Two letters from Mr Hawksley were also read and a letter from the Local Government Board with observations of Mr Barney, their Engineer

It was Ordered

That the Town Clerk transmit to Mr Hawksley & Co. by this nights post a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board dated 23<sup>rd</sup> instant as now read including Mr Barney's observations,

It was also Ordered

That the Council be now formed into a Committee of the entire Council for all business connected with the new Waterworks, seven to form a quorum to be called the Waterworks Committee and that the Town Clerk call a Meeting of this Committee for Monday next the 28<sup>th</sup> instant at twelve o'clock noon

Before the commencement of business several members of the Council went to inspect the Market-place ground and unanimously reported that they would not recommend any alterations to be made in regard of the levels of the building.

The question was then discussed as to whether metal pillars ought to be substituted for timber as provided for in specification

Several Members advocated having a change made in the contract by substituting metal for timber pillars and others opposed any alteration in the contract.

The Mayor proposed to decide the matter by vote when five voted for metal pillars and eight voted that there should be no change whatever made in the contract. It was therefore decided by a majority of votes that there should be no change made in the contract



28<sup>th</sup> May, 1877.

At a Meeting of the Waterworks Committee held this day in the Tholsel at Twelve o'clock noon

The following Members of the Committee attended viz:-

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair  
Aldermen - John Simmott, James M. Vicary,  
Town Councillors. William Devereux, William  
Simpson Junr, Jasper W. Walsh, David Harris,  
Martin Huggard, Gerald O.B. Ryan, Joseph O'Connor

Also present, Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor,  
William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector, Nathaniel  
Hughes Pipewater Superintendent

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 23<sup>rd</sup> instant with Mr Barney's observations requiring further information for the Waterworks was read and a telegram from Mr Hawksley stated that he would supply the map required in Mr Barney's observations within a week

Mr Pierce Ryans valuations for compensation to be allowed for mills, land and water were submitted to the Mayor by Mr Macdonnell C. E.

It was Ordered

That the Town Clerk write to inform the Local Government Board that Mr Hawksley C. E. will supply the information required by Mr Barney and that the Corporation have arrived at the following Estimate viz:-

Mr Hawksley's Estimate for cost of works	£ 16. 500.
Cost of Provisional Orders and other	
contingencies	1. 500
Value of Land, Mills and Water	5. 000
Engineering and Law Expenses	2. 500

£25. 000



It was Ordered

That Alderman John Greene J. P. and James M. Vicary with Mr Pierce Ryan, Valuator be appointed a Sub-Committee, to inspect the mills and land required for the Waterworks and to communicate with the owners in order to ascertain what compensation they would accept, and report same to this committee

John Joseph A. Walsh  
Mayor

2<sup>nd</sup> June 1877,

At a Meeting of the Waterworks Sub-Committee held this day in the Tholsel at Twelve o'clock noon

The following Members of the Committee attended viz:  
John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
Alderman - John Greene, and Pierce Ryan Esq.  
Also present - Nicholas Macdormell, Town Surveyor  
and Nathaniel Hughes Pipewater Superintendent

Mr Ryan suggested that it was useless to endeavour to come to any private arrangement with the claimants for compensation for land mills and water until valuation shall be lodged and which it was desirable should be done at once and stated that he would go over the ground on Monday next to revise his valuation

It was ordered

That this Meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday next the 6<sup>th</sup> instant in the Tholsel at Twelve o'clock noon.

J. J. M.



4<sup>th</sup> June, 1877,

At a Special Meeting of the Council in pursuance of the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Hotel at twelve o'clock noon - To consider whether metal pillars should be substituted for timber in the new Market being now erected

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen James W. Vicary, John Sinnott and Peter Murphy

Town Councillors Richard Fortune, John J. Harpur, Joseph Lacy, Edward Walsh, David Harris, Robert G. Walker, Lett S. Jeffares, William Devereux, James P. Devereux, William Simpson Junr, John Hinton, Joseph O'Connor, Jasper W. Walsh, and William Armstrong

Also present - Nathaniel Hughes Pipecoates Superintendent, Nicholas Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, William Hughes, Borough Rate collector, Robert Sinnott Architect and Clerk of Works, Timothy O'Connor contractor for new Market, Thomas McLaney, Improvement Rate collector and R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Town Councillor Gerald O'B. Ryan apologizing for his inability to attend the Meeting and giving his decided opinion that metal pillars should be substituted for timber in the new building now being erected

A letter was read from Mr Taylor Solicitor objecting on the part of Captain Morris to the height to which it was proposed to raise the wall adjoining Captain Morris' Hotel as it would interfere with the light to the barroom



and other windows

It was Ordered

That the letter be referred to our Corporation Solicitor and that the Town Clerk write to Mr Saylor to that effect,

The following resolution proposed by Edward Walsh T.C., and seconded by Joseph Lucy T.C., was submitted to the Meeting viz:-

Resolved

That metal pillars be substituted for timber pillars at an extra cost not to exceed £83. 16. 0. and no other alteration whatever to be made on the plans. The metal not to be less than three quarters of an inch in thickness and diameter to 6 1/4 or 5 1/4, to be set in granite

signed { Edward Walsh

{ Joseph Lucy

Mr Hinton T.C., and others objected to any alteration from the original contract and gave it as their opinion the timber pillars would be sufficient.

The Mayor put the resolution when the following votes were taken viz:-

For Metal

William Armstrong T.C.,  
John Sinnott Ald.  
John J. Harper T.C.  
Joseph Lucy T.C.,  
William Devereux T.C.  
Jasper W. Walsh T.C.  
James P. Devereux T.C.  
Peter Murphy Ald.  
Robert D. Walker T.C.  
Edward Walsh T.C.  
Joseph O'Connor T.C.

For timber

John Hinton T.C.,  
Richard Fortune T.C.  
David Harris T.C.  
William Impeson Jun T.C.  
Lett L. Jeffares T.C.  
John J. Walsh Mayor

Declined to vote

James M. Nearty Ald.



eleven having voted for the resolution and six against  
the Mayor declared the resolution carried

The following resolution proposed by William  
Simpson Jun. J.C. and seconded by John Kington  
J.C. was passed unanimously viz:-

Resolved

That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed  
to take legal proceedings for the recovery of  
Borough Rates due by the Representative of the  
late John Goodall Esquire for Rate made and  
signed in 1876, and 1877.

signed { William Simpson Jun J.C.  
John Kington J.C.

— Sam Joseph Wain

Mayor



6<sup>th</sup> July, 1877,

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the Tholsel at Twelve o'clock, noon. "To receive from Mr Timothy O'Connor an application for part-payment of the amount of his contract for building new Market and to pay Mr Robert Sinnott his fee for drawing plan of Market place

The following members of the Council attended viz:  
John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair  
Aldermen- John Greene, John Sinnott, James M. Vicary and Peter Murphy,

Town Councillors- Gerald O.B. Ryan, Latt S. Jeffares, Jasper M. Walsh, David Harris, William Simpson Jun, Michael Delaney, and John J. Harper

Also present- Robert Sinnott, Town Surveyor pro tem  
Timothy O'Connor, contractor for ~~new~~ Market  
William Hughes, Borough Rate collector

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

Resolved

That a cheque be now drawn on the National Bank in favor of Mr Timothy O'Connor for four hundred and eighty-six pounds sterling on account of his contract for erecting new Market Mr Robert Sinnott, Architect having certified that £500. worth of the work has been completed. Also that a cheque be drawn in favor of Mr Robert Sinnott for four pounds for drawing plans for the new Market and another cheque to him for ten pounds in part-payment of twenty <sup>one</sup> pounds for superintending the work

signed { James M. Vicary  
David Harris



*A report from Mr Lawless Local Government commissioners, of the Inquiry, lately held by him in this Borough with an accompanying letter to the Mayor were submitted to the Meeting which were approved and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes and that they be inserted in each of the three Wexford newspapers,*

**WEXFORD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**  
**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION OF WEXFORD.**

2nd July, 1877.  
SIR—I am desired by Sir Michael Hicks Beach to send you, herewith the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Local Government and Taxation of towns, Ireland, on the Town of Wexford, and I am to state that as full opportunity has already been given for the examination of witnesses, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach does not anticipate that the Corporation will desire to offer any further evidence, but should they take exception to any of the statements contained in this Report, application should at once be made to the Select Committee of the House of Commons now enquiring into the subject (specifying the points on which they desire to be heard) as the evidence will shortly be closed.  
I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
**MARCUS CAULFIELD.**

**SPECIAL GENERAL REPORT ON WEXFORD.**

The borough town and parliamentary borough of Wexford was, before the passing of the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108, governed by a Corporation of considerable antiquity. This Corporation was dissolved by that statute in schedules B and G, in which Wexford is included; and under the provisions of the 14th section of that statute, the present Corporation of Wexford received a charter of incorporation, by letters patent from Her Majesty the Queen, dated the 25th July, 1846. A short abstract of these letters patent is printed in the Appendix.

Under this charter, which is the only one of the kind that has been granted since the passing of the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108, the Corporation of Wexford are the owners of the property of the former Corporation, and are possessors of and bound by all the rights, powers, interests, duties, and liabilities of the Corporations that have been preserved and reformed by the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108.

There are 464A 3R 11P within the borough. The population at the last Census was 12,077, showing a small increase over that of 1861. The valuation of the property in the borough is £15,793, but for the purpose of levying the rate in lieu of county cess, which is leviable upon the principle of the Towns' Improvement Act, 1854, the valuation is £15,443 6s. The town is, by the charter of incorporation, divided into three wards. The names, valuation, number of burgesses in, and number of representatives of, in the Corporation, are as follows, viz:—

Name.	Valuation.	No. of Burgesses.	Representatives in Corporation.
Selskar's, £4,669	0	0	94 2 Aldermen, 6 Councillors.
St Mary's, 3,455	5	0	43 Do. do.
St Ignace's, 3,678	10	0	99 Do. do.
£15,792 15 0 230			

The qualification for members of the Council under the charter of the incorporation is the being on the burgess list and the possession of real or personal property, or both, of the clear value of £500 over and above his debts, or the being on the burgess list and the occupation for twelve months past of a house in the borough rated to the relief of the poor at £20 a year; and the qualification of a burgess is that required by the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108.

The Mayor, who does not receive any salary, is chosen from the general body of the Council. The 17th and 18th Viet, cap 108 was adopted in its entirety by the Corporation in 1870. By a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated the 15th November, 1872, confirmed by the 36th Viet, cap 61, passed on the 16th June, 1873, the jurisdiction, powers, and authority of the Grand Jury of the county of Wexford with respect to roads, bridges, footpaths, and public works within the borough, are transferred to the Corporation of Wexford. The borough is to contribute in proportion to the valuation of property within it to the county at large charges. Existing contracts under the Grand Jury are provided for; and the Corporation are empowered to levy, in addition to any other rates leviable by them, a rate of 2s. in the pound, to be levied in all respects as any assessment or

**the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.**

The Corporation of Wexford obtained a second Provisional Order of the Local Government Board, Ireland, dated the 2nd December, 1875, which was confirmed by the 39th and 40th Viet, cap. 155. Several public Acts are incorporated by this Order, and the Corporation are empowered to exercise compulsory powers of purchase of lands and water, and water-rights for the purpose of forming a water supply for public and domestic use in the town; they are empowered to levy a domestic water rate of 1s in the pound on the valuation, and a public water rate of 6d in the pound. And it is provided that the borrowing powers conferred by the 40th section of "The Public Health Act (Ireland), 1874," shall extend and apply to the rates authorized by the Order, and to the costs, charges, and expenses to be incurred by the Corporation in the performance of its duties under the Order. And the Corporation are empowered to borrow and take up at interest any sums of money necessary for defraying such costs, charges, and expenses, subject to the provisions and with the authorities contained in that section. The Order contains other provisions for the regulation of the water supply, which it is not necessary to refer to here. The Corporation have not, as yet, exercised the borrowing power so conferred upon them, but they have received from the eminent engineer, Mr Hawkesly, plans for the construction of Public Waterworks, and an estimate of about £16,000 for the costs and expenses of executing the works, not including the purchase money of the lands that may be required. They have applied to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for a loan of £25,000 for the purpose of purchasing land for and constructing the proposed public waterworks, but it is uncertain whether more than £25,000 may not be required, and the Corporation are desirous of obtaining at once a sum sufficient for the completion of the works. Some few of the members of the Council and of the ratepayers, objected to the expense of constructing public waterworks as unnecessary, but it is clear from the evidence given that the present supply of water is most miserably deficient, and that the great want of the town of Wexford is a good public water supply.

The old Corporation of Wexford is stated to have been possessed of considerable fee-simple properties in houses and lands, but large and substantial interests had been alienated by the Corporation before the passing of the 3 & 4 Viet, cap. 108. It is found by the Report of the Municipal Commissioners for Ireland, made in 1835, that at the time of the Commissioners' inquiry, the Corporation were seized and possessed of lands and houses near to and in the town of Wexford, in the occupation of twenty-nine tenants, producing a yearly rent of £147; and that it was expected that upon the termination of some leases, the particulars of which are not given in the Report, a rise of about £100 a year would take place. The same Report finds that very improvident lettings have been frequently made of portions of Corporation property upon very long leases at very low, or even nominal, rents. It appears from a rental furnished by the treasurer that, exclusive of the rent of £11 1s 6d received by the Corporation from what are known as the Pip-fields, which is a portion of land held by the Corporation as tenants under Mr Percival, who holds them himself as tenant of the Corporation, the annual rental of the Corporation is now £319 2s 3d paid by fifty-four tenants, or representatives of tenants, and that three tenants hold under leases or grants for over, the dates of which are not given; and twenty hold under different leases for 999 years, all of which are stated to have been granted at intervals, from 1736 to 1794.

In the interval between the 30th August, 1836, and the 1st September, 1840, when the 6th & 7th Wm. IV., cap. 100, restraining alienation by Corporations including Wexford, the old Corporation made three leases, viz., one dated on the 26th July, 1837, to Richard Leared, of 1a Or 16a, Irish for 99 years, at the yearly rent of £5 10s; another dated 31st July, 1837, to John Madcock, of 1a Or 15p, Irish, for 99 years, at the yearly rent of £5 10s; and another dated the 10th December, 1839, to David Robinson, of 10a 2c, Irish, for 91 years, at the yearly rent of £42. These three leases may be within the prohibition of the 6th & 7th Wm. IV., cap. 100, but they appear to have been made at fair rents, and not from any corrupt or improper motives.

leases under which property in the town was held at nominal rents terminated, and the Corporation succeeded in establishing their title to the property, which now brings in a considerable yearly rent.

About the year 1856 the present Corporation of Wexford sold and conveyed to the trustees of a charity, with the assent of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a small portion of land, for the sum of £300, which was applied by the Corporation as portion of their borough fund.

There have been but very few leases or lettings made by the present Corporation since their creation in 1846. On the 17th April, 1855, a resolution of the Council was passed to make a lease for five years of a small piece of yard adjoining the premises of Alderman Stafford to Mr R. W. Ryan, then a member of the Town Council, at the yearly rent of £3. Up to that time the Corporation were receiving a very small—almost nominal—rent for this place. Alderman Stafford considered that this piece of ground could be added advantageously to his premises, and he agreed to give Mr R. W. Ryan £40 for his interest in it. Mr Ryan, on the 9th May 1868, with the sanction of the Lords of the Treasury, surrendered his lease to the Corporation; and on the 11th May, 1868, the Corporation, with the sanction of the Lords of the Treasury, made a lease of the piece of ground to Alderman Stafford for ninety years, at the rent of £3, the lessee covenanting to expend £500 in building. It does not appear that the bargain between Mr Ryan and Alderman Stafford was disclosed to the Lords of the Treasury.

A future resolution of the 17th April, 1855, was made by the Corporation to grant a lease of premises within the borough to Alderman Walsh, a member of the Corporation for seventy-five years, at the yearly rent of £25. The Government valuation of these premises at the time was £20, and Alderman Walsh was then the tenant in possession of the premises as tenant for the residue of a term of thirty-one years. Alderman Walsh continued in possession, and paid the rent of £25, until his death, and his representatives are still in possession; but it does appear that any lease to him was ever actually executed. In pursuance of a further resolution of the Corporation of the 17th April, 1855, a lease of premises at West gate, within the borough, the valuation of which was £14 a year was made by the Corporation to William Walpole for seventy-five years, at the yearly rent of £25. The lease contained a covenant by Mr Walpole to build on the premises, "according to the provisions of the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108, sec 142." Mr Walpole was at the time a member of the Corporation. He was a tenant in occupation, holding under an immediate tenant of the Corporation, whose lease had shortly before determined, and he carried on his business on the premises. Three other

lettings were made by the Corporation which need not be noticed. There were not in any of these cases any letting by auction, or any advertisements for tenders for the places, or any public notification of the intention of the Corporation to let the premises. It is not the practice of the Corporation to have such and they consider and prefer the claims of the tenant in occupation, and the more especially if he has established his business upon the premises.

The Corporation do not administer any charitable fund or property of any kind.

The Corporation levy only two rates—a borough rate under the provisions of their Charter and the 3rd and 4th Viet, cap 108, which up to and for the financial year ending the 30th September, 1876 was 1s in the pound, and amounted to £787 16s, and which for the present year is 10d in the pound; and a rate of 2s. in the pound under the Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, which amounted to £1,544 6s 6d.

The other receipts of the Corporation consist chiefly of fines and costs under the Towns' Improvement Act and under the Licensing Acts, and of pipe-water rents received by the Corporation for water supplied to houses of such of the inhabitants as are willing to take it at a fixed scale of payment. The supply is from a reservoir, which, with its works, became vested, as appears from the Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1876, in the Corporation in 1862.

For the year ending 30th September, 1876, these rents amounted to £207 only whilst the expenses upon the works, &c., and cost of collection amounted £175 6s. The water is not supplied to more than one-tenth of the houses in the town, and even to those the reservoir does not suffice to give a sufficient or a constant supply. An abstract of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ending the 30th September, 1876, will be found in the Appendix, in which are set forth the annual receipts and expenditures of the Corporation. The receipts are of the ordinary character, and for the



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purpose incidental to municipal government and care of the town, with the exception of the contribution to the county at large charges under the Provisional Order Wexford Confirmation Act, 1873. The obtaining of this order was of substantial advantage to the town of Wexford, inasmuch as the two shilling rate will, after the county at large purposes are provided for produce an annual sum of at least £600, available for and applicable to the purposes of the town, which before the separation of the town from the county by the Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1873, would have gone into the general funds of the county.

For the last three years the average of the county cess, and of the rate under the Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1873 is nearly the same, being at first 10d in the pound. It was stated before me that it was the refusal of the Grand Jury of the county of Wexford to present for the making of main sewers in Wexford that caused the movement which resulted in obtaining the Provisional Order Wexford Confirmation Act, 1873. The costs of obtaining that order amounted to £39 5s 2d. It was complained that that order has not gone far enough, because it has not transferred to the Corporation, but left with the Grand Jury of the county the power to assess compensation for malicious injuries to property and persons within the borough of Wexford, and in this the town has no representation.

The Corporation do not exercise any control or power over, or derive any profit from the Port and Harbour of Wexford, which are under the control of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, constituted under special statutes.

The Harbour Commissioners undertake the charge of lighting and keeping in repair the quays and the streets leading from the main streets to the quays. The Corporation are represented on the Board of Harbour Commissioners by two members, of whom one, the Mayor, is an *ex-officio* member the other is elected by the Corporation. Save as above mentioned the town is lighted, and the streets, &c., repaired, kept in order, and scavenged by the Corporation.

The Corporation have provided a public market, and have published bye-laws in order to have the markets held there and not in the streets of the town. At present what is known as the Fowl Market is held in the streets of Wexford on every Wednesday and Saturday in the forenoon. This new market, subject to a head-rent of £50 a year, was acquired for a sum of £400, borrowed by the Corporation, who have contracted to borrow for the completion of the market, from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the further sum of £1,000, which has not been as yet taken up. Of the £400, £50 has been paid off, and at present £350, the balance of it, constitutes the only capital debt of the Corporation. There is a registry of slaughter-houses, but no public slaughter-house. It is the duty of the town-sergeant to see that the slaughter-houses are kept clean.

There is not any registry of common lodging-houses. This is a matter that requires to be remedied.

The Corporation of Wexford are the urban sanitary authority, and appoint the usual sanitary officers. The sewerage of the town is quite insufficient. There are seven miles of streets and there are not two miles of these sewered. Since 1848 very little, if any, sewerage has been made. The Corporation have, however, now procured plans, estimates, and contracts, for making the required additional sewerage, and they have, and are trying to enforce the making of connecting drains from the houses to the main sewers.

The private accommodation in the greater part of the houses in Wexford was described as being very bad. The Corporation enforce the sanitary laws to the extent of causing nuisances to be removed, places of assemblage, people prevented from keeping pigs or other animals in their houses; having houses disinfected and whitewashed and such like things, but very little has been done in the way of having privies or closets made in houses wanting them. A larger sanitary staff is required.

E. B. LAWLESS. (Seal).

*John Joseph Wexford*  
*Mayor*



2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1877,

At a Statutable Meeting of the Council held this day in the Town Hall at twelve o'clock noon to take into consideration or transact the business as may be hereinafter mentioned: To pass accounts to consider an application from Captain Chandler to have a resolution rescinded that was passed 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1877, directing that no further rent be paid for the passage through his land to the reservoir after the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1876, and all other business that may be brought before the meeting. Also to elect a Harbours Commissioner for the ensuing year

The following members of the Council attended viz.

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Peter Murphy, John Greene, Robert Stafford and John Simmott,

Town Councillors - John J. Harper, Joseph Lacy, David Harris, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Michael Delaney, Joseph O'Connor, Jasper W. Walsh, James P. Devereux, William Devereux, John Hinton Edward Walsh,

Also present. R. W. Ryan, Corporation Solicitor Thomas Lacy Borough Treasurer, Nathaniel Hughes Pipewater Superintendent.

The application from Captain Chandler to have a resolution rescinded that was passed on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1876, directing that no further rent be paid for the passage through his land to the reservoir after the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1876 was taken into consideration and no motion was made thereon

Alderman Greene gave the following notice of motion  
viz:



"I hereby give notice, that I will propose, at the next meeting of the Corporation, the abolition of the present Thicket, in order to afford better accommodation in its vicinity to the inhabitants of the Town and County, and to promote an improved ventilation through our narrow streets; that the Fire Engine be kept in the market house in future; that the Fish Market be removed to the lower stalls of the market now in process of erection; that the Mayor's Court be holden in the Town Hall, until an office be constructed in the New Market, or so long as the Council may deem expedient; and that a Committee be appointed to provide a suitable bathing place, for the promotion of the public health; and to afford to the rising generation, in this ancient seaport, the means of acquiring a knowledge of the inestimable art of natation."

(Signed),  
JOHN GREENE, J.P.

August 2, 1877.

The following resolution proposed by Edward Walsh J.P. and seconded by Michael Delaney Esq. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That Alderman Peter Murphy be elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent this Corporation on the Harbour Commissioners Board for the ensuing year

Signed { P. Walsh J.P.  
M. Delaney Esq.

Alderman Murphy then returned thanks

The following resolution proposed by David Jarvis Esq. and seconded by Joseph Lacy Esq. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the bills now submitted as recommended by Finance Committee amount ~~amount~~ £108. 3. 7 1/2 be approved and cheques signed for payment

Signed David Jarvis.  
Joseph Lacy  
Wm Joseph Ward  
Mayor



Particulars of Bills submitted to Meeting for  
Payment as recommended by Finance Committee

1- Thomas M. Cheary, for quarter's salary as Town Clerk ending 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 1877,	L. S. D. 22. 2. 6.
2- Thomas Lacy, for quarter's salary as <del>Borough</del> Treasurer to do,	9. 10. 0
3- Ditto for ditto, Pipewater Department to do,	2. 10. 0
4- John Heaton, for ditto, as Mayor's Sergeant L 4, cleaning Fire Engine L 1. 5. 0 to do,	5. 5. 0
5- Mary Jordan, for ditto, for cleaning Mayor's Office to do,	0. 10. 0
6- Nathaniel Hughes, for ditto, as Pipewater Superintendent to do,	13. 15. 0
7- Thomas M. Cheary for ditto, as Executive Sanitary Officer to 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 1877,	5. 0. 0
8- Robert J. Crean, for ditto as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do,	3. 15. 0
9- John Heaton, for ditto, as Sub-Sanitary Officer to do,	5. 0. 0
10- Thomas M. Cheary, Town Clerk for cash advanced by him to pay sundry small accounts	1. 18. 5
11- Nathaniel Hughes, for commission on £42, Pipewater Rents collected and lodged at 5 per cent	2. 2. 0
12- Nathaniel Hughes for cash advanced for Pipewater works	16. 13. 3½
13- John W. Wadden for chloride of lime	0. 13. 0
14- "Wexford People" for advertising,	6. 0. 0
15- "Wexford Constitution" for advertising	6. 0. 0
16- "Wexford Independent" for advertising	6. 0. 0
17- John A. Greene, for printing	1. 17. 6
18- William Gainfort, for stationery	0. 12. 1
Amount ordered for payment £108. 3. 9½	

over



# List of Payments

By Finance Committee by Orders on Borough  
Treasurer since last Quarterly Meeting on  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1897, viz:

Thomas Deegan for cleansing &c streets  
for 12 weeks at £3. 10s per week £42. 0. 0.

— *Geo. Deegan* —



17<sup>th</sup> August, 1877,

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 take into consideration or transact the business as hereunder mentioned:  
 To consider a letter from the Local Government Board Mr Barney's L. C. report, and the plans supplied by Mr Hawksley to said Board all in connection with the proposed Waterworks. Also to receive notice of action by Capt Morris against Corporation

The following Members of the Council attended viz:

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
 Aldermen - James M. Vicary, John Simmott, and John Greene

Town Councillors - William Devereux, Lett Sealy Jeffares, William Simpson Jun. Robert D. Walker, Jasper W. Walsh, William Armstrong, Edward Walsh Gerald O'B Ryan, Joseph O'Connor,

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

The Mayor read three letters from Mr Hawksley to the Town Clerk dated respectively 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 1877, two of which were marked "Private," relative to the Waterworks.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1877, in which was inclosed Mr Barney's L. C. report, approving of the plans specifications &c. supplied by Mr Hawksley L. C. to the Local Government Board and recommending



that the loan sought for by the Corporation for the proposed new Waterworks might be considered by the Local Government together with copies of letters from Mr Hawksley to said Board. Also the Plans Specifications &c as above mentioned were submitted to the Meeting and the following resolution was adopted thereon

Proposed by Jasper W. Walsh J. C. and seconded by John Green J. P. Alderman and passed viz:  
Resolved

That the plans of our projected Waterworks received from the Local Government Board furnished them by Mr Hawksley J. C. for the proposed Waterworks on behalf of this Corporation are hereby approved

Signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
John Green

The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Local Government Board by the earliest post stating that the plans &c were adopted by this Corporation and to furnish the Local Government Board with a copy of the above resolution and also to forward the plans &c to the Local Government Board without further delay

The Mayor read notice from Mr Charles Taylor Solicitor, stating that one month after date an action would be instituted by Francis Morris for £ 1,000. damages sustained by him in consequence of the light and air to his hotel being impeded by the erection of the new Market and

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

Resolved

That the notice of action Francis Morris versus the Corporation be referred to our Solicitor to take defence and that the following Committee be



appointed to advise with our Solicitor and take such steps as they may think necessary in this matter viz: Geo. B. Ryan, Ald Vicary ~~Wm~~ Armstrong J. W. Walsh.

signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
William Armstrong

The following letter from Stephen Kavanagh clerk of Wexford Union was read viz:

Wexford Union  
Clerk's Office 14<sup>th</sup> August 1877

Sir

I have been directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to bring under the notice of the Corporation at their next Meeting that it has been represented to them that a part of the boundary wall of St Mary's graveyard is levelled and that there is a regular thoroughfare from the Old Pound (through a plot of ground belonging to Mr Martin Cahill) into it

As this burial ground is within the Borough boundary, the Board of Guardians hope the Corporation will put the wall into such state of repair as will prevent trespass

I am Sir

Yours very obediently  
Stephen Kavanagh  
Clerk of Union

Thomas M. O'Leary Esq.

The following resolution proposed by William Simpson Junr J. C. and seconded by William Devereux J. C. was passed viz:

Resolved

That the graveyards of the Borough of Wexford being vested in the Poor Law Authorities we have no power to interfere in the case referred to in Mr Kavanagh's letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

signed { William Simpson Junr.  
William Devereux



Alderman Vicary called attention of the Meeting to the sewer that was in course of construction on Georges street and stated that the ground being levelled as the work progressed he would suggest that notices be served on the adjoining occupiers of the houses to make connecting sewers in order to prevent the breaking up of the ground hereafter.

This was unanimously adopted and Town Clerk ordered to prepare notices forthwith.

Wm. Joseph Walsh  
Mayor

3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition held this day in the Tholsel at the hour of twelve o'clock noon to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) hereinafter mentioned. To pass accounts, and to consider Alderman Greene's notice of motion proposing the abolition of the present Tholsel and the removal of the Irish Market &c.,

The following members of the Council attended viz:-

John Joseph Walsh Esq. Mayor. in the chair  
Aldermen- John Greene J. P. James M. Vicary,  
John Simmott and Peter Murphy.  
Town Councillors- David Harris, Robert D. Walker,  
Joseph Lacy, William Devereux, William Simpson Junr.  
John J. Harpur, John Hinton, Lett Sealy Jeffares, Jasper  
W. Walsh, and William Armstrong.  
Also present- Nathaniel Hughes, Pipewater Superintendent  
William Hughes, Borough Rate Collector, Nicholas  
Macdonnell, Town Surveyor, and Rudolphus W. Ryan  
Corporation Solicitor

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed



The Mayor explained that the Town Clerk when in Dublin a few days ago called upon the Local Government Board and was informed by the Secretary that the application had been sent to the Board of Public Works and recommended to be granted. The money if required for 50 years will be granted at 4 per cent if for 40 years  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent and if for thirty years  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

A letter was read dated Local Government Board, August, 30, 1877, in which was mentioned that the application for the loan of £20,000, which accompanied the Town Clerk's letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> November last had been forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works and recommended to favorable consideration and that the Board thought it best to submit the present application without incurring further delay which would be incurred if a new one were required to be prepared and they presume that if an additional sum should be eventually found necessary that a further application would be entertained hereafter.

The following resolution proposed by David Harris J.C. and seconded by William Simpson Junr. J.C. was passed.

Resolved

That the Town Clerk be hereby instructed to apprise the Local Government Board that a further loan of £5,000. will be required next year to complete the Waterworks.

Signed { David Harris  
William Simpson Junr.

Alderman Greene then said that at the last Meeting of the Corporation on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, he gave a notice of motion which is as follows:

"I hereby give notice that I will propose, at the next Meeting of the Corporation, the abolition of the present Tholsel, in order to afford a better accommodation in its vicinity to the inhabitants of the Town and County and to promote an improved ventilation through our narrow



streets; that the Fire Engine be kept in the Market house in future; that the Fish Market be removed to the lower stalls of the market now in process of erection; that the Mayors Court be holden in the Town Hall until an Office be constructed in the New Market, or so long as the Council may deem expedient; and that a Committee be appointed to provide a suitable bathing place for the promotion of the public's health; and to afford to the rising generation, in this ancient seaport, the means of acquiring a knowledge of the inestimable art of natation."

After addressing the Council Alderman Greene proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Vicary, who stated that he concurred with Alderman Greene but thought the question was rather premature and passed viz:-

Resolved

That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to take ~~take~~ into consideration the different propositions embodied in Mr Greene's notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1877, and to report thereon to a future Committee of this Council - Alderman Simmott.

Mr Davis, Mr Harpur, Mr Walker, Mr W. Devereux, Alderman Murphy, five to form a quorum

Signed { John Greene

{ James W. Vicary

The following resolution proposed by Jasper W. Walsh, J.C., and seconded by David Davis J.C. was passed viz:-

Resolved

That the report of the Committee on the New Market be referred to the Committee appointed by the foregoing resolution that such report may be taken into account when the question of removing the present Fish Market to the New Market is under consideration

Signed { Jasper W. Walsh  
David Davis



Two circulars - One from the Local Government Board calling attention to the 11<sup>th</sup> Section of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, in which is mentioned that every intending Borrower is required to send a statement of the new loan to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> December in every year. The other was from Dublin Castle calling attention to the subject of carrying out the provisions of the Explosives Act of 1875 by the Local Authorities in Ireland. - were laid before the Meeting

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

Resolved

That Mr Ryans, Solicitors bill of costs for drawing Mr Timothy Connors contract for erecting New Market Arch £10. 19. 7, be approved and a cheque signed for payment of same  
signed John Hinton  
Jasper W. Walsh

Done Derry W. Walsh

25 Oct 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, held this day in the Hotel at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, to take into consideration or transact the business (as may be) hereinafter mentioned  
To consider important communications in reference to the Wexford Waterworks

The following Members of the Council attended viz:-

John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor, in the chair  
Aldermen - James M. Vicary, John Sinnott, Robert Stafford, John Greene, Peter Murphy  
Town Councillors - Lett Sealy, James John J. Harpur



Jasper M. Walsh, Peter Synnott, Robert D. Walker—  
Richard Fortune, Joseph Lacy, William Simpson Junr.  
William Devereux, Edward Walsh, William  
Armstrong, James P. Devereux

Also present Nicholas Macdonnell, Thomas Lacy,  
Nathaniel Hughes, and William Hughes.

That Mayor informed the Meeting that the Waterworks  
Committee had carried on a correspondence with the  
Local Government Board and the Board of Public  
Works in reference to the loan for carrying out  
the Waterworks but the Board of Public Works having  
raised a totally unexpected difficulty the Committee  
felt they could proceed no further without laying  
the whole correspondence before a full Meeting of  
the Council and thought it better not to wait for the  
Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. He had consequently  
convened the present Meeting to hear the correspondence  
read and consider the entire matter.

The Town Clerk then read several letters from the  
Local Government Board and the Board of Public  
Works. The latter Board stating that the Provisional  
Order obtained from the Local Government Board  
and confirmed by Parliament was not sufficient  
to enable them to make the required loan, but that  
a new Provisional Order obtained from themselves  
on Petition to them, and after a new local  
inquiry and confirmation by a new Act of  
Parliament were all necessary before they would take  
the matter of the loan into consideration and stating  
that they were advised that all was necessary in  
compliance with the Act of Parliament 21 & 22 Vict  
cap 98. see 78

The following resolution proposed by William Simpson  
Junr J. C. and seconded by William Armstrong J. C.  
was passed viz—



Resolved

That the best thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the Waterworks Committee for the great trouble they have taken in their correspondence for Waterworks

signed { William Simpson Junr. Esq.  
William Armstrong

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

Resolved

That this Meeting stand adjourned to the 5<sup>th</sup> November next

signed { Robert D. Walker  
Jasper W. Walsh

Jasper W. Walsh  
Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> November, 1877.

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) hereunder mentioned: To pass accounts. To consider an estimate to be submitted of expenses to be provided for in the ensuing year and the striking of a Rate to meet those expenses. To consider as to getting Councils opinion as to the powers of the Corporation to enforce the payment of rates on half annual rents, as suggested by the Assistant Barister. To fix convenient days and hours (as required by the act) for quarterly Meetings viz: February, May and August in the ensuing year. And all such business as may be brought before the Meeting

The following Members of the Council attended viz:  
John J. Walsh Esq. Mayor in the chair  
Aldermen - James W. Vicary, Robert Stafford, and John Sinnott.



Town Councillors - Joseph Lacy, William Simpson Jun.  
 Lett Sealy Jeffares, William Devereux, Peter Symmott,  
 William Armstrong, and Robert D. Walker.

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

The following resolution proposed by Alderman  
 Symmott and seconded by William Devereux J.C.,  
 was passed

Resolved

That the Bills now submitted as recommended  
 for payment by Finance Committee be approved  
 and cheques signed for payment amount £239. 0.9  
 and that the following Bills be also paid viz: Kemish  
 Bill 17/6 adjourned for consideration and Mrs  
 Murphys Bill for rent of Morrish Depot in the  
 Haythe to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1877

signed { John Symmott  
 William Devereux

The following resolution proposed by William Simpson Jun.  
 J.C., and seconded by William Armstrong J.C., was passed  
 viz:

Resolved

That the following days and hours be now  
 fixed for holding the next three quarterly meetings  
 previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1878, viz: On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 February next at twelve o'clock noon, On Thursday  
 2<sup>nd</sup> May next at twelve o'clock noon On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 August next at twelve o'clock noon

signed { William Simpson Jun  
 William Armstrong

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

Resolved

That our Solicitor be instructed to obtain



Councils opinion in regard to the right of the Corporation to enforce rates on half annual rents, as suggested by the Assistant Barrister, and the case he submitted to this Council for approval before being sent to Council

signed { Lett S. Jeffares  
Robt Stafford

The circular from Dublin Castle, relative to the Explosives Act, 1875, which was submitted to Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September last, was brought under the notice of the Meeting by the Mayor. And was referred to next Meeting to try to make arrangements with Harbour Commissioners, and Town Clerk ordered to acknowledge receipt of circular

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

Resolved

That this Meeting be adjourned to Monday next the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, in the Hall at Twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of striking a Rate only

signed { James M. Vicary  
Lett Sealy Jeffares

John W. M. M.

Particulars of Bills approved and cheques signed for Payment as recommended by Finance Committee and otherwise

1	Thomas M. Cheary, for Quarters salary as Town Clerk ending 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 1877	£ 23 " 2 " 6
2	Thomas Lacy, for do, as Borough Treasurer to do, " " "	" 7 " 10 " 0
3	Do for do, Pipewater Department to do, " " "	2 " 10 " 0
4	John Pearson, for do, as Mayors Sergeant at Arms and for cleaning Fire Engine £1. 5s to do, " " "	5 " 5 " 0
		£ 38 " 7 " 6



	Brought forward	38 " 7 " 6
5	Mary Jordan, for quarters salary for cleaning Mayors Office ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1877	0 " 10 " 0
6	Nathaniel Hughes for do., as Pipewater Superintendent to do.,	13 " 15 " 0
7	Thomas M. Heary for do., as Executive Sanitary Officer to 5 <sup>th</sup> October 1877	5 " 0 " 0
8	Robert J. Cream, for do., as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do.,	3 " 15 " 0
9	John Heason, for do., as Sub Sanitary Officer to do., " " " "	5 " 0 " 0
10	Thomas M. Heary, Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay sundry small accounts, " " " "	1 " 16 " 11
11	Nathaniel Hughes, for cash advanced for Pipewater Works " " " "	20 " 10 " 1
12	John R. Simmott, for sundry works and goods supplied, " " " "	8 " 12 " 2
13	William Gainfort, for stationery " " " "	0 " 19 " 7
14	John Kennick for engrossing Petition in reference to Weaford Harbour Bill	0 " 17 " 6
15	William Hughes, for commission on £10-11-0 Borough Rate collected and lodged at 5 per cent " " " "	0 " 15 " 6
16	John A. Greene, for Printing and stationery	3 " 13 " 0
17	Thomas M. Heary, Town Clerk, for cash advanced to pay witnesses for attending at New Ross Quarter Sessions for Corporation in case of Captain Chandler's and cashire bringing same to New Ross.	1 " 5 " 6
18	Thomas Lucy, Borough Treasurer, for cash advanced for cashire &c to New Ross in case of Corporation v. James Roche	1 " 15 " 6
19	Gas Consumers' Company for gas for Mayors Office, " " " "	0 " 2 " 6
20	Do., for seasons gas to 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 1877,	133 " 12 " 6
21	Ellen Murphy for years rent of Manure Depot in Haythe " " " "	2 " 10 " 0
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		Brought forward		£1005-2 6	
1877	By years rent of Bullring Market Ground	50	0	0	
"	By years rent of Town Hall & Market house	13	8	6	
"	By years quit rent deducting income tax	6	15	0	
"	By years rent charge deducting Poor Rate &	4	10	6	
"	By Poor Rate and income allowable to Tenants	26	0	0	
		100	14	0	
"	Gross amount of corporate income	319	2	0	
"	Government allowance for Sanitary Officers	27	10	0	
"	Dog licence for ensuing year	30	0	0	
"	Proceeds of Fish Market for year	7	0	0	
		383	12	3	
Deduct liabilities as above		100	14	0	
		282	18	3	282 18 3

Amount to be liquidated by Borough Rate £722 4 3

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

		£ s d		£ s d	
1877	Probable amount of income			200	0 0
"	Years rent of Pipe fields from Mr William I. Rossiter			11	1 6
				211	1 6
"	By years rent of Pipe fields	30	0 0		
"	By years rent of Passage to Reservoir	4	0 0		
"	By Superintendent's year's salary	55	0 0		
"	By Treasurer's salary from this fund	10	0 0		
"	By collectors' commission	10	0 0		
		£109	0 0	109	0 0
Balance likely to be absorbed in the Waterworks for ensuing year				102	1 6