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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 10th MAY 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 10th May, 1937, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Cullen, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £144. 2. 0 (Rural Schools Loan repayment); £16. 1. 0 (Enniscorthy Town Technical School repayment); £336. 3. 4d (Ordinary Salaries) and £21,131. 8. 8d (Ordinary payments and Transfers to Public Bodies).

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That we offer to Mr. P. Kehoe, T.D., our heartfelt condolence in the death of his dear wife and to her brother Mr. Stephen Hayes (Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices)."

The proposal was supported by the Secretary and adopted in silence.

#### CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 16th APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this Meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 16th April 1937 in County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council, (presiding), also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6407. 5. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following is percentage of Total Warrants collected to date:-

E. J. Murphy	91.6
J. Curtis	88.3
J. J. O'Reilly	84.1
M. Kehoe	82.6
J. Deegan	81.9
P. Carty	81.7
D. Kenny	79.3
J. Cummins	79.0
S. Gannon	76.3
P. Doyle	75.8
J. Flood	75.1
P. Nolan	73.6
A. Dunne	70.1
M. McCarthy	66.5
J. J. Sinnott	65.4
W. Cummins	64.9
J. Quirke	63.1
W. Doyle	61.2
M. Murphy	<u>61.0</u>

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The percentage at corresponding period last year was 73 per cent; improvement is therefore only 1.1 per cent.

In connection with report of Rate Inspector as to visit to ratepayers in district of Collector Sinnott (No. 16 District) the Rate Inspector stated Mr. Warren, Auctioneer, Gorey, was interviewed in connection with the following



and efforts were made in all cases to have the full amount of rates discharged. Where the proceeds of the letting were not sufficient to discharge outgoings, arrangements to accept "part" payments were made with the Auctioneer:-

T. F. White, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge.

M. Hughes, Mangan, Killena.

Mrs. Gregory, Coolook, do.

Reps. H. White, Tomduff, do.

John O'Brien, Ballinadrummond, do.

Mrs. Sunderland, Ballinastraw, do.

Mrs. B. Rath, Coolroe, Kilmuckridge.

Reps. R. Sinnott, Tomgarrow, Wells.

Richard Farrell, Coolookbeg, Killena.

Mrs. Breen, Curraduff, Killena.

The meeting considered that in the case of T. F. White, Ballywater, the rates should have been recovered before this date, as ratepayer was certainly in a position to pay.

It was decided to call the special attention of the Rate Collector to this matter and that he be instructed to collect the full rate at once.

The Rate Inspector also reported that no rates had been paid for the following farms which were derelict or semi-derelict. People in the area were willing to take over part of the lands if they were divided. The Land Commission had been informed of this:-

Patrick O'Connor, Newtown, Clonevan.

A. Kavanagh, Stable and Templeberry.

Reps. P. Rath, Coolatrindle, Kilmuckridge.

Reps. R. Earle, Peppard's Castle, Clonevan, and

Reps. P. Kavanagh, Mangan, Kilmuckridge.

It was pointed out by Councillors that the majority of these farms were grazed all through the summer.

It was decided that Mr. Sinnott be asked to state what steps he took to recover rates while stock were grazing on



some of these farms.

POUNDAGE ETC.: The following Collectors appeared as a deputation in connection with payment of poundage etc.:— Messrs. Curtis, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan and J. J. O'Reilly.

The following under date, 13th April 1937 (G.26904/37 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the prolonged delay on the part of Rate Collectors J. Quirke, M. McCarthy and J. Flood in accounting for amounts equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the year 1936-37, he is not prepared to sanction payment of poundage as proposed. The Minister will, however, raise no objection to payment at the rates proposed less 10 per cent."

Under date 13th April, 1937, the following letter (G.26905/37 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, on the subject, and to state that he has sanctioned the payment of poundage as proposed to Collectors P. Nolan, S. Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, D. Kenny, E. J. Murphy, M. Keogh and J. Curtis in respect of the lodgment of 75 per cent of their warrants for 1936-37, together with arrears applicable to the year 1935-36. I am to add that the sanction now conveyed should not operate to cancel or reduce the deduction of poundage imposed in the case of Collector J. Deegan in this Department's letter of the 16th ultimo (G.20250/37)."



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It was agreed that payment of poundage to Rate Collectors be made in accordance with letters from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.26904-37 Loch Garman, 13th April 1937) and (G.26905-37 Loch Garman 13th April 1937).

It was decided that steps be taken to obtain sanction for an early payment of the balance of poundage fees immediately following the close of warrants.

The Collectors asked that lodgments made on 31st March in any of the branches of National Bank should be brought into account for the financial year ended that day.

It was pointed out that the amount of these lodgments could be telegraphed to Wexford by the various branches of the National Bank, or the Collectors could lodge in Wexford; otherwise, as Bank Pass Book and Accounts of County Council should be in agreement, lodgments could only be brought to account for the date on which they appear in Bank Pass Book.

INCORRECT CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT: Under date 9th April, 1937, District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, submitted file from which it appeared that Joseph Somers, Oulartard, Ferns, had claimed for two workmen, Patrick Murphy and James Murphy, the former, as from January to August 1936 and James Murphy from August to the present time. In a statement to Guard Guinan, Somers admitted that Patrick Murphy left employment in April 1936, while James Murphy started work in August 1936 and left in February 1937.

It could therefore be seen that there was no sequence of employment in the cases of these two men as claimed in his abatement form by Somers.

It was decided that the file relative to Abatement Form of James Somers (Rates on Agricultural Land) be handed to the County Solicitor, he be requested to report by next meeting if proceedings can be taken against Somers for having made a false return.



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FLOODING AT HOPELANDS ETC., ROSSLARE STRAND

Mr. M. Kavanagh (Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford) appeared with Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare, in connection with the flooding of his land at Hopelands, Island, Leke Little, and Bearlough.

Mr. Furlong stated he held 250 acres of land in these four townlands, the valuation being £132, and in consequence of a breach in the embankment in September 1935, with the exception of about 15 acres, the whole place was flooded.

When the first breach appeared in the bank he spent £70 on repair, but storms came subsequently and made a gap of 70 yards which he found impossible to deal with. His rent annuity was £15. He purchased the place about nine years ago.

Mr. Kavanagh held that the flooding at Hopelands was really more serious than the coast erosion which was recently considered by the Council. Unless something was done Rosslare would be reduced to a peninsula with consequent serious affects on the town of Wexford.

The County Surveyor contended that the breach to the embankment, owing to which Mr. Furlong's land was flooded, was not caused by coast erosion, but by the fact that the embankment of reclaimed land was not maintained. As the land was under high water mark, it would be understood how necessary it was that breaches should be attended to at once when they occurred. As a matter of fact, the Slob Company were obliged to repair these breaches constantly.

Mr. Furlong contended that since the Pilot Station at the Fort was washed away the tide at this place was much higher than before, and in this way the strength of the embankment was sapped.

Mr. Kavanagh asked that the Council request the Department of Industry and Commerce to bring into the scope



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of any inquiry that would be instituted regarding coast erosion, the condition of Mr. Furlong's holding. Mr. Furlong could get rid of his liability for rates there by an easy method.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the Council to call the attention of the Board of Works and Land Commission to the flooding at Hopelands etc. at Rosslare."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: It was reported that Nicholas Breen, Kiloggy, Ferns, who was granted loan of £175. 10. 0 in 1934, and who had been paid £111, did not intend residing in the new house.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Solicitor who was instructed to warn Mr. Breen that he must reside in the house when it is completed, as the money is being voted to him strictly on this understanding.

Laurence Joyce, Ballyboro, Clonroche, applied for loan of £100 for house valued at £250. He had not yet received approval of Local Government Department, but plan and specification of the house he proposed to build had already received their sanction.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to approve provisionally of application of Laurence Joyce, Castleboro, Clonroche, for loan of £100, this resolution to be contingent on the money being provided from savings on previous loans."

Under date 14th April, 1937, Henry Goff, County Hospital, Wexford, wrote pointing out that he had received loan of £180 from the Council and £70 free Grant from the Government for the erection of house at Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.



This was now ready for occupation. At the time he started to build he was working and living in Enniscorthy. He had the house up to the wall plates when he secured his present employment with the Board of Health in the County Hospital, and, therefore, he could not live in Enniscorthy. He asked the Committee to grant him leave to allow his mother-in-law to remain in the house and caretake it for him. He did not wish to transfer it to anybody, and would take full responsibility for payment of rent and rates. He had a good deal of furniture in the house and his mother-in-law would look after it, as he wanted to keep the place aired and dry.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to request of Henry Goff, relative to house erected by him."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 14th April, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected the house of John Eustace, Clonleigh, Blace, on the 9th instant, but no further progress had been made since his last inspection on the 3rd March. Tradesmen were reluctant to carry out the work and with cottage building restarted it would be very difficult to have the house completed. He would try and get in touch with the mason who started the work and see if it would be possible for him to finish it.

It was decided to adjourn this matter for a further report from Mr. O'Neill.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Thomas Hamilton, Whitemill Road, Wexford who applied for loan of £234, and who had been asked to submit a statement as to his means wrote that his income was £2 per week from the milk trade, and he earned from £70 - £80 per annum by pig breeding.



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It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to refuse this application as the Finance Committee did not consider Mr. Hamilton was in a financial position to repay the instalments of any loan which might be advanced to him.

Application of Mary Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, described as a labourer's wife, and from whom a statement of means had been asked, was adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting, as no statement had been received from her to the present.

Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, son-in-law of Mrs. Annie Howlett, wrote in connection with application of his mother-in-law as to loan.

It was pointed out that Mr. Browne intended to apply for loan in his own name and wanted the application from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Howlett, withdrawn.

It was decided that application be adjourned until completed application form is received from Mr. Browne.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, applied for loan of £100 to help in the erection of a house estimated to cost £250.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to approve the application, subject to submission of map and to satisfying the County Surveyor that the location of site was suitable.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Complaints as to certain Inspectors under above Order were referred by the County Council meeting of the 12th instant, to the Finance Committee for full investigation.

Under date, 30th March, 1937, Mr. Ringwood reported as follows:-



"I regret to say that the Inspector in No. 2 Area (Mr. James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin,) is not working to my satisfaction. On Form W.F.3 on March 20th it is evident he did not examine the cattle, property of S. Rothwell and J. Bolger, (in fact, he admitted to me when interviewed on 27th that he took the owners word for them).

On March 23rd, he has - M. Doyle, Marley, Number on Premises, 7; Infested 0. I called at Mr. Doyle's on 23rd and ascertained the Inspector was speaking to Mr. Doyle on the road.

On the 26th, I called at Mr. M. Doyle's and examined his cattle. The figures should read "Number on Premises, 11; Infested 3." The cattle were dressed on 25th, as I had warned them on 23rd.

Perhaps you would ask Inspector for an explanation, and give him a warning."

Under date 2nd April, 1937, the following was read from James Doyle, Inspector for No. 2 Area:-

"In answer to your communication received yesterday re my visit to Mr. Rothwell's and Mr. Bolger's farms on 22nd March, not 20th, as stated, I wish to state that I found Mr. Rothwell in his farmyard on my visit and asked him how many cattle he had. He told me he had 55 and that they were all dressed on 6th March although they had no warbles. He also showed me the empty box which had contained Bell's Warble Fly Powder, enough to dress 150 cattle, so I took his word that they were dressed. I then called at Mr. Bolger's and he told me the same as above and showed me an empty packet which had contained 1 lb. Cooper's Warble Fly Powder. I examined Mr. Bolger's 19 cattle and found they had no warbles. They were dressed 6th March also.

I called to Mr. Doyle's, Marley, on 23rd and met his son outside his yard gate. I asked him how many cattle he had, and if they were dressed. He told me he had 7 and that they were inside the field gate, so I examined these 7 Cattle and found none with warbles. He did not tell me he had any more, so I intend calling there to-day from Mr. Doyle's answer as to why he concealed these 4 cattle from me which Mr. Ringwood found there and I will send you his explanation on Monday."

Under date 3rd April, 1937, the following was also read from James Doyle:-



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"I called to Mr. Doyle's Marley, on Friday, 2nd April, to find out why he did not tell me about the four extra cattle which Mr. Ringwood found there on visiting Mr. Doyle's farm. Mr. Doyle told me that he did not think that fat cattle or young calves came under the treatment order, so therefore, his son did not show me those cattle, 3 fats and 1 calf. I told him that he could be prosecuted for concealing those cattle and that I wanted to see them. Mr. Doyle gave me every facility and I found that 5 of his cattle had developed warbles since he had dressed them. I gave him strict instructions to have them dressed again within the dressing period 1st to 7th April and he agreed to do so.

I also wish to ask you it is absolutely necessary for me to examine every animal on the farm, even though the farmer tells me he has them dressed, and shows me the empty or half-empty container of the preparation. If I have to do this, it will mean that instead of making 4 or at least 3 calls, I will be only able to make at most 2. I am well aware that there are some owners who will not dress their cattle if they are not inspected, but that does not apply to the majority of owners in my area. In fact, many people have them dressed when I call and I think it insulting of me to ask to examine cattle belonging to farmers who are doing their best to comply with the Order."

Under date 8th April, 1937, Mr. Ringwood, V.S., wrote as follows:-

"I have received copies of letters that you got from Mr. James Doyle (Inspector for No. 2 Area).

In his letter of 2nd April, he states he examined 7 Cattle at Mr. Doyle's of Marley. My information is, he did not examine the cattle, and he sent in a wrong report about the animals on this farm.

His letter of 3rd April states that the warbles developed since the cattle were dressed. As I saw the animals the day after dressing, I can state that the warbles must have been present before the Wash was applied.

As regards the second part of his letter, if an Inspector accepts an empty or half-empty container as proof that the cattle were dressed, the Order would not be carried out satisfactorily."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That James Doyle, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 2 Area, be informed that the Finance Committee are not satis-



fied with the manner in which he is discharging his duties, and are of opinion that the complaints made of him by Mr. Ringwood, V.S., are well founded. Should any further fault be found with his work, the Finance Committee will recommend his dismissal."

In connection with the complaint by Mr. Lynch, V.S., as to James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, Inspector for No. 9 District, Mr. Lynch, under date 22nd March, 1937, wrote that James Furlong had at that period, no cattle treated in his district. He spoke to James Furlong pretty strongly on this, as there were days suitable for dressing.

This arose out of a communication from the Secretary to Mr. Lynch as to James Furlong's reports.

Furlong told Mr. Lynch he had advised all farmers to dress as many animals then free of warbles, as these would show infection later.

Under date, 5th April, 1937, the following was read from Mr. Lynch:-

"Re yours of 1st instant, I had James Furlong here yesterday re his reports etc. I went over the ones you returned with him. I also found some errors in last week's report.

I send you on his Forms W.F.2, as I received them today. There is, at least, no obvious mistakes for week ending 3rd April.

This Inspector is careless in filling Forms. I think it would be well if you wrote him. I gave him a warning."

Mr. Lynch was communicated with on the 5th April 1937, asking if Furlong was carrying out his duties to the satisfaction of Mr. Lynch, and the following was his reply:-

"As I said before, I find him careless about his reports, often a form not filled or unsigned.

I called to his place at 2.30 p.m. to-day and was told



by his sister-in-law that he was gone to Carlow to a wedding I asked if he had left any note for me and the answer was "No".

I warned him that he was not to leave his district without notifying you.

I believe, however, that so far as visiting the stock owners, that he does this pretty well."

Under date 9th April, 1937, Furlong wrote that he was absent from work on Tuesday, 6th instant, at a friend's wedding in Carlow, but he made extra visits on Monday and Wednesday. He hoped his excuse would be satisfactory and promised not to be absent again without permission.

Under date, 10th April, 1937, Mr. Lynch wrote that Furlong had entered for 6th April, (the day on which he was absent) the extra visits he said he made on the previous and following days.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Finance Committee cannot, in view of his absence from duty and general lack of care in the preparation of his reports, regard James Furlong, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 9 Area, as carrying out his work in a satisfactory manner. His action in recording visits for date on which he was absent from duty was highly irregular. If it be found he leaves his district without permission any time in the future or that his work is neglected, the Finance Committee will recommend his dismissal to the County Council"

Mr. Lynch's attention was called to the small number of premises visited by William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane (Inspector for No. 10 District).

In reply Mr. Lynch wrote as follows:-

"With regard to W. Carty, I doubt if you have a better man at his work. He is conscientious and goes to too much pains in examining herds and this accounts for his small



numbers. I have written to him and said that the approximate number of visibly affected would suffice."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That as regards W. Carty, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 10 District, the Finance Committee are of opinion that by reorganisation of his methods of work he should be able to increase the number of his inspections. We recommend him to carefully examine the map of his district with a view to collating the townlands therein, to allow of the inspection of additional premises."

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS - INCREMENTAL  
SCALE OF SALARIES

In connection with the resolution of the County Council adopted at the meeting on the 12th instant, referring back to the Finance Committee, the application of four Assistant Surveyors and asking the Committee to arrange a Conference between the Sub-Committee and the Assistant Surveyors, Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be in attendance, it was decided that the Sub-Committee be summoned to meeting to be held on 30th April, 1937, to consider what views they would submit to the Conference which it is proposed to hold on the 14th May 1937 at 3 p.m.

RE PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 14th April, 1937, the following was read from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin:-

"With further reference to this matter, we would like to confirm that the Ocean Insurance Company have been holding covered since the 25th September last, for a Fatal Benefit of £5000 : 0 : 0, and a Weekly Compensation of £6 : 0 : 0 (ref. our letter of the 25th September, 1936, addressed to the County Surveyor). For this reason the Ocean Company are most anxious for the immediate and final decision of the Council in connection with the exact type of Policy to be issued. So that you may be aware of the benefits, and relative premiums, we give you hereunder the information set out in our letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the County Surveyor.



<u>Fatal.</u>	£5000 at 5/-%	<u>Premium.</u> £12 ; 10: 0
Loss of limbs, eyes or } one limb or one eye }	£5000 at 2/6%	£6 : 5: 0
<u>Disablement</u>	£6 per week at 10/- per £1.	<u>£3 : 0: 0</u>
Per Assistant Surveyor £21 : 15: 0		

The rates of premium quoted above apply to the five Assistant Surveyors and as regards the gangers, about half the premiums quoted would apply provided the gangers do not handle more than approximately one-tenth the quantity of explosives in the charge of Assistant Surveyors. We have already indicated that proportionate benefits can be covered at proportionate nett premiums, under any section of the Insurance, and by way of example, we give the following figures:-

<u>Fatal</u>	£2500 at 5/-%	<u>Premium</u> £6: 5: 0
Loss of Limbs, eyes, or } one limb or one eye }	£2500 at 2/6%	£3: 2: 6
<u>Disablement</u>	£3 per week at 10/- per £1.	<u>£1: 10: 0</u>
Per Assistant Surveyor. £10: 17: 6.		

Possibly the Council may consider benefits on this scale sufficient, but as previously intimated, the Ocean Company have, and are at present, holding covered for the higher benefits of £5000, and £6: 0: 0 per week.

Public Liability Insurance - Special Indemnity.

The Ocean Company are not on cover for this risk, but we would again repeat the quotation given you on the 23rd ultimo:-

To insure Legal Liability for personal injury or damage to property (excluding personal injury to Gangers or Surveyors) caused by the storing of explosives in their premises:-

<u>Indemnity</u>	£1000, per accident.	£10,000 per year.
<u>Annual Premiums</u>	£1: 0: 0 per Assistant Surveyor. 10/-d per Ganger.	

There are forty-five Gangers, and five Assistant Surveyors, making the premium £27: 10: 0.

If the Council desire cover under this heading, we shall be very pleased to make the necessary arrangements on receipt of your instructions. At the moment, however, the most pressing matter is to get a final decision on the Personal Accident Insurance.

Awaiting the favour of your early advices."

The County Surveyor said he intended to make arrangements by which this class of insurance would not be necessary.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County



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Surveyor to communicate with Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland, as consultation in connection with this Insurance had already taken place between their Representative and the County Surveyor.

#### WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

The following letter under date 12th April 1937, No. R/RB/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the proposed widening of a road at Rosslare and to inform you that the proposed scheme is approved. I am to point out, however, that the concrete slab, if over a recent sewer trench should be reinforced.

A communication regarding your application for sanction to the proposed loan of £1,500 will be addressed to you in due course."

#### PROPOSED REDEMPTION GROUND RENT COUNTY HALL

Under date 6th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14505/37 Loch Garman (Pg)) requesting submission of a detailed statement of the arrangements arrived at with the owners of the Ground Rent of the County Hall, the number of years' purchase of the rents which it was proposed to pay together with particulars as to how the sum of £4,151 which the Council proposed to pay, was made up.

Mr. Elgee stated he had furnished the requisite particulars to the Department.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR - COURTHOUSE AND OFFICES

Under date 13th April 1937, the County Registrar wrote that there appeared to be outstanding four items to which he had called the attention of the County Surveyor:-



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- (1) Levelling off entrances to the building.
  - (2) Lavatory and wash up.
  - (3) Judge's Room furniture.
  - (4) Removal of panelling at Solicitors' table.

The County Surveyor said he intended levelling off the entrance to the building, and had also made arrangements for wash up and lavatory. As for the furniture in the Judge's room, the County Registrar appeared to think new furniture was wanted. He (County Surveyor) proposed to have the chairs recovered.

As regards the panelling at the Solicitors' table, if it was decided to have a second Court he (County Surveyor) could not see his way to pull out this panelling.

The meeting approved of the suggestions of the County Surveyor in this matter.

Under date 13th April, 1937, the County Registrar wrote that as they did not appear to be able to make any progress relative to Courthouse premises in correspondence, he asked that an interview with the Finance Committee should be arranged.

It was decided to inform the County Registrar the Finance Committee would be prepared to hear any representations he desired to make as regards the Courthouse premises at 2.30 p.m. at meeting on 30th April 1937.

#### PROPOSED PURCHASE OF FORD VAN

Under date 15th April 1937, the County Surveyor wrote as follows:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring before the Finance Committee, at their Meeting on 16th instant, the matter of the Ford Truck we have in connection with the Machinery Department. We have now had this truck for about four years, and it requires extensive overhaul and repairs. I have gone into the matter of cost, and find that approxi-



mately it will cost £50 to carry out necessary repairs, and, moreover, it being a 30 cwt. truck the tax is £30. I propose, with the approval of the Committee, to purchase a Ford Van in substitution of the truck. I shall have full particulars to submit to the meeting in regard to cost etc."

The County Surveyor submitted two quotations - one from Enniscorthy Motor Company and the second from Statham Ltd., Wexford.

The meeting referred the matter again to the County Surveyor as they were of opinion neither of the quotations gave sufficient allowance for the existing second-hand lorry. The County Surveyor was instructed to endeavour to procure amended quotations.

CHARGES FOR MACHINERY AND MATERIAL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the following charges for 1937/38 as suggested by the County Surveyor:-

Machinery and Quarry Charges:

Steam Drill.....	£3.	0. 0	per day.
Engine & Granulator (large).....	£3.	10. 0	per day.
Engine & Granulator (small).....	£2.	15. 0	per day.
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3.	0. 0	per day.
Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry....	£4.	0. 0	per day.
Roller.....	£2.	2. 0	per day.
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1.	5. 0	per week.
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4.	0. 0	per day.
Concrete Mixer.....	£1.	10. 0	per week.

For Material - Flat Rate as under:

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d	per cubic yard.
Broken Stone.....	6/6d	per cubic yard.
Chippings screened from B.S.....	6/6d	per cubic yard.
Gravel.....	6/6d	per cubic yard.



The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their Specifications.

It will be noted that the charges are exactly the same as last year, with the exception of the small increase in charge for rollers. This is on account of the necessity for providing for interest and sinking fund on Loan for purchase of new rollers."

WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

The following, under date, 15th April, 1937, was read from County Surveyor:-

"During the past, there has been difficulty in keeping full and sufficient records in connection with the Machinery Department. Recently, I have made arrangements for my Clerk, Mr. Kennedy, to attend one day each week at the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy to keep records written up. The Machinery Overseer has, during the past, had these records written up by a member of his own family, but this is not satisfactory, and I am transferring the local records from my Office in Wexford to Enniscorthy. I propose allowing Mr. Kennedy a small increase per week to cover this work and expenses, and this will be covered by the Machinery Account, and it will be more efficient and economical."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be requested to approve of the attendance of Mr. Kennedy, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department, at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, for one day per week for the purpose of writing up machinery records, and that he be allowed a sum of 10/- for each such day to cover travelling and subsistence allowance, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction this proposal."



### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Claims for refund of expenses incurred in attending Examination under above Scheme were submitted and dealt with as follows:-

1. James Furlong, Rosetown Cottage, Rosslare Strand.  
Claim 11s. 8d; allowed 6s. 8d.
2. Mark French, Moneylawn, Gorey.  
Claim 13s. 9d. allowed.
3. Mary J. Wafer, Kilmuckridge.  
Claim 17/-; allowed 15/-.

### LYRANE LANE

Application from a number of ratepayers for repair of Lyrane Lane was adjourned to await report of County Surveyor.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

The following notifications of applications, on 2nd April 1937, as to committal of children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

1. Margaret Martin, Adamstown, 4 years old, daughter of John and Bridget Martin. Mother died about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, and the father, a farm labourer, was destitute.

Application was to be made under Section 58 (1) (4) of Children's Act 1908-1909.

2. Kathleen Fleming, Poulpeasty, New Ross, illegitimate child of Bridget Fleming, Poulpeasty, New Ross, who was in County Home. Child resides with grandfather at Ballindoney, Ballywilliam. He had only one leg. His wife died recently.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th April, 1937, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, be requested to bring into Bank Pass Book for 31st March in any year all lodgments made by Rate Collectors in Branch Offices on that date."

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: The County Surveyor and County Solicitor who had had the conference with the Representative of the Insurance Company in September last, stated they never gave any directions or instructions as regards cover and could not approve of payment of the amount claimed for it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th April 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 30th APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th April, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3786. 14. 10d was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. P. Kehoe, T.D., in the death of his wife, and to her brother, Mr. Stephen Hayes (Assistant in County Council Offices)."

The Chairman and Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date:-

E. J. Murphy	93.7
J. Curtis	93.0
J. J. O'Reilly	88.5
J. Deegan	85.6
M. Kehoe	84.8
P. Carty	83.7
J. Flood	82.9
D. Kenny	81.9
J. Cummins	81.5
P. Doyle	80.3
S. Gannon	78.3
P. Nolan	76.7
M. McCarthy	73.5
A. Dunne	73.4



J. J. Sinnott	70.1
W. Cummins	69.2
J. Quirke	67.7
W. Doyle	65.8
M. Murphy	<u>63.1</u>

Average 78.0

Miss O'Ryan said there was no reason whatever to account for the fact that the Rate Collectors in New Ross district were so much better than those in Wexford district. As a matter of fact, taking into account the rate paying capacity of the two districts, she considered Wexford should be in advance. It appeared to her that the Rate Collectors for Wexford had dropped into a bad habit.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that as the Collectors were obliged to close their warrants by the 31st May, it would be inadvisable for the Finance Committee to take any further steps until that date.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 22nd April, 1937, the following letter No. G.32047/37 Loch Garman, was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 17th instant and to state that he has noted the resolution of the County Council regarding poundage of Rate Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty.

The Minister sees no reason why any assurance should be furnished as to the restoration of the deductions made in these cases. The Rate Collection position in Wexford is most unsatisfactory, and its position on the 31st ultimo as compared with other Counties constitutes a serious reflection on the capacity of the Collectors generally. It is clear that the modifications sanctioned last year in the scheme of remuneration have served no useful purpose, and the Council should now deal with the Collectors in such a manner as the position of the warrants justifies."

It was decided to send copy of this communication to the three Rate Collectors concerned.

INCORRECT CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL

LAND: The following, under date 28th April, 1937, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-



Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"The Finance Committee direct that a severe warning be conveyed by Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, to Joseph Somers, Oulartard, Ferns, in connection with his claim for abatement of rates on agricultural land. Were it not that the Committee believed Mr. Somers made a genuine error, they would not be prepared to adopt the recommendation of the County Solicitor, but would issue instructions for his prosecution."

NOTICE REFUSAL TO PAY RATES: Under date 26th April, 1937 James Dempsey, Mountain Ego, New Ross, wrote that last year he purchased 40 statute acres of marshes, on the Glascott estate, in the townland of Whitechurch, New Ross. As the river bank is broken down in ten places he was unable to keep the water out, with the result that the land was under water all the time. He stated he would not pay rates for the land as he was unable to use it.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, inform Mr. Dempsey that in the opinion of the Finance Committee he should pay his rates, as he should have been aware when purchasing this land it was subject to flooding. The County Council have no responsibility for maintaining embankments on rivers.

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Under date 29th April 1937, the following letter M.S.2821 was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce:

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a resolution adopted by the County Council in regard to coast erosion at Rosslare, and to say that the Minister has no function in this matter, apart from the power to prohibit or restrict removals of beach material by persons, conferred on him by the Foreshore Act, 1933.



I am to say that the report made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by the Inter-departmental Committee of Inquiry into Coast Erosion, appointed in 1929, was published in 1931. The Committee were of opinion that the Saorstát Government should not assume any general responsibility for the defence of the coast.

In these circumstances, the Minister is unable to take any action in the desired direction."

Mr. Corish, T.D., stated he had put down a question in An Dail, to the Minister, in connection with this coast erosion.

Referred to County Council.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

By arrangement, the County Registrar came before the meeting in connection with additional office accommodation. This, he stated, he wanted for the Sheriff's side. Mr. Dale, who was in charge of this portion of the work, had only one room in which three people were working at the moment. It was necessary that he should have another apartment, as a private office to meet people paying annuities, and also as regards other matters in connection with the business of the Sheriff. The County Registrar suggested he should be given at once the room now occupied by the typist in the County Surveyor's department, and which adjoined the office in which the Sheriff's business was at present dealt with, and later on he would ask for the old County Council Chamber. He was prepared to surrender the rooms for Barristers and Solicitors on the ground floor. He pointed out that according to the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, the County Council was bound to provide and maintain such Courthouse accommodation as the Minister should direct for the sittings of the Court, and for the transaction of business by law assigned to any



officer of such court and for the transaction of the business of the office of the under sheriff.

Mr. Elgee referred to Section 2 of the Act, from which it appeared that where part only of a building was maintained and used as Courthouse accommodation and the residue was maintained and used for other purposes nothing in the Act could apply to the residue of such building.

The County Registrar argued that this only applied to the question of control and not to accommodation.

The matter, having been discussed in full, the County Registrar thanked the meeting for having granted him the interview.

Subsequently, the following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to offer the County Registrar the old Council Chamber, to be divided into offices, provided the County Registrar is satisfied to surrender the office at present occupied by Mr. Dale for the business of the Sheriff."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter received from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor for Michael Kirwan, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, a selected applicant for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Kirwan wanted to change the site of plot and asked the consent of the County Council to this proposal.

Mr. Elgee stated he had asked Mr. Jordan to let him have the situation of the new plot, but so far had not received this.

It was decided to agree to the transfer of the site on condition that the proposed new site meets with the approval of the Assistant Surveyor of the district, and that County Council Solicitor certifies that the title is in order.

Under date 29th April 1937, Michael McGrath, St.



Senan's, Enniscorthy, to whom a loan of £180 was granted under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, wrote, asking for permission to transfer his interest in the house to Mrs. Eliza Shortall, Enniscorthy, subject to the repayment of the loan. He understood that it was a condition precedent that the instalments of rent due to date should be paid, but, as he was unemployed, he found it impossible to pay them as they became due.

Mr. Kelly said there was a possibility of a man purchasing this house, and taking over all liabilities connected with it, including payment of rent due and full amount of loan outstanding.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to adjourn consideration of Mr. McGrath's application to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he considered it would be most advisable in connection with the proposed transfer of houses the new applicant should be obliged to find two sureties to guarantee redemption of full amount outstanding in connection with the house.

It was decided that this matter be considered at next meeting of County Council.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 16th April, 1937, Mary A. Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, wrote she had been advised she was not eligible for a cottage under the Labourers' Acts. She had an income of £25 per year and her husband kept a motor car for hire. Between the two of them, she had no doubt they would be able to pay the instalments of the loan for the erection of house, the value of which was estimated at £280, and amount of loan at £100.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Bennett why she did not apply to the Health Board for a cottage, as in the opinion of the Finance Committee she is eligible for a Cottage tenancy.



### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Applications under University Scholarship Scheme received to date were submitted as follows:-

Breen James, 24, McCurtain Street, Gorey. In his application the course proposed to be taken at the University was stated as Arts (Clerical). Father, Carpenter.

The Finance Committee decided that if this applicant decided to enter the religious life they could not see their way to recommend him as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Brewer William J., Irishtown, New Ross (Father, Carpenter).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn. (Father, labourer)  
7s. 6d per week given as only source of income from Health Insurance benefit.

Recommended as eligible.

Coffey Gerald, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.

In this case, it was stated the applicant's mother was not a ratepayer.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, pointed out that according to the Scheme Scholarships were confined to children, male or female, of ratepayers of the County Wexford, and therefore this applicant could not be regarded as eligible.

Referred to County Council.

Doran James, 73 Main Street, Gorey. (Father, Draper).

Recommended to County Council as eligible

Doran Peter, 73 Main Street, Gorey, twin brother of James Doran.

Also recommended to County Council as eligible to compete.

Doyle Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare. (Father, labourer).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.



Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey, living with his brother, Press reporter.

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

Heaney, Henry M., Monageer, Ferns. (Father - National Teacher).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn. (Father, farmer - Mother, National Teacher).

Adjourned for information as to salary of mother and how much of income of £306 is made from the farm.

Redmond Judith Teresa, 13, St. Michael's Place, Gorey. (Mother - Stationer's Assistant).

Recommended as eligible.

Scanlon Robert A., Brandane, Bannow. (Father, farmer).

It was stated that the father of applicant was a Pensioner from the R.I.C., and that he was also the owner of licensed premises which were let to a tenant.

It was decided to adjourn this application for further information as to means of parents.

Teehan John E., 101, Irishtown, New Ross. (Father, Insurance Agent and Rent Collector).

Reported to County Council as eligible.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 28th April, 1937, the Department of Education (Secondary Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote approving of the transfer of Bursary of Edward P. Carty, from the Christian Brothers' School, Wexford to Christian Brothers' College, Baldoyle.

It was decided that payments for expenses in connection with attendance at Examination for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be paid as follows:-

Nicholas Lacey, Clohamon, Ferns.

Claimed 17/- . Allowed 14s. 6d.



Margaret M. Rossiter, Broadway, Co. Wexford.

Claimed 13/- . Allowed 8/- .

Joseph Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

Claimed 13s. 9d. allowed.

Matthew Pender, Milltown, Ferns.

Claimed 15/- . Allowed.

Claim of Francis Franklin, 17, Island Road, Enniscorthy, was adjourned for further information.

#### CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 26th April 1937, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote he was making representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the full cost of repair of above road being provided by State Grant, and would advise the County Council of result in due course.

#### TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

Proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in connection with the post of Telephone Attendant, the Finance Committee are of opinion the permanent appointment for this post would be more suitably filled by interview than by examination of candidates. We request the Minister to agree to the proposal that the candidates who answer the advertisement issued by County Council be interviewed by a Committee of the Council who should be empowered to select the most suitable. Owing to the nature of the duties of the office we consider this to be the most satisfactory method of filling the permanent appointment."

#### ROAD MACHINERY - MOTOR LORRY

At the last meeting of Finance Committee two tenders for the supply of a new Ford Chassis with cab, less allowance for present lorry were submitted, the net figure given by each firm being:-



Messrs. Statham Ltd., Wexford. £135. 10. 0.

Enniscorthy Motor Company £132. 17. 6.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that a larger allowance should be obtained for the present lorry, and consideration of the tenders was adjourned in order that the County Surveyor could interview the parties tendering. He now reported that the Enniscorthy Motor Company could not see their way to make any further concession, but Stathams were prepared to allow £60 for the present lorry. This would leave their quotation at £125. 10. 0 as against £132. 17. 6 for Enniscorthy Motor Company.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following was adopted:-

"That the quotation of Stathams Ltd., for supply of new Ford Chassis and cab in exchange for present lorry at £125. 10. 0 be accepted."

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Kelly, nominee of Wexford County Council said that he found it impossible to attend the Eleventh Ordinary General meeting of the above Company, which would be held on Tuesday, 4th May, 1937.

It was decided to ask Miss O'Ryan who is the Nominee of the County Board of Health to look after the interest of the County Council at this meeting in addition to representing the County Board of Health.

PRINTING QUERY FORMS - CLAIMS FOR WORKMEN- RELIEF  
OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following tenders were received for the printing of 22,000 copies of Query Forms to be supplied to the National Health Insurance Commission in reference to claims by ratepayers for employment allowances:-

English & Co., Wexford. £10. 5. 0



Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy.	£10. 10. 0
"Echo", Enniscorthy.	£17. 10. 0
"The People", Wexford.	£18. 14. 6

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the tender of English & Co., at £10. 5. 0 for printing Insurance Query Forms Employment Allowances - Rates on Agricultural Land be accepted."

#### COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Account for £23. 16. 7d out-of-pocket outlay by County Council Solicitor for year ending 31st March last be paid."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application for the proposed committal of Richard Sheil, Clonjordan, Killanne, to Industrial School, under Section 58(b) of the Children's Act was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

The County Surveyor reported he had received notice from the Electricity Supply Board of their intention to reconstruct the low tension net work in Bundlody. In comparison with the existing network the total number of poles would be reduced.

The County Surveyor said he would see that the work was carried out to his satisfaction.

#### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, (Inspector for Area No. 13) reported he had served Detention Notices under above Order on the following:-



J. Parle, Ballyhote, Kilrane.

T. Stafford, do. do.

J. Fitzhenry, Ballyreilly, Kilrane.

A. Parle, do. do.

on the 21st April last.

GRANT - RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT NEW ROSS URBAN  
DISTRICT

Under date 16th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of their letter of 8th March to Town Clerk, New Ross, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the Urban Council of a loan of £415, to defray portion of the expenditure on the proposed works in this district for the relief of unemployment. The loan is to be obtained from the National Bank and to be repayable over a period of 5 years with interest at the usual rate.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th April 1937 be received and considered."

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: Mr. Corish said that he had not yet received an answer to the question he had tabled in the Dail in regard to erosion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Office of Public Works, as a favour to the Wexford County Council, and without assuming responsibility to deal with Coast Erosion, be requested to instruct their Chief Engineer, Mr. Candy, to visit Rosslare and report as to what steps he considers are advisable to take to prevent any further eroding of the coast at this point. The Wexford County Council view with grave concern the encroachment of the sea at this popular seaside resort."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION: Under date 5th May, 1937, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"Yours of the 4th instant herein conveying the decision of the Finance Committee on my application for Office Accommodation made at the recent interview. I am obliged for your conveying their decision so promptly. I would be obliged if you would convey to your Committee my thanks for giving me the interview and for their patient and courteous hearing of my application.

The proposal to give me the old Council Chamber is, as I explained, not suitable and the proposal is now more unsatisfactory owing to the condition, even if it were suitable. I could not agree to surrender the present Office as I am cramped all round for space, and would, in any event, require it.

I have no desire to disturb anyone and would regret it even as a necessity, but room asked for is essential, and I cannot have my Offices detached as I have too many important records to safeguard. You will appreciate my desire, apart from the necessity, to have my offices together. I can equally appreciate your desire and that of Mr. Barry not to be disturbed.

In the course of the interview Miss O'Ryan remarked that the rooms on the ground floor would be unsuitable for your staff to work in from the lighting point of view, but you will recollect that these were originally allotted for



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me and my staff by Mr. Barry and Mr. Barry saw no objection to them on that ground.

I have put my case in correspondence and personally, and I can do no more. Again, I wish to emphasise I do not want and never did wish to assert or challenge any rights. I claim no authority or jurisdiction over any part of the building save what I am in occupation of, and use for the Courthouse and Offices, and I don't want to interfere with any other body's rights or accommodation. My desire is to co-operate with the Council and their Staff and facilitate them in any way I can and that the friendliest of give and take should exist between us. The decision of the Committee is not fair to me in the circumstances, and is hampering the collection of the Annuities and is unsatisfactory to everyone concerned.

In the course of the interview, Mr. Allen mentioned Counsel's opinion. On looking up this I find that this opinion was obtained prior to the Act of 1935.

In my view, Section 3(1) makes it clear that the question of accommodation is a matter for the Minister. The words 'reasonably necessary' in Section 1 must also be a matter for him, as it is common sense. To put it another way, assume the position was reversed and you required the accommodation. Would it not be the height of absurdity that I should be in a position to tell you what Office Accommodation was 'reasonably necessary' for you? Who would be in the better position to say what accommodation you required than yourself? I regret exceedingly that the Committee cannot see their way to meet me amicably in this matter and grant my request."

It was decided to make no alteration in the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. Elgee forwarded letter under date 5th May, 1937, from Messrs. O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, relative to proposal of Mr. McGrath to sell house erected by him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mrs. Alicia Shortall, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

Mrs. Shortall was prepared to pay off loan and all indebtedness for rent in this case.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That provided Mrs. Alicia Shortall discharges all liability to the County Council for loan and rent in connection with house erected by Mr. Michael McGrath, St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, and agrees to reside there, no objection be made to transfer of house to her.



That Mr. McGrath be released from his Mortgage of £180 to the Council and that the Seal of the said Council be affixed to the conveyance of the property from Mr. McGrath to Mrs. Alicia Shortall ~~and~~ when the County Solicitor has received all money due in this matter."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The Secretary explained it was advertised that all applications under this Scheme need not be lodged until 1st May. Only those which came in up to the 30th April 1937 were considered by the Finance Committee meeting of that date.

The following is a full list of the applications to date:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following is list of applicants for award of University Scholarships:-

1. Breen James, 24, McCurtain Street, Gorey.  
Father, Carpenter.
2. Breen Mary Anne, 25 North Main Street, Wexford.  
Father, Draper.
3. Brewer William J., Irishtown, New Ross.  
Father, Carpenter.
4. Browne Thomas, Rockshane, Wexford.  
Father, Baker.
5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn.  
Father, Labourer.
6. Coffey Gerald, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.  
Mother living in Baldwinstown.
7. Cummins Elizabeth, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford.  
Father, Superintendent of Bacon Factory.
8. Devereux Alice, Grange, Broadway.  
Father, Farmer.
9. Doran James, 73 Main Street, Gorey.  
Father, Draper.
10. Doran Peter, 73 Main Street, Gorey.  
(Twin brother of James Doran).
11. Doyle Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare.  
Father, Labourer.
12. Ennis Kathleen, Drinagh, Broadway.  
Father, Farmer.
13. Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey.  
Parents dead.
14. Hall Philip Dermot, 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.  
Mother, Saddlery Business.
15. Heaney Henry M., Monageer, Ferns.  
Father, National Teacher.
16. O'Connor Eileen, Ballygarvan, New Ross.  
Father, Farmer.
17. O'Neill Eileen, Bushville, Tagoat.  
Mother, Farmer.
18. O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn.  
Father, Farmer.



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19. Redmond Judith Teresa, 13 St. Michael's Place,  
Gorey.
20. Ryan Patrick, Mulmintra, Taghmon.  
Father, Farmer.
21. Scanlon Robert A., Brandane, Bannow.  
Father, Farmer.
22. Teehan John E., 101 Irishtown, New Ross.  
Father, Insurance and Rent Collector.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

5th May, 1937.



James Breen: In connection with the decision of the Finance Committee that if James Breen intended entering the Religious life, they could not recommend the Council that he was eligible to compete for University Scholarship, Mr. Breen wrote, under date, 7th May, that the insertion of the word "clerical" in his application meant that he intended taking a course in that branch of the Faculty of Arts generally called Philosophy (Logic, Psychology, etc.) as an ordinary secular student.

The meeting decided that in view of this explanation Mr. Breen was eligible to compete.

Gerald Coffey: As regards the application of Gerald Coffey whose mother was not a ratepayer, Mr. Corish gave notice of motion for the next meeting of the Council that in view of the fact that this boy and his mother had resided in County Wexford with her brother for over five years the applicant be allowed to compete for University Scholarship."

Laurence O'Rourke: In regard to the inquiry of the Finance Committee as to how much of the income of £306 given in this case, was the salary of the Mother-a National Teacher - and how much Mr. O'Rourke, the father, made from his farm, letter was received from Mrs. O'Rourke stating that her salary as Assistant National Teacher was £246 per year, and it was, therefore, inferred that the balance of £60 was the income from the farm.

It was decided that Laurence O'Rourke be eligible to compete for Scholarship.

Robert A. Scanlon: In this case, it was stated that the father, Robert Scanlon, was supposed to have a pension from the R.I.C., and that he also held licensed premises.



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Under date 5th May, 1937, Robert Scanlon, wrote that he had no pension from the R.I.C., and as regards the licensed premises, the twelve months letting at £24 per annum would terminate on the 17th August next, when he intended taking up the place himself.

It was decided that the applicant be eligible to compete.

All the applications submitted, were examined in detail as regards means of parents or guardians, after which Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution:-

"That with the exception of Gerald Coffey we hereby agree that all applicants for University Scholarships are eligible to compete therefor."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 30th April 1937, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee of the 13th April, 1937, were, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, received and approved:-

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A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th April, 1937.

Present - Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., presiding; also, Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., E. R. Richards Orpen and Miss Kathleen A. Browne.

The Secretary to County Council was also in attendance.

The condition of a large number of ancient and historic monuments in the County was considered.

It was decided to ask the Office of Works to take over as National Monuments, Rathmacknee, Clonmines and Coolehull which are regarded by the Committee as of first class importance.

Other Monuments considered were the following, in respect of a number of which it was decided to seek for preservation and guardianship Orders:-

Slade Castle (in a good state).

Ferrycarrig Castle (requires door only).

Windmill on Vinegar Hill.

Stone Coffins in Garden adjoining Town and County Club, New Ross, and remains of ancient fortification still standing

Deeps Castle.

Mountgarrett Castle.

Cotts Tacumshane (Ogham stone and stone circle).

Templenacroha do.

Killabeg, Ferns. do.

St. Helen's, Kilrane.

It was decided to communicate with Office of Public Works and obtain information as to procedure to be adopted to secure preservation and guardianship Orders in these cases.

A resolution was adopted asking County Board of Health to endeavour to arrange with the caretakers of their vested



graveyards to trim or cut down ivy where this was found to be an injury to an Ancient Monument.

It was also agreed to call the attention of the Board of Health to the following Monuments in vested graveyards, and ask them if they would help in preserving them:-

(1) Grange, Kilmore. Whitty tombstone requires protection of wood and weeds cleared.

(2) St. Mary's, Taghmon. Eighteenth Century Tombstones 1742-1805 on which are represented Biblical scenes.

(3) Clone, Ferns. This has the only example of a Romanesque Arch and is worthy of preservation.

Other monuments referred to were:-

Dolmen at Ballybrennan, Bree.

Dolmen at Brittas.

St. Vaux Old Church.

St. Helen's, Kilrane.

The Chairman was requested to interest himself in securing information as to stone coffins in garden adjoining New Ross Club and also as to missing Ancient Charter of Town.



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In reply to query, the Secretary stated that in accordance with the wishes of the Committee application for preservation orders had been made to the Office of Public Works.

#### MACHINERY OVERSEER AND PERMANENT STAFF

Mr. Corish proposed the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be placed on the permanent staff of the County Council."

In moving the motion, Mr. Corish pointed out that Mr. Murphy was appointed to his present position in 1914. A former County Council had adopted a resolution asking him to be placed on the permanent staff, but the Department of Local Government and Public Health refused to sanction the proposal. Mr. Murphy was an excellent official and gave a good deal of overtime to the County Council without remuneration.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the annual meeting of County Council be held on Monday, 28th June 1937, and that monthly meeting for Monday, 12th July be cancelled."

#### AREAS OF CHARGE - WATER SUPPLIES

Under date 23rd April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22296-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Oulart Dispensary District as area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Ballynaclash.

Under date, 23rd April, 1937, the Department of Local



Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22299-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Oulart Dispensary District as the area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Ballynadrishoge.

Under date 23rd April 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22298-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Wexford Dispensary District as area of charge for providing and supplying water supply at Ballymorris.

COMPENSATION FOR BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH HOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"The Wexford County Council hereby certify that they have no objection to the award of £31,000 (under Damage to Property Compensation Act 1923) in respect of the building of Ballynestragh, being employed in the following manner:-

In full discharge of the decree for £31,000 - any amount between the limits of £10,000 and £15,000 - to be erected upon the building of a suitable house on the site of the destroyed mansion and in addition, a sum equal to one half the unexpended balance of the award on approved houses in the neighborhood of Gorey."

The following resolution was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That as regards the balance of award of £31,000 for burning of Ballynestragh House, we strongly recommend that this should be paid to Mr. J. L. Esmonde, B.L., to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey or in some portion of the County which is under the control of the County Council."

The Chairman said that the question of the payment of the balance of the award was a matter for the Department of Finance and Mr. John L. Esmonde.

Mr. O'Byrne said that it would appear from the figures



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that there was a balance of £8,000 of the award held by the Government and which, under the original award, would have been spent in the County. They should protest against its retention.

After further discussion, further consideration of Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was adjourned to next meeting.

#### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Corish asked if a certain amount of money had been set aside last year to do some temporary repairs on cleaning in the vicinity of Cahore Pier. Had any of the money been expended?

The County Surveyor said that he had an interview with the Engineer of the Office of Public Works, Mr. Doyle, who was in charge of the department concerned, during the past week, and he had arranged to try to get money for Cahore. The whole point was that in the first instance, the County Council had a bigger scheme, and then it was reduced. His estimate was £3,000 and the Council agreed to put up one-third of the cost. The Department then changed that, and practically asked them to put up half the cost, and he thought that on the motion of Mr. Smyth it was agreed that the Council should put up half the cost, £1,500. In the last letter they got, the Department said they would only give one-third, and wanted full particulars of what the Council proposed to do. He was at the Board of Works during the past week and went into the matter with Mr. Doyle, the Engineer, in charge of the matter. He would write to Mr. Doyle during this week giving particulars of what they proposed to do, but the Council would only get, from the last letter, apparently, one-third of the cost.

Mr. Corish - You are speaking now of the extension of the Pier, but wasn't some money allocated last year in



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order to so some cleansing in the vicinity of the Pier?

The County Surveyor said that they had an allocation for repairs to the surface of harbour piers, and these were seen to as occasion arose.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted at meeting of County Council on 12th April:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow Wexford County Council to expend £300 from grant for relief of Unemployment to supplement the State Grant of £600, and thus provide the £1000 which is necessary for the development of the Harbour at St. Helen's."

The following under date 23rd April 1937 (R/RU/203/32) was read from Roads Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 15th instant submitting copy of a resolution, adopted by your Council, requesting permission to expend the sum of £300 from the Grant provisionally allocated for the Relief of Unemployment through the medium of road works for the purpose of providing funds for a scheme of development of the harbour at St. Helen's, and I am to inform you that the Minister could not agree to the proposal."

The Secretary pointed out that the following resolution had been under consideration at the meeting of 12th April 1937:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Fisheries providing a State Grant of £600 towards the cost of repair and improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the Wexford County Council agree to provide as local contribution towards the project a sum of £300."



The consideration of this resolution had been adjourned pending the reply of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to obtaining the local contribution through Grant for Relief of Unemployment. This was not feasible but if the Council decided on spending £300 on a pier which was unscheduled there would certainly be a surcharge. The names of those voting for and against the expenditure should be taken and recorded on the minutes.

The Chairman said this matter was still under the consideration of the Minister for Fisheries and proposed a further adjournment of the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the motion was adopted.

#### DREDGING AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to send their dredger with the least possible delay to Courtown Harbour to carry out the dredging of the ~~inner~~ basin in accordance with the proposals of the County Surveyor."

#### FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. T. J. Kelly, State Solicitor, New Ross, for the tenants at Great Island and Fisherstown, whose lands were flooded relative to a deputation from the Council interviewing the Land Commission in the matter.

Under date 26th April, 1937, letter (P.(A) 26538/37, Estate R.H. Hyland. Record No. E.C.8483, Co. Wexford. Estate E.M. Gallwey. Record No. S.855) from the Land Commission was read stating that the specification and estimate for the repair of the broken down embankments prepared by Mr. Flanagan, Engineer, Waterford, was under



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consideration and when enquiries had been completed the Land Commission would communicate further with the Council regarding the proposed interview of the Committee with them.

#### ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD

Under date 18th May, 1937, Mr. Kavanagh, Chairman Arklow Harbour Commissioners, wrote:-

"I presume you are aware the right of the representative of Wexford County Council to sit and act on the Arklow Harbour Board has been challenged on the ground that his term of office was terminated on the expiration of five years from 1926, and also on the ground that Wexford County Council, having paid the charges in respect of the Baronial Guarantee, had no desire to continue any further appointment in respect of same.

The excuse offered by Mr. M. Tyrrell for remaining on and continuing to act on the Board was that neither he nor the Board had received official notification of the termination of his office from Wexford County Council.

In view of this, you would facilitate me by officially forwarding notification of the termination of the office in question at your earliest possible convenience."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that when the Baronial Guarantee on Gorey Barony was paid the power of Wexford County Council to have a Representative on Arklow Board ceased.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, write Mr. M. Tyrrell Arklow and inform him that he no longer represents Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Commissioners, as since this Council have ceased to be responsible for baronial guarantee for the barony of Gorey, they have no power to have representation on Arkow Harbour Board."

#### NEW PUBLIC ROADS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the necessary advertisements having appeared in the three local newspapers, we hereby agree to take over



the following roads and declare them to be public roads:-

(1) The Road known as Levuka, from the Main Road near Ballintray Bridge to Street of Courtown Harbour, being 140 perches in length.

(2) The Road through Courtown Demesne between Mount Alexander and Kiltennel between end of Road No. 137 and Road No. 138, at Duffcarrig, being 360 perches in length.

(3) Roads in Gorey Garden City, from Main Road No. 2 through Corporation Lands, Gorey, to Road No. 129 in Clonattin Lower, with branches in Corporation Lands, being 220 perches in length."

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 22nd April 1937, Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvement Committee wrote that at the meeting of this Committee on 4th April 1937 it was decided to communicate with the Minister for Local Government regarding his statement that various Boards of Health had returned sums of money which they had not expended and ask him to put - at the disposal of the County Council of Wexford - portion of this money and also to send an Inspector to inspect the streets of the town. It was expected that the Council would apply for amount of grant mentioned in the resolution adopted at the March meeting of the Council.

Under date 23rd April 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RGR/32):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 19th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by your Council, agreeing to raise by way of loan the sum of £1000 provided a grant of £3,000 is made available for the concreting the streets of Bunclody village, and I am to inform you that there are no funds available to the Department from which a grant could be made for the purpose."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer to await report received by Bunclody Improve-



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ment Committee from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re inspection of the streets by one of their Engineers.

The County Surveyor said he had made a special investigation of the place and did not agree with the out-and-out condemnation of the streets as given by the Improvements Committee. Of course, there were defects there and it would be well if they were remedied.

#### SHEEP DIPPING CAMPAIGN

The Secretary stated that, under date 26th February 1937, the Department of Agriculture had written (L.674/37) that the Sheep Dipping Order of 1915 was under revision, and in the circumstances, the County Council should not enter into any commitments or make any definite arrangements for the next dipping season, pending a further communication in the matter from the Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That, should the occasion arise to re-appoint the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, we empower the Finance Committee to take such steps regarding these appointments as they may consider necessary to make in the light of any new communication relative to Sheep Dipping issued by the Department of Agriculture."

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That this Council approves of the proposal of the County Surveyor to close down road and quarry work for last week in May to allow of County Council workers securing their week's holidays with pay provided by the Conditions of Employment Act."



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to John Fardy, Camolin, and renewal of licence under said Act to Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, provided no objection be made by the Garda Síochána."

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That permission be granted Department of Posts and Telegraphs to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from Inch Cross Roads to a point near Coolgreaney School."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st March 1937 was submitted. There were 203 foods, 42 drugs and 6 waters examined: Number adulterated, 2 New Milks and one whiskey: 2 waters sent by County Wexford Board of Health, one from Bannow and one from Baldwinstown, were condemned.

RAHEENFUNCH LANE

Under date 3rd May, 1937, Mr. J. J. Bowe, County Councillor, wrote asking that the Milltown-Rathduff Lane, locally known as "Raheenfunch" be put on list of Minor Relief Schemes.

Referred to County Surveyor for report which, with the application, will be dealt with by the Finance Committee.



WORKSHOPS FOR THE INDUSTRIOUS BLIND

Resolution was received from Dublin City Council asking the Minister for Local Government to initiate enquiries or take such other steps as he may deem necessary to bring about under the aegis of the State and independently of the powers conferred upon local authorities under Section 2 of the Blind Persons Act 1920, a modernised system of workshops for the industrious Blind and to provide the necessary technical training etc.

This resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT

In connection with the representations made by Wexford County Council to His Holiness, the Pope, in conjunction with other public bodies relative to the canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, the following was read:-

"Monsignor Curran, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, and Postulator of the cause of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, gratefully begs to acknowledge the receipt of the Postulatory letter addressed to His Holiness, and will have much pleasure in transmitting it to the Holy Father."

n. o'ryan. 24.6. '37.