

Quarterly Meeting 4th November 1902.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford on November 4th 1902.

Present Mr Edmund Hore Vice Chairman, (presiding)
 other members - Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Donohoe, James Codd, James Ahearne, Alexander Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, John Bolger, J. B. Hearn, M. Broune, J. F. Walsh, P. Ryan, M. Hickey, J. Cummins, M. J. Furlong, James C. Maylor, Lord Viscount Stopford, Thaddus Bolger, R. King, Capt Pigott, Secretary County Council, Messrs H. Webster, County Surveyor, and R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Auditor's Report - The following was read for the information of the Council:-
 No 38432: 1902. County Wexford

Cork, 10th July 1902.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Wexford County Council for the half year ended 31st March 1901, and enclose herewith abstracts of same certified by me.

The state of the rate collection as disclosed by Table "B" is very satisfactory. The rate during the half year amounting to £26,403:12:1 was lodged within the half year, with the exception of £97:18:0 in No 21. collection, New Ross District. In this district the large amount returned as arrears is due to the default of the late collector McGrath. A statement has been submitted to me by the County Secretary showing that the account is being rapidly liquidated.

A sum of £14:8:10 expended by the County Committee of Aquaculture and Technical Instruction has been paid, and is charged in this account. The amount has since been refunded by the Committee.

I disallowed £2:11:6 overpayments made to two road contractors in Enniscorthy Rural District, but it was not necessary to make a surcharge, as the County Surveyor, at once lodged the amount when his attention was drawn to the payments in question.

I think it right to state that the returns

made out by some of the clerks of the Rural District Councils are not as accurate and correct as they should be. Unless a very great improvement is shown I may find it necessary to make this the subject of a special report to you at a future audit.

The sum of £3235 : 7 : 8 due by the urban councils at the close of the half year has since been paid in.

I drew the attention of the County Surveyor to the fact that the term for the completion of contracts for new works is in many instances exceeded, and pointed out the danger of certifying for payment after the expiration of the period prescribed in his specification. He has stated his intention to insist on the terms of these contracts been strictly adhered to for the future.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant.

Jno. H. Calvert

Auditor

The Secretary, Local Government Board.

Dublin.

Auditors Report-

The Local Government Board (letter N^o 54888: 1902 Wexford 62) under date 31st October 1902, forwarded copy of auditors report on his audit of the County Council accounts for the half-years ended 31st March 1902, and 30th September 1901, together with an attested abstract of the accounts showing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads for the period mentioned. The following is a copy-

N^o 54888/1902

Wexford County

Wexford, 6th Oct. 1902.

Sir

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half years ended 30th September 1901, and 31st March 1902, the abstracts of which duly certified by me you will find enclosed herewith

Half year ended 30th September 1901

The total amount of arrears of rate, and of rate made during the current half year amounted to £23719 : 0 : 11. Of this sum £21,698 : 1 : 5 was collected and lodged and £2020 : 19 : 6 carried forward as arrears outstanding on the district of collector Barden, who was recently appointed; The latter sum was practically all outstanding

and as the warrant was not handed to him until the 12th September 1901, it was impossible for him to close within the half year. In addition as you will see from the abstract, the arrears in his District included a sum of £861 : 0 : 10 due by the late collector McGrath.

As regards expenditure, I have found it necessary to disallow only one payment in the account - an item of £5 which the County contributed to the Irish County Councils General Council. In the absence of any direct legal authority for such an expenditure I was obliged to surcharge the three members who made themselves responsible by signing the Treasurer's authority.

Overpayments to road contractors amounting to £2 : 11 : 6 occurred in Enniscorthy Rural District. Attention was drawn to these items at my last audit, and the County Surveyor, on the 28th February 1902 lodged the sum necessary to recoup the County funds.

Two of the Rate collectors in the Enniscorthy District were wrongly paid 7/6 for attendance at Revision of jurors Sessions. The amount was refunded and lodged to the credit of the County on the 22nd September 1902.

Half year ended 31st March 1902.

The total amount of rate to be accounted for in this half year, including £2020 : 19 : 6 (arrears from previous half year) amounted to £24,768 : 11 : 8. All this was lodged with the Treasurer during the half year, with the exception of £207 : 9 : 6 of which £207 : 8 : 7 was outstanding in Collector Barden's district. This collector on the 2nd April 1902 lodged the sum of £109 : 9 : 0 which closed his own collection proper and the balance £97 : 19 : 7 is due in respect of the arrears of defaulting collector McGrath. I may mention that the sum of £711 : 19 : 4 was on the 13th November 1901 lodged on behalf of the Surities of McGrath - the General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd. Perth.

Overpayments amounting to £1 : 5 : 9 were made to road contractors in Enniscorthy Rural District. The amount was lodged by the County Surveyor on the 28th February 1902.

General Remarks.

I went through the assessment of the rate carefully and I am glad to say I found it very correct. In only one instance

was there an error - in the assessment of No 12 special charge (Mountgarrett Bridge) the levy for which was omitted on a small portion of one electoral division. The omission will be rectified in the next rate made.

On examining the receipts I noticed that no sums were received from either of the Railway Companies whose systems run through the County, in respect of maintenance of roadways on, or approaches to overhead bridges. I mentioned the matter to the County Surveyor who informed me that so far as he knew no sums had ever been received in respect of such roads etc.

There can be no doubt as to the liability of the Railways Companies, and I would suggest to the Co. Council the advisability of enforcing the statutory liability. It might be well at the same time to obtain legal advice as to how far the claim of the Council can be made retrospective."

I examined the Bonds of the Rate Collectors and the other accounting officers, and they appear to be quite regular.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant
Jno. H. Calvert
Auditor

To remit surcharge. Mr Peacock moved - That the Local Government Board be requested to remit the surcharge made by the Auditor of £5 paid to the Irish County Councils General Council on account of the amending Bill before the House of Commons at present and which proposes that County Councils should be given power to subscribe to funds of the Irish County Councils General Council a sum annually not exceeding £10"
Mr J. D. Doyle seconded. Passed.

Overhead Bridges. Mr Peacock on the point of overhead bridges referred to by the Auditor proposed - That the question be referred to Mr Elger for his report.
The Chairman seconded the resolution - passed.

Public Libraries. The Secretary stated that the Local Government Board had forwarded for the information of the Council a copy of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act 1892 (2 Edw⁷ 7 Ch. 20) which

had received the Royal assent on the 8th August 1902.
'No order.'

Mr Dempsey's

Disqualification Under date July 12th 1902 the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 38077/1902 Wexford County) that they had no jurisdiction to determine the application of Article 14 of the (Transitory Provisions) (No 2) Order 1898 to the case of Mr D. Dempsey, County Councillor. This letter was read at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 5th August 1902, but was brought under the notice of the present meeting as the Council had instructed their Solicitor to take Counsel's opinion on the question of Mr Dempsey's disqualification.

Counsel's Opinion-

Mr Elger stated that in connection with this, Counsel had decided that Mr Dempsey was disqualified at the time of his election, and that his disqualification does not create a casual vacancy and that the Council could not co-opt; that there should be a new election which will have to be ordered by the Local Government Board. The County Council can relieve him of his Bond, but as it was a bond entered into in the time of the Grand jury it was to the justices he should apply to vacate the Bond.

In reply to Lord Stopford, Mr Elger said that he considered this would apply to District Councillors. He suggested that he should send a copy of the case to, and opinion of, Counsel to Mr Dempsey, and let him if he thinks well of it apply to have his recognizances vacated. If the magistrates made the order there was nothing to prevent the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a new election.

Proposed by Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Ahearne - That Mr Elger send a copy of the opinion of Counsel and case to Mr D. Dempsey and if Mr Dempsey applies to the magistrates to vacate his recognizances that Mr Elger be directed to attend and consent on behalf of the County Council to this course being taken. Passed.

Financial Relations- In connection with the question of the readjustment of the financial relations between the County Council and the Wexford Urban District, Letter No 46571: 1902 Wexford County

under date 30th October 1902, was read from the Local Government Board. The communication pointed out that the Local Government Board have had before them the report of Mr. J. W. Drury, adjusting auditor, on the inquiry held by him on the 7th of August last into the financial relations between the County of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford. With reference thereto I am to state that the Board after careful consideration of the matters brought forward at the inquiry are prepared to give instructions for the preparation of a Provisional Order revising the financial relations in question to the following extent, provided the two councils are satisfied with the proposed terms thereof:-

1. as from the 1st April 1899, the Urban District Council shall be exempt from contributing to the following expenses. The salaries, pensions and expenses of Assistant Surveyors, clerks and officers in the County Surveyor's Office, other than the County Surveyor whether permanent or temporary, clerks and officers in the offices of the Secretary of the County Council, other than the Secretary, whether permanent or temporary, County Analyst.

Expenditure incurred in respect of- The printing of books and forms other than printing provided for by Section 96 (2) and (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898; the publication of notices and documents not directly concerning the Urban District; Improvement and repairs to premises or portions of premises used solely as offices of the County Council; Legal advice and law costs incurred in respect of matters not directly concerning the Urban District; Remuneration and expenses (including all expenses on account of superannuation and compensation) of collectors of Poor Rate transferred to or at any time whether before or after the date of the order appointed by the County Council; fees for audit of accounts of the County Council; Food & Drugs Acts; Weights & Measures Acts, Explosives Act.

2. Article 1 and 2 of the Wexford (Down) Provisional Order 1887 as confirmed by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Dublin etc) Act 1887.

to be repealed as from the 1st July 1900.

5- The County Council shall contribute as from the 1st day of July 1900 during each local financial year to the Urban District Council a sum equal in amount to $\frac{2}{45}$ th parts of one half of the expenses incurred by the County Council on main roads during the year."

Proposed by Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Ennis and passed: "That this letter be referred to the Committee that acted on the deputation of the two bodies previously and that the Committee report to the next meeting of the County Council."

Collector Blake's Bond. Under date September 6th 1902 (Letter N^o 48738 1902 Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote that they saw no objection to the acceptance by the County Council of the Bond submitted to the Board on behalf of Francis Blake." marked "Read"

Collectors, and In connection with the refusal of the Solicitors to the Great
Gr S. & W Rly Co. Southern and Western Railway Company, to pay the full amount of rate assessed on them by the Council, letter no. 49222/1902. Wexford County under date 10th September 1902 was read from the Local Government Board, and in which it was stated that the Board would not object to the payment of poundage fees to the collectors in whose districts the railway property referred to was situate provided that the collectors on or before the 30th September had lodged the full amount of their warrants minus the rates disputed by the Railway Company in this case. The Secretary said the collectors had carried out the stipulation in this letter.

Messrs Barrington & Son, Solicitors for the Railway Co. wrote stating that they had advised the Railway Company, to decline payment of the amount of rate demanded for the following reasons:

1. The Company are not occupiers of rateable property other than land.
- (2) The Company are not strictly liable to be rated as occupiers of land and their liability is only to make up any deficiency in the rates derived from land which they have acquired.
- (3) The Company are liable only for deficiency in the poor's rate which does not comprise county and other charges specified in the demand note.

their clients were however prepared to waive their objection to the assessment as invalid and to pay the amount they are liable to under the provisions of the Land Clauses Consolidation Act 1845. In conclusion Messrs Barrington asked that the matter should be brought under the notice of the Solicitor to the Council.

The Secretary said he had handed this letter to Mr Elger who had taken the opinion of Council.

Mr Elger said his Council had advised that the Company were liable for the higher rate.

Mr Elger - St S. St.
Rly Coy.

Mr Ahern proposed: "That we direct our Solicitor to appear against the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to help the Rate collectors in obtaining a decree against them for the rates due by them."

Mr Hickey seconded. "Passed"

Collectors, and Irrecoverable Rates -

The Secretary said that some Rate collectors, from Enniscorthy District had applied for poundage fees on full amount of their warrant, including items of Irrecoverable Rates and which would be refunded to them. He had laid the matter before the Local Government Board and received a reply (letter No 56003. 1902 Wexford County) under date 16th October which stated that collectors are only entitled to receive poundage fees on the amounts actually collected by them from the Ratepayers, and lodged to the credit of the Council. They are not entitled to receive poundage fees on the amount of Irrecoverable rates refunded to them.

Posting jurors lists -

With reference to a claim of £1:10:0 each made by the Clerk of Gorey Union, on behalf of Relieving Officers Miller and Palmer for posting jurors lists in the Union, the Secretary stated that in consequence of observations of the Auditor, he had asked the opinion of the Local Government Board as to the legality of this payment.

The Local Government Board in reply (letter No 56305: 1902 Wexford County) under date 18th October 1902, stated they were advised that the Clerk of the Gorey Union was himself liable to pay for getting the lists posted, and that this outlay is included in the remuneration payable to him according to the scale fixed under section 9 of

the juries Procedure (Ireland) Act 1876.

on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved:- "That we refuse payment in these cases as directed by the Local Government Board."

Revising jurors lists In connection with Bills submitted by Messrs Godfrey and Whelan, Rate collectors of Enniscorthy and Wexford Urban Districts for services rendered in revising jurors lists, the Secretary had asked in Mr Whelan's case, the opinion of the Local Government Board as to whether the payment was one which the county council should make.

The Local Government Board in reply (letter N° 55991/1902 Wexford County) under date 22nd October 1902 wrote, that the powers and duties in relation to the juries (Ireland) Acts have not yet been transferred to the clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council. as the "existing" clerk of the Enniscorthy Union continues to perform these duties. The Board had therefore been advised that the expenses incurred under these Acts are payable by the County Council of Wexford under Section 7 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1900.

on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed- That we recommend the amount to be paid."

Refund, Irrecoverable Rates- With reference to the refund of the amount of the Irrecoverable Rates to the collectors, the Secretary stated that the Local Government Board had in their letters N° 58288: 1902 Wexford County under date 23rd October and N° 58465/1902. under date 28th October 1902 approved of the payments to the collectors.

Sealed Order. The Secretary said he had received from the Local Government Board copy of their sealed order N° 41096/1902 under date 11th August 1902 declaring the Rural District of Enniscorthy the area of charge for erecting and maintaining a pump at the village of Kiltaly.

Sealed Order- audit fee. Under date 19th August 1902 the Local Government Board forwarded sealed order for payment of £85 audit fee which

was payable by directions received from the Treasury. The Local Government Board requested the Secretary to bring the matter before the Council at the earliest opportunity and that the amount may be remitted to the Bank of Ireland to be placed to the credit of the Local Government Board.

Order - "That, the amount be paid."

Kilmore Pier.

Under date 11th August 1902 letter N^o 24443/02 was read from the Department of Agriculture. The letter pointed out that the Department were now prepared to contribute the sum of £500 towards the cost of the proposed works in the following manner, viz £300 on receipt of a certificate for the County Surveyor that the work had been finished in accordance with the plan and specification, and £200 six months thereafter, if the work be then intact and in sound condition.

The Secretary stated that the contractor, M^r J. J. Walsh, and his sureties had signed the Bond for the execution of the work.

Slade Pier.

Under date 22nd September 1902, the Department of Agriculture (letter N^o 2697:02) wrote that the plans and specifications of the County Surveyor for the improvement of Slade Pier involved an estimated expenditure of £230 and the Department were prepared to make a contribution thereto of a sum not exceeding £80.

Under date 9th October 1902 letter N^o 2881/02 the Department of Agriculture wrote that on further consideration they were prepared to make a contribution to the above work of one half the cost provided that such one half did not exceed £115.

M^r Cummins proposed - "That the £115 given for Slade Pier be a County-at-Large charge." M^r Hickey seconded.

M^r Donohoe moved as an amendment that the charge be half on New Ross District and half on the County at Large.

This amendment was not seconded and the proposition was passed - M^r Donohoe dissenting.

The Secretary said as directed at last meeting he had forwarded a circular to the County Secretaries of the

Maritime Counties of Ireland asking them to state the area of charge for amounts expended in repair maintenance and improvement of piers and harbours in stating the names of the piers and harbours in each county. He had received the following replies Dublin - County Council had not yet passed any amounts, but amounts passed by Grand jury were County at Large Charges. Mayo - Four Piers and Harbours County at Large Charges. Sligo - Rural District Charges, three piers and one harbour. Kerry - Piers and Harbours of which there were twenty, were County at Large Charges. Louth - The piers, not County at Large Charges, area remains the same as under the Grand jury. Antrim - two piers - County at Large Charges. Clare - seven piers County at Large Charges. Down - six piers, County at Large Charges, as with Grand jury. Donegal - twelve piers, County at Large Charges. Waterford - five piers District Charges.

Resolution Anti Treating The Chairman moved the suspension of the Standing Orders for the purpose of moving a motion.

Mr Walsh seconded. Passed.

Mr. Hore then proposed the following resolution:

Inasmuch as the custom of treating in Public Houses is now one of the most fruitful sources of Intemperance in Ireland, and therefore a grave social evil; as, moreover, it hampers the proper transaction of business at fairs, and markets, and notably tends to mar our popular amusements and popular gatherings, we the members of the County Council of Wexford cordially welcome the establishment of St. Patrick's Anti Treating League, and earnestly recommend its general adoption to the people of this County.

Mr J. Bolger seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously, having been supported by Lord Stopford and Mr Browne.

Erection of Telegraph poles The Secretary General Post Office, Dublin under date 15th August 1902 wrote asking for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the erection of poles along the public road from New Ross to Ballywilliam, from the last existing pole at Ballywilliam end of the public road to a point at about

100 yards south of Mr J. Brown's premises on the west side of the railway.

A similar application was received for the erection of poles along the public road from Chapel Railway Station to Blonroche Post Office as shown on attached tracing.

Mr Ahern proposed that the required permission be given to the Postmaster General for the erection of these poles subject to the approval of the County Surveyor as to the position of the poles.

Mr John Bolger seconded the resolution which was passed *nem con*.

Deeds of Mortgages.

The Board of Works forwarded Abstracts from Deeds of Mortgages in respect of loans under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts - to Gorey Rural District Council £3240 and Wexford Rural District Council £9875.

Income Tax on Credit Balance.

In connection with the payment of Income Tax on the credit balance of the Council a letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgu Sol^r to the Council under date October 10th stating that on the 2nd Inst the Commissioners of Income Tax sat to hear appeals and decided that the assessment on the Council in respect of the interest allowed by the Bank on credit balances of the County account should stand. He was not satisfied with this decision. Pending directions from the Council he had lodged an appeal to the County Court Judge against it and was sending a short case to Council.

Mr Elgu explained that Council had decided that the County Council were liable and that they had no case whatever.

The Finance Committee recommended that the amount should be paid and that the action of Mr Elgu in this matter be confirmed.

On the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr Walsh the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

State of Coll^r Doyle's Collection.

The Secretary reported that the Finance Committee had made an order during the course of last rate collection that the sureties of Collector Doyle should be written to calling attention to the backward state of his collection. One of

them Mr Thomas L. Doyle, Ballyshannon, wrote under date 15th September 1902 that he had no doubt collector Doyle would close well. He (writer) had been discussing the term each financial half year ends with several ratepayers and they, as well as himself, would be very anxious that the County Council should ask the Local Government Board to extend the time for say a month. If the half year ended 31st October it would be better for the ratepayers and all concerned.

Unoccupied Houses etc. With reference to the resolution of the Council of the 5th Dec. Coll^r Mr Grath's August requesting the sanction of the Local Government Board to the proposal not to insist on rates for houses down and premises unoccupied being lodged in the case of the collection of the arrears of Exc^r collector Mr Grath by collector Barden etc, letter no. 43437/02. from the Local Government Board under date August 22nd 1902 was read - They stated that they would not be warranted in assenting to the proposal of the Council.

The Secretary reported that the collection of the arrears had been closed as follows:- collected and lodged by collector Barden £97: 8: 7. Dismissed by the Magistrates as having been paid £36: 6: 8½; Irrecoverable Rates on vacant premises £16: 8: 10½. Total £149: 4: 2.

Mr Walsh proposed:- That Mr Elge apply to the General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd for £36: 6: 8½ amount of rate (as now ascertained) on foot of Mr Grath's collection sued for and held by the Magistrates at Petty Sessions, as being paid to Mr Grath. The Chairman seconded "Passed"

The following proposal of Councillor Hearn was considered by the Finance Committee:-

Contractors & Road Metalling. That the Council direct the County Surveyor to inform Road Contractors that the clause of their specification requiring one tenth of their road metalling to be retained for use in early spring, shall in future be rigorously enforced, and that increased attention on the part of road contractors at this period of the year shall be very specially required in the future.

That the County Surveyor instruct Road

contractors to put as little metalling as possible on the sides of the roads by picking where possible instead of filling with metal and as far as possible to apply the metal to the central portion of their roads and allow the sides to get gradually and evenly worn down with a view to improve the formation of the public roads.

That the members of the council exercise in future a certain watchfulness regarding the main roads in their respective divisions and promptly and continuously report any defect or deficiency in their condition to the council.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommended that the proposal be accepted.

Mr. Hearn proposed and Mr. Donohoe seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee, which was passed.

Mr. Donohoe moved and Mr. Hearn seconded the following resolution:— "That the present form of specification be referred to the Finance Committee (having the County Surveyor in attendance) with a view to its amendment wherever considered available and report to the next meeting of the county council." Passed.

Dock of Fethard.

Under date August 12th 1902 Mr. C. Furlong D. C. Killogan Castle, Fethard, wrote:— "I have been requested by some of the fishermen of Fethard to inform you that a vessel laden with coals, came into the Dock of Fethard on Friday last and completely blocked up the entrance to the dock, so that six or seven fishing boats that were in the dock, at the time, have been kept there since and cannot be got out of it until the vessel leaves it, so that the crews of these boats (who have been forced to remain idle since) have been deprived of their means of living, and they wish to know if the county council can do anything for them. Of course the vessel will very likely be gone away before anything can be done in this case, but I think the council ought to take some steps, in order to prevent the like occurring again. If the Solicitor to the council look into the matter he might be able to give the fishermen some directions as to the best course to

be adopted. Perhaps they can obtain damages from the owner of the vessel.

Harbour Master
for Fethard

In answer to this Mr. Elger Solicitor, to whom it was submitted, wrote. "The only way I see in which the matter in question could be met, would be by the Co. Council appointing a Harbour Master for the Pier who would then have power to regulate its user. The Board of Works also might be asked to make bye laws as to the Pier as they did in other cases."

In a second letter under date August 22nd 1902, Mr. Furlong wrote, that he had laid before the fishermen the letter of Mr. Elger and asked them to select a man who would be willing to act as Harbour Master without payment as he did not think the County Council would give any remuneration to the person accepting the office. They selected Mr. Patrick Roche who would act if appointed. In conclusion Mr. Furlong asked that the County Council should appoint Mr. Roche, as he was a suitable man for the position, and also that the County Council should see that bye laws were made regulating the use of the dock.

Appointment of Harbour
Master.

Mr. Hearn proposed - "That Mr. Patrick Roche Ramstown be appointed Harbour Master, and that we request Mr. Roche to send the County Council suggestions as to what bye laws he considers would suit the requirements of the Harbour. Mr. Cummins seconded. "Passed"

Inquiry - new Free
Bridge - Waterford.

Mr. Elger reported that a notice had been served on the Secretary of the Council that a Commission appointed by the Lord Lieutenant was to sit at Waterford with reference to the erection of a new free bridge there, and a proposal to tax Wexford County for its erection and maintenance. He had attended the Inquiry to watch the interests of the County Council.

Mr. Elger explained that it was sought by the promoters to tax Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Wexford. The inquiry had been adjourned on a technical point.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved on the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr. Peacocke - "That the action of Mr. Elger in this matter be approved and that he be given instructions

to appear on the resumption of the Inquiry and employ counsel if he considers it necessary.

Lord Stopford - Resignation The Secretary reported that Lord Viscount Stopford
D. (a) act committee. had resigned his membership on the Diseases (animals) acts committee, and it would be necessary to fill the vacancy thus created.

Mr. Ennis - appointment. Mr. Walsh proposed: "That Mr. Ennis be appointed
D. (a) acts committee a member of the Diseases (Animals) acts committee vice Lord Stopford resigned.

Mr. Peacocke seconded the resolution which was passed.

Sir J. H. G. Esmonde's resignation Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary Gorey School attend-
Gorey School Att'd Comtee. ance committee, reported under date 22nd September 1902 that Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P. had resigned his membership of the Gorey School attendance committee.

Mr. Brighton, Clerk of Gorey District Council wrote under date 1st October 1902 that his Council recommended that the vacancy created by the resignation of Sir Thomas Esmonde should be filled by the appointment of Mr. Redmond, Mullmount, Gorey.

Mr. Redmond's appointment. Lord Stopford proposed Mr. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr. Redmond. Passed.

Mr. Brighton's bond. The Secretary stated that Mr. Brighton had entered into his bond as checker of the Rate collectors' accounts in Gorey Rural District. All the checkers had now entered into their Bonds as directed by the Council. Marked "Read"

Gorey Court House - Bill The following resolution was received from the Gorey District
posting - Boards. Council - Proposed by Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh
 "That we recommend the County Council to permit Mr. Warren to put a boarding on the railing of the Gorey Courthouse, to post Bills.

On the motion of Mr. J. D. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the resolution was marked "approved"

Mr. N. Flood. Increase of salary. The Secretary of Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee (Mr. E. Uerinagh) forwarded copy of resolution adopted by his committee on the 2nd October '02

Proposed by Rev^d Canon Gilson, seconded by Mr J. Cleary, and passed unanimously - "That Mr Nicholas Flood School attendance officer, get a pro rata increase per school for the additional work done by him from 1st February 1902 to 30th September 1902." Mr Murnagh explained that the amount in question would be £3: 6: 8 for eight months and that the additional work imposed on Mr Flood was brought about as follows - He had 20 schools when appointed and there were four schools outside of Enniscorthy District; and it was ordered by the Committee on the 6th February 1902, that he attend any school outside the District that children from this District were going to. His salary is £25 per year for 20 schools and a pro rata increase on four additional schools for eight months. would be £3: 6: 8.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved.

"That the application of the Enniscorthy School attendance Committee be approved."

Wooden paling at Rosbercon.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council. - "That in consequence of the very elevated position of the diverted road at Rosbercon, this Council is of opinion that the wooden paling at present in use on it is not a sufficient protection to the public and we request the County Council to call on the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Co. to build a permanent protecting wall there and thus prevent accident."

Mr Peacocke proposed - "That the matter be referred to Mr Elgue" Mr Hearn seconded. "passed"

Court House garden.

Mrs Richards, bowthouse keeper, Wexford, wrote calling attention to the strip of garden before the Court house, which had greatly been cut up by the workmen when taking down the ivy and plastering the front of the house. As it would cost more than she was well able to afford, to put it into any kind of order again, she asked ^{that} she be allowed some small grant for the purpose.

The Finance Committee recommended that the letter of Mrs Richards be referred to the County Surveyor

for his observations.

Mr. Webster said he had deferred £1 from the contractor as it was stated in the specification that he should lay down this strip of garden in grass. No order

Local Govt (I) amending Act 1902.

A resolution was received from the Londonderry County Council requesting the Government to insert in the Local Government (Ireland) amending Act 1902 a clause to enable county councils to promote Bills in Parliament for such objects as:- to construct, work, and lease, tramways; to establish and work ferries to utilize and charge for waterpower; to create county stock for special undertakings to allow of county councils contributing to the funds of the Irish county councils General Council an annual subscription not exceeding £10.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the adoption of the above resolution.

Mr. Donohoe seconded "Passed."

Co Councils & Court Hs.

A resolution was received from the Carlow County Council stating that the law should be amended in such a way that the county court house, Sessions House, or other county Buildings should be vested in the county council and that the sheriff or justices be afforded such accommodation as he or they should require for the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the adoption of the above resolution.

Mr. Donohoe seconded "Passed"

A resolution was received from the Roscommon County Council stating that the sole custody of the county court Houses, and sessions court Houses in Ireland should be transferred from the Grand jury to the county councils as they represent the rate payers by whom the court House are maintained. Marked "Read"

Mayo Co Council - refusal to maintain Court Hs.

The Mayo County Council forwarded copy of a resolution passed by them declining to consider the applications of the County Surveyor to provide for the repairs of the county court House or for other court houses in the county and recommending the erection of new co. council buildings as more economical than to maintain court houses over which the

people have no control. Marked "Read"

Rate Collection -
time for closing

A resolution was received from the County Council of Kings County calling attention to the impossibility of getting to autumn collection of Poor Rate in that County closed by 30th September as a large portion of the County is in tillage and requesting the Local Government Board to have a clause inserted in the amending act giving the County Councils power to fix the time for collection until a later date in any Counties they consider the same conditions apply to.

A resolution was also received from the Waterford County Council that the date for closing the rate collections be altered to June 30th and 31st December.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee in reference to these matters was confirmed

That we are in favour of an extension of time for closing the collection of the rate for the September half year, from September 30th to October 31st as no hardship would arise to the ratepayers and would convenience the rate collectors.

Limerick Co Council -
sale of milk blended
Butter

The Limerick Co. Council forwarded a resolution protesting against the Bill legalising the sale of milk blended butter.

This resolution was adopted on the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

G. H. Richards Increase of Salary.

Mr. G. H. Richards, Clerk in County Council Office, applied for an increase of salary from 15/- per week.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed: - "We recommend that Mr. Richards be granted an increase of salary of 5/- a week making his salary £1. per week, owing to increase of work and the testimony of the Secretary as to his efficiency in the discharge of his duties."

closing Rate Coll^{ns}

Mr. P. French, M.P. wrote acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Council passed on the 5th August with reference to the extension of time for closing the rate collection from 31st March to 1st May and from 30 September

to 1st November in each year.

Mr Jeffries - appointment
on Infirmary Com^{tee}

Mr Jeffries, Newbury wrote thanking the Chairman and members of the County Council who were so kind as to appoint her on the Committee of Management of the County Wexford Infirmary.

Proposed by Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Ennis and passed nem con.

Proposals for New Works &
Payments etc.

That the several proposals for new works and payments sent up by the Proposals Committee as regards expenditure chargeable to the County at Large be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including Provisional Proposal with regard to the purchase of Kiltarney Mills.

Proposals for Payments & New
Works etc. - Rural Districts

Proposed by Mr J. Bolger, seconded by Mr Dodd and passed: "That the several proposals for payments and for new works sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County for the current quarter be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Dates of Quarterly Meetings The following dates were fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of Proposals Committee and District Councils -

Wexford January 3rd 1903 at 2. P.M. (Saturday)

New Ross 10th 1903 at 10.30 am "

Enniscorthy 13th 1903 at 11 a.m. (Tuesday)

Gorey 14th 1903 at 12 noon (Wednesday)

Proposals Committee January 16th 1903 at 2. P.M. (Friday)

Quarterly Meeting Co. Council Febry 3rd 1903 at 12 noon

Works not tendered for

The following orders were made on works not tendered for at District Councils:-

Gorey Rural District

3. To repair and rebuild portions of the wall on James Keane's road near Ballylarkin; not to exceed £15 to be a Rural District charge.

Given in charge of County Surveyor.

4. To put in repair 300 perches of the road from Monroe on the road leading from Monroevan to Gorey through

Upper and Lower Mangan to Jorduff on the road leading from Kilmuckridge to Courtown Harbour, not to exceed £225 or 15/- per perch. to be a Rural District charge. Referred back to District Council.

Wexford Rural District

2. To repair the river wall between Ferrycaire and Cullentra, not to exceed £9. half county and half Rural District charge.

Nicholas Fortune tendered at the full amount allowed accepted.

Enniscorthy Rural District

1. To fill and metal 21 perches over Scarawalsh budge not to exceed £20. To be half a county and half a Rural District charge.

Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

3. To erect a bridge on the lane going through Garrynist (Blackwater) not to exceed £22 to be a Rural District charge.

There being no appearance for person who tendered, the matter was rejected.

County at Large

66. To repair Mountgarrett Bridge not to exceed £20, referred the Proposals Committee; a similar amount to be levied off the county at large. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Co. Councillors-fine.

Lord Stopford moved:- "That the fine for a Co. Councillor failing to qualify in making and subscribing the declaration as required, or for ceasing to be qualified except in case of illness or other reason approved by the county council be five pounds and in the case of a chairman or vice chairman, ten pounds." Mr. Cummins seconded. "Passed"

County Stock.

Lord Stopford moved:- That a committee be appointed with power to call in expert advice to report on the advisability of issuing County Stock under the Local Government Act of 1888 Section 70 with the view of consolidating the various loans incurred by the county, and for providing for future necessities. Mr. Ahearne seconded - "Passed"

The following committee were then appointed to look into the matter, on the motion of Lord

Stopford, seconded by Mr. Cummins: - Sir Thomas Esmonde
J. B. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, W. A. Ennis, and Lord
Stopford.

Piers and Harbours.

Councillor Cummins moved the following resolutions
which was postponed from last quarterly meeting.

That this county council resolves to strike a
rate of one half penny in the £ as a bounty-at-
large charge to enable the council to borrow a
sufficient amount to put the piers and harbours
of this county into proper order.
He however subsequently withdrew his motion.

Committee-Improvement of
Piers.

Mr. Cummins proposed - That a committee be appointed
to examine local schemes in connection with the
improvement of the piers and harbours of the county
and report to the county council, and that Messrs
W. A. Ennis, A. Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke,
W. Browne and Lord Stopford be appointed a committee
for this purpose. Mr. Hickey seconded. Passed.

Minutes-Proposals Committee

Mr. Cummins proposed - That the minutes of the
Proposals Committee be approved. - Mr. Shearman seconded
passed.

W. A. Ennis

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