

not come before the Board in a form which would enable them to express their concurrence thereto. The Council propose that the salary agreed upon should be inclusive of any payments which may be necessary in respect of clerical assistance required in addition to the permanent staff. The Board do not, therefore, know the precise amount of the salary which will be secured to the Secretary for his personal services, and they are accordingly unable to signify their assent to the proposal of the County Council.

The Local Government Board would recommend the Council to fix a salary in this case, regardless of any conditions which may have the effect of varying it from year to year, and they feel assured that if the Secretary and his permanent staff of assistants are competent officers, and that if the Finance Committee exercise some supervision over the progress of the work, the expenditure for temporary assistance will not be a heavy item.

If the object of the Council is to keep down expenditure in regard to temporary clerical assistance, it appears to the Board that that object might be attained by voting a fixed sum to the Secretary each year for the payment of any additional staff that may be required.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed),

H. M. SWAINE, Secretary.

To the Secretary,
County Council of Kildare.

(555)

County Council Offices,
Naas, 5th March, 1900.

SIR,—I duly received your letter, No. 13,092, of 2nd inst., with reference to the proposals submitted by the County Council of Kildare for the approval of the Local Government Board respecting the future salary and duties of their Secretary. Your letter will in due course be laid before the County Council at their next meeting, on 12th inst., but meantime it was laid before the Finance Committee at their Meeting on Saturday last 3rd inst., and I am directed by them to state that the subject of the Secretary's salary received the most careful consideration, both from the Committee and the Council, and that they attach particular importance to the condition that the salary fixed should include extra clerical assistance (if any) required by the Secretary beyond the permanent staff provided by the Council. I am directed to add that the Council do not consider that any additional clerical assistance will be required if the Secretary devotes his whole time to the duties of his office, and attends and works regularly therein, properly directing his assistants, and exercising foresight so as to anticipate exceptional pressure at the times of making the rates; and that, having satisfied themselves that the permanent staff provided by them, with a working secretary, is sufficient, they desire that it should be perfectly clear to an incoming Secretary that if he requires any extra assistance, he must provide same at his own expense.

I am directed to add that if the Council are liable to be called upon, from time to time, to provide extra clerical assistance, the salary would not have been fixed at nearly so high a figure, and that if the Local Government Board insist upon the Council providing clerical assistance in addition to the permanent staff whenever called upon, the Council would certainly reduce the proposed figure by a considerable sum.

I am further desired to say that it must be borne in mind that, in addition to the salary of £245, and £50 under the Diseases of Animals Act, the fees under the Franchise and Juries Acts in this county already amount to over £100 per annum, and that these duties in three unions, including Naas, have not yet been transferred to the secretary.

I am to say further, that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 12th inst., specially for the purpose of making arrangements as to the advertising for and appointment of the new secretary, and that it would be most desirable that the proposed salary should, if possible, be definitely sanctioned prior to that meeting.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed),

G. DE L. WILLIS,

Secretary to County Council.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin.

(556)

No. 14,223, 1900.
Kildare County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 10th March, 1900.

Sir—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your further communication of the 5th inst., on the subject of the salary proposed for the office of Secretary to the County Council of Kildare. With reference thereto I am to state that, while the Board agree generally with the views expressed in the second paragraph of your letter as to the payment for additional clerical assistance in the Secretary's office, it is not within the powers conferred upon them by section 83 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to recognise, when expressing their concurrence, any such conditions as those imposed by the Council. The Board observe that the Council are of opinion that the Secretary will not be

required to provide any clerical assistance in addition to that supplied by the permanent office staff, and they, therefore, consider that it may meet the wishes of the Council if they formally concur in the salary proposed, viz—£245 a year exclusive of remuneration as clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act and of the fees earned under the Registration and Juries Acts without any further reference to the question of the liability for the expenses of temporary clerical assistance.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

D J MACSHEAHAN,
Assistant Secretary.

G de L Willis, Esq.,
Secretary,
Kildare County Council.

(557)

With reference to the foregoing correspondence, the Chairman reported that it had been considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting on that morning, and that the Committee had decided to submit the following Minute to the Council:—

Resolved—That, having regard to the letter of the 10th March from the Local Government Board, it is unnecessary to recommend to the Council any alteration in the salary or conditions of office already agreed on, save that the office shall be terminable, with the approval of the Local Government Board, on three months' notice, unless in case of misconduct or serious neglect of duty, in which case no notice shall be required.

(558).

After considerable discussion the Resolution suggested by the Finance Committee was put to the Council by the Chairman and unanimously adopted.

(559).

After considering the question of fixing a date for appointing the new Secretary, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr George Wolfe, seconded by Lord Frederick FitzGerald, and carried unanimously:—

That a Special Meeting of the County Council be held on Tuesday, March 27th, 1900, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of electing a new Secretary, and that advertisements be inserted twice in the Dublin daily papers as well as in local papers and the "County Council Gazette" of the 17th and 24th instant.

(560).

The Solicitor of the County Council was directed to draft a form of advertisement, and to submit same to the Council later on.

(561).

Fees under Franchise Acts.—With reference to the third paragraph of Council Minute, No. 488, the Finance Committee reported that, on investigating the matter, it appeared that the Secretary, in calculating the sums to be paid to the Poor Rate Collectors and himself under the Franchise Acts in the Unions of Athy and Celbridge, treated the ratings of land and buildings in the same holding as separate ratings, without being aware of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 10th September, 1894, (which required that such cases should be treated as one rating) and that consequently overpayments were made to the extent shown in a schedule embodied in the Minutes of the Finance Committee, (Minute No. 355) and now submitted to the Council.

They further reported that they had directed the overpayments to be refunded.

The Secretary explained that he had been called upon to carry out these duties under the Franchise Acts at short notice, and that, as his time was fully occupied with his other duties, he had employed the Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Peace (Mr. Gibson), who had large previous experience of this work to fill and serve the proper forms; that from inquiries which he had made at the time he found that these fees were payable under the General Order of the Local Government Board of September 23, 1893; that Mr. Gibson had informed him that the method adopted for calculating the number of ratings was the correct one; and that he was not aware of any subsequent General Order of the Local Government Board on the subject until Mr. Dowling called attention to the matter at the meeting of the County Council on 26th February.

The Secretary further stated that the amount overpaid to himself had been immediately lodged by him to credit of the County Council, and that two of the Collectors had also lodged the amounts repayable by them.

(562).
Ordered—That the Collectors who have not already refunded the amounts overpaid be required to do so forthwith.

(563).
The following Resolution was then proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and seconded by Mr. Charles J. Bergin:—

In examining the accounts of the duties performed by the Secretary and Rate Collectors in Athy No. 1 and Celbridge No. 1 Rural Districts, we find that all ratings, when the sum was divided between buildings and land, have been counted as two separate ratings, contrary to the Local Government Board General Order of 10th September, 1894, which has been in practice all over Ireland since the Franchise Act came into force. Having heard the Secretary's explanation, we consider that before certifying these accounts as correct and issuing paying orders to same, he should have ascertained the rules that have been in practice in Naas or some other unions for the past five or six years.

After some discussion, on the suggestion of Mr Edward Fenelon, the proposer and seconder agreed to withdraw the foregoing resolution, and this course was also agreed to by the Council.

(564).

The Chairman said that the next item on the Agenda Paper referred to the position of the accounts and business in the Secretary's department, and the following letter addressed to the Chairman by the Secretary on 17th February, was read:—

DEAR MR. BROWN,

4, KILDARE STREET, DUBLIN,
FEBRUARY 17TH, 1900.

I regret to say that I am unable to see my way to retain the post of Secretary to the County Council of Kildare beyond 31st March, or to accept the terms which have been proposed by their Finance Committee for my salary from 1st April last, viz., £50 per annum under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and £350 per annum for all other duties exclusive of the allowances under the Franchise and Juries Acts.

I understand that in other Counties where the clerical work is certainly not greater than in the County of Kildare, the Secretary's salary has been fixed at £500 and upwards, exclusive of the fees under the Franchise and Juries Acts, and without any conditions being imposed upon him as to a place of residence or office hours. For instance, in the Queen's County, which adjoins Kildare, the Secretary is about to retire, and his salary has been fixed by the Local Government Board at the above figure from 1st April, 1899. The general duties of the Secretary's Office in that County are not larger than they are in the County of Kildare, while in the important item of public works, the secretarial work in the County of Kildare is as large as in the Queen's County and King's County combined, owing to the road contracts in County Kildare being for shorter lengths and therefore much more numerous than in many other counties. I am therefore unable to see why I should be expected to be satisfied with a salary so much less than the salary of the corresponding post in the Queen's County, and I venture to hope that the Finance Committee and the County Council may see their way to re-consider this branch of the question, as I would wish, it possible, to be able to agree with the County Council on the subject rather than have to appeal to the Local Government Board.

My decision not to accept the proposal of the County Council that I should remain in their service for some time after 31st March, is due partly to the fact that the remuneration offered to me would not be adequate unless I were paid at the rate which I am asking for the year ending 31st March, 1900, but my main reason is that I feel that I could not undertake the onerous and troublesome duties connected with the Estimates and the making of the Rates for the coming financial year, and the numerous troublesome adjustments of accounts which will have to be made, unless the County Council were willing to provide me with a considerable amount of clerical assistance in addition to their present permanent staff.

I have so often represented to you and the Finance Committee, and the County Council, that the clerical assistance afforded to me during the last few months was quite inadequate, and my representations have been so entirely unsuccessful, that I am not sanguine that anything I can now say would have any effect. I started last April with the determination to get the work of the County done in a manner which would compare favourably with any of the neighbouring counties, and I am conscious that, personally, I have, all through, left nothing undone to secure this result. For many months past, however, the refusal of the County Council to grant me adequate clerical assistance, has made it every day more and more clear to me that I could not prevent the business getting into arrears, while my health has been suffering greatly from overwork in the effort to do so.

I am quite certain that whenever my successor comes into office, the County Council will have to provide for him a far larger amount of clerical assistance (at least for a considerable time), than anything that I have asked for. I am, however, personally concerned with nothing except the period which intervenes between the present time and the 31st of next month. As regards this, I am bound to say that no effort that I could make with your present staff would enable me to leave everything in the order in which I should like to hand it over to my successor. I feel, therefore, that for my own protection I ought to

lay this expression of my views before the Local Government Board, and thereby place them in a position to take any steps, and make any representations which they might think fit to the County Council on the subject. I had thought first of employing sufficient and competent hands at my own expense, to leave everything in a satisfactory and up-to-date condition, but I have not heard of the Secretary in any other county being compelled to adopt this course, and the more I have considered it the less reasonable does it seem to me that I should do anything of the kind. Since last October I have had to incur a substantial amount of expense in this way (chiefly for the assistance of a shorthand writer). I could not have got on at all without it, and I confess to feeling that it is hardly reasonable that any objection should be made to its being paid for by the public. I have made enquiries on these matters from the Secretaries of various other counties, and I am satisfied that I have not asked for any clerical assistance that has not freely been given elsewhere. My remarks apply solely to the services of one or more temporary hands sufficiently qualified to assist me in getting through the volume of work necessarily arising from the winding up of the old, and the introduction of the new system. I see more clearly every day that the County Council would be adopting the cheapest and best course by giving me such assistance as I might find to be indispensable for this purpose, but I have unfortunately not been able to get them, and the Finance Committee to see the matter in the same light. My observations therefore, do not apply to the extra hands temporarily required for such annual work as the Applotments and the filling, etc. of forms under the Franchise and Juries Acts.

Under all the circumstances, therefore, I do not feel myself encouraged to continue in office beyond 31st March. Between this and then I shall do my best to bring the business of the County up to date, but I think the time has clearly come when I should state to you and to the Local Government Board that I am quite unable to get through the onerous duties at present attaching to my post without the temporary assistance of a good shorthand writer, and, at least, one other temporary hand possessed of sufficient qualifications to make him really useful to me.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) G. DE L. WILLIS.

STEPHEN J. BROWN, Esq.,
Chairman of County Council, NARR

(565).

With reference to the foregoing letter the Chairman said that, after he received it, he inspected the books and accounts in the Secretary's Office, and that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 24th February, the Secretary's letter was considered, and the Committee proceeded thereon to inquire into the state of the books which the Secretary is bound to keep, and generally, into the state of the business in his department.

The Chairman then read from his rough Minute Book the notes or minutes adopted by the Finance Committee on the 24th February, on this subject (vide their printed minutes Nos. 344a to 344 i, both inclusive).

(566).

Finance Committee Minute, No. 356, was also read from their proceedings on 3rd March, as follows:—

The Secretary applies to the Finance Committee to recommend the Council to pay for an additional hand to compile the Query Books since the Act came into operation, whose services he estimated at one shilling per hour for the time during which he is employed. The Secretary also states that he requires the assistance of a short-hand writer to assist in writing up the Minutes and correspondence, to be paid at the rate of 1s. 6d. per hour.

On considering the matter, it was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously:—

That the Secretary's application be not recommended, as we consider the sum of £400 as salary, and £100 under the Franchise Acts, offered to Mr. Willis, should cover all these cases.

(567).

Having considered the foregoing Minutes of the Finance Committee, and heard a statement from the Secretary, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. Edward Fenelon, seconded by Mr. Peter Crosbie:—

That, having heard the explanation of Mr. Willis, as to why he should be given more clerical assistance in carrying out the work of his office, we are clearly of opinion that the Minute of the Finance Committee should be approved, and be approved accordingly.

(568).

The Secretary then stated that he was now employing extra clerical assistance, and would continue to do so, to enable him to bring the work of his office to completion; that he would ask the Local Government Board to see that he was repaid; and that as he felt that the position of matters in his office was due to no fault or inattention on his part he would also ask the Local Government Board to investigate the whole subject.

(569).

Pursuant to Notice of Motion, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr Peter Crosbie:—
That we call upon the Government to amend the rating provisions of the Local Government Act so as to relieve all occupiers of holdings valued at and under £4 per annum of any liability for poor rates.

The resolution was seconded by Mr John Healy, and carried unanimously.

(570).

The following payments, recommended by the Finance Committee, were authorised, and Form 14, authorising the Treasurer to pay same, was filled and signed:—

£1 5 6 to Richard P Evans, Stamp Office, Mullingar;

£0 15 0 to Thomas Byrne, Celbridge;

£26 4 9 to William Grove White, solicitor;

£30 11s. 6d. to Mrs. Esther Byrne, Athy Union.

(571).

Proceedings against Road Contractors.—With reference to County Council Minutes Nos. 361 and 429, the County Surveyor reported that proceedings had been taken at Petty Sessions, and orders had been made against the following contractors, who had not so far complied with them:—

(1) John Murphy, 559 perches (South Naas).

(2) John Murphy, 485 perches (do).

(3) John Dempsey, 642 perches (East Offaly).

(4) John Dempsey, 506 perches do.

(5) Andrew Forde, 434 perches (do).

On the application of the County Surveyor it was unanimously Resolved that he be granted authority to again summon the contractors and their sureties in the foregoing cases unless it should be found that they had complied with the orders made before the 17th instant.

(572).

Edenderry No. 2 Quarterly Meeting.—On the application of the County Surveyor it was unanimously resolved that the date for this Quarterly Meeting be changed from 13th to 10th April, owing to the 13th April being Good Friday.

(573).

Mr John Breen, road contractor, Ballydowd, handed in a letter complaining that he had not been paid a sum of £11 5s 9d, which had been passed for him by Celbridge No 1 Rural District Council on 25th October last.

The Secretary produced the list of the proposals for payments on which the item appeared, and proved that this sum had been struck off by the District Council at their Quarterly Meeting in July, and that it was therefore passed in October by a mistake on their part, and that their error was corrected by the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 27th November.

(574).

Mr William Grove White, solicitor of the County Council, handed in his draft of the advertisement for the position of Secretary. Same was revised and approved of in the following form:—

COUNTY KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY WANTED.

The Council will, at a Special Meeting to be held at Naas Courthouse, on Tuesday, 27th day of March, inst, at 10.30 a.m., proceed to elect a properly qualified Secretary in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the Local Government Board, at a salary of £245 per annum, and a further salary of £50 per annum for all duties under the Cattle Diseases Act, besides the usual remuneration under the Franchise and Juries Acts. Such salaries and remuneration are to cover and include all expenses, travelling or otherwise within the county in connexion with his office, and shall include any clerical assistance he may require for the discharge of his duty, in addition to the permanent staff, consisting of the accountant and clerk provided by the County Council, and such person when appointed, and his appointment sanctioned by the Local Government Board, shall reside within the township of Naas, and shall forthwith take up his duties, and shall attend his office daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, and shall enter into a Fidelity Bond with the Patriotic Assurance Company in the sum of £800, and shall pay the premium thereon.

Candidates must send their applications and testimonials to the Secretary to the County Council on or before the 21st day of March inst., and will require to be in attendance at the election.

By Order,

G DE L WILLIS, Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Offices,
Courthouse, NAAS.
12th day of March, 1900.

(575).

Irrecoverable Arrears.—Letter read from Mr Joseph Mooney, Poor Rate Collector, relative to five items amounting to £19 19s, which had been claimed by him as irrecoverable arrears on his collection for the half year ended 30th September, but which had been disallowed by the Local Government Board.

The letter, No 8093, of 9th February, 1900, from Local Government Board was read, showing that the five items in question were disallowed by them because the information furnished by the Collector did not disclose sufficient grounds for treating them as irrecoverable.

Having considered the letter of the Local Government Board and heard Mr Mooney's explanation the Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution:—

That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction the repayment to Mr Joseph Mooney of Rate Nos 983, 1195, 1500, 1517, and 1673 which were disallowed, Mr Mooney having satisfied the Council that the premises are at present and have been for some years past vacant, and that it was by oversight that he omitted to state so in his return.

(576).

Poor Rates on Clongorey Estate.—Letter dated 9th March read from Poor Rate Collector, Patrick Downey, submitting a statement of poor rates due on the townlands of Clongorey, Blacktrench, Tankardsgarden, and part of Barrettstown, and asking to have same apportioned between the late landlords (Mr Maher and others) and the tenants, owing to the property having been sold to the tenants on or about 4th January, 1900.

Collector Downey stated that Mr Rutledge, the Agent, had refused to pay these rates to the amount of £16 19s 11d in respect of the purchased holdings.

Having considered the matter, the Council unanimously resolved:—

That the rates made 23rd January for the half year ending 31st March, 1900, be apportioned in equal moieties between Mr. Maher and others, the Trustees of the Clongorey estate, and the tenants, it appearing that the Trustees were in possession up to the 4th January, the date on which the tenants were reinstated.

Collector Downey was directed to ascertain the names of the new occupiers and furnish same to the Secretary, with a view to their being rated for the future.

577).

Mr. Thomas Langan came before the Council and asked to be excused from undertaking the work of writing up the Financial Minutes Book on the following day, as proposed by the Finance Committee (vide their Minute No. 367), at their meeting on this morning. He stated that he had since found that the work would occupy a considerable time, and that he could not make much progress with it in one day.

The Chairman informed Mr. Langan that under the circumstances he would not be required to proceed with the work.

again (578).

The Council adjourned, *again* to meet on Tuesday, 27th March, at 10.30 a.m.

Stephen J. Brown
27th March 1900.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of the proceedings at a Special Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Tuesday, 27th March, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

(579).

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J Brown (chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; Edward Fenelon; John Cribbin; Laurence Malone; R. M'Kenna; John Field; C. J. Bergin; M. J. Minch, M.P.; Owen Cogan; John Kelly; E. J. Cassidy; Joseph Connolly; James E. Medlicott; Lord F. Fitzgerald; Thomas Orford; W. R. Ronaldson; Stephen Murphy; William T. Kirkpatrick; John Healy; Joseph P. Dowling; James Kelly (Maddenstown); James Kelly (Rathbride); Francis Colgan; Edward Hayden; Stephen Heydon; Joseph O'Loughlin; Peter Crosbie; George Wolfe.

(580).

The printed minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th March, having been sent to every member of the Council, were taken as read, and a copy of same was signed by the Chairman, and directed to be inserted in the Minute Book, a few printer's errors having first been corrected.

(581).

Election of Secretary.—The Council proceeded to the election of a Secretary in the place of Mr. G de L. Willis, whose term of office expires on 31st March, and the following correspondence was read:—

(582).

County Council Offices,
Naas, 21st March, 1900.

SIR,

Appointment of Secretary.—Your letters, No. 13,092 of 2nd inst., and No. 14223 of 10th inst., were considered by the Finance Committee of the County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on 12th inst., and they decided to submit the following resolution thereon to the County Council:—

Resolved—That having regard to the letter of 10th March, from the Local Government Board, it is not necessary to recommend to the Council any alteration in the salary or conditions of office already agreed on, save that the office shall be terminable, with the approval of the Local Government Board, on three months' notice, unless in case of misconduct or serious neglect of duty, in which case no notice shall be required.

The entire correspondence on this subject was read same day at the meeting of the County Council, and, after fully considering same, they unanimously adopted the resolution submitted by their Finance Committee, and I am to ask for the approval of the Local Government Board to the conditions embodied therein.

The County Council decided to proceed to the election of a new Secretary on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 11.30 a.m. They also approved of a form of advertisement (copy of same enclosed), which was drafted for them by their Solicitor, and which was directed to be inserted twice in the Dublin papers, as well as in the local papers and the "County Council Gazette" of the 17th and 24th inst.

I am, sir,

Your obedient Servant,
G. DE L. WILLIS,
Secretary to County Council.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board, Dublin.

Sir,

(583).

Local Government Board, Dublin,
26th March, 1906.

With reference to your communication of the 21st inst., and to previous correspondence on the subject of the salary to be fixed for the office of Secretary of the County Council of Kildare, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the approval of a salary of £245 (Two hundred and forty-five pounds) a year for the office in question upon the terms stated in their letter of the 10th inst.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
H. M. SWAINE,
Secretary.The Secretary,
County Council of Kildare.

(584).

The Secretary stated that applications had been received from the following twelve candidates—(1) Captain W. Gooding, (2) Mr. W. Roper Little, (3) Mr. W. C. M'Devitte, (4) Mr. J. Ralph Dagg, (5) Mr. Charles B. Hill, (6) Mr. Thomas J. Dempsey, (7) Mr. Peter J. Murphy, (8) Mr. Peter Kennedy, (9) Mr. John T. Heffernan, (10) Mr. Anthony P. O'Brien, (11) Mr. Henry J. Farrell, (12)

(585).

The Secretary having called over the names of the candidates it was found that there were only five present—Messrs. Little, Dagg, Dempsey, Heffernan, and Farrell.

(586).

Letter read from Captain W. Gooding, regretting that he was unavoidably absent, but that he would be prepared to attend on any other date if the Council desired.

(587).

The applications and testimonials of the following candidates were then read—Messrs. Little, Dagg, Dempsey, Heffernan, and Farrell.

(588).

Mr. Dagg withdrew his candidature.

(589).

Mr. Peter Crosbie said he was authorised by Mr. Dempsey to withdraw his application.

(590).

Mr. W. Roper Little was not proposed or seconded.

(591).

Mr. John T. Heffernan was proposed by Mr. John Field, and seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch.

(592).

Mr. Henry J. Farrell was proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and seconded by Mr. John

(593).

The Chairman asked whether there was any objection to either of the candidates who had been proposed and seconded.

Mr. Wolfe stated that he had intended making an objection, but preferred to leave the matter to the Local Government Board.

Mr. Dowling suggested that the Secretary should be asked to read sub-section (3) of Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order, but his proposal was not pressed.

(594).

The Chairman then called for a show of hands when there voted—for Mr. John T. Heffernan, 21; for Mr. Henry J. Farrell 5. The Chairman, Mr. Edward Hayden, and Mr. Joseph P. Dowling did not vote.

(595).

The Chairman then declared that Mr. John T. Heffernan was elected, and Mr. Heffernan thanked the Council for the honor they had conferred upon him.

(596).

Secretary's Offices.—The Chairman read a report from the Finance Committee (vide their Minute No. 375) adopted by them on 24th inst., recommending that the offices of the Secretary should be transferred to the rooms on the ground floor to the right of the entrance to the Courthouse, viz., the room at present occupied by the caretaker, and the room behind same, heretofore used as a wait-

ing room for witnesses, but very little required for that purpose.

The Council unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and authorised them to carry out same, with such modifications as might appear to them to be desirable.

(597).

The Council proceeded to consider the arrangements to be made for completing any business in the Secretary's office that might be found to be in arrear on 31st March, and for carrying on the business of the office until a new Secretary was appointed.

(598).

Sir G. R. Dease suggested that the present Secretary should re-consider his decision, and continue in office until any business that was in arrear had been disposed of.

(599).

Mr. M. J. Minch proposed, and Mr. Francis Colgan seconded:—

That the question of office arrangements and the discharging of the duties of the Secretary's office be referred to the Finance Committee to make such provision as may be considered necessary.

(600).

Before the resolution was put the Secretary was asked if he wished to make a statement, and said that he would prefer if he could formally terminate his engagement with the County Council on 31st March, but that he was not aware whether the Local Government Board would require him to remain in office until any arrears of work had been disposed of; that he thought that the directions of the Local Government Board on this subject should first be obtained; that he would personally prefer, even at some loss, to leave no work undone that was supposed to be done in his office before 31st March, even though he was strongly of opinion that any arrears were not due to inattention or want of effort on his part, but were solely due to the fact that he had not sufficient clerical assistance for properly discharging the duties; that he intended, as he had already intimated, to ask the Local Government Board to investigate this matter thoroughly, and to say where the blame lay; and that in the meantime he declined to admit the justice of the censures passed on him by the Finance Committee and the County Council in this matter.

The Chairman repudiated the suggestion made by the Secretary that the Council had not given him the necessary clerical assistance, and requested the Secretary to point to any Minute of the Finance Committee or the Council showing that he had applied for clerical assistance which had been refused him other than the Minute of 3rd March last on the subject, and pointed out that the expenses of the Secretary's Department for the year amounted to close on £1,000.

The Secretary referred to Minute No. 276 of Finance Committee, and to Minute No. 390 of Council on this subject, but failed to refer the Council to any Minute bearing out his suggestion that the Council had refused him the necessary Clerical assistance.

(601).

After some further discussion Mr. Minch's resolution was put to the Council and carried unanimously.

(602).

Adjustments with new Urban Districts.—The Chairman read Finance Committee Minute No. 377, recommending that a conference should be held between a committee to be appointed by the County Council and by the Urban District Councils of Naas and Athy, the conference to consist of four members appointed by the County Council and two by each Urban District Council.

After considerable discussion, it was proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. R. McKenna, and carried unanimously:—

That the number of representatives of the County Council at the proposed conference should be six, viz.—the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, Mr. Stephen Heydon, and Mr. Laurence Malone.

(603).

The following payments recommended by the Finance Committee in their Minute No. 379, were approved, and County Form 14 for same was filled and signed by the Chairman and by two members of the County Council:—

- £75 0s. 0d. to Bank of Ireland for second moiety of expense of Annual Revision of Valuation.
- £21 0s. 0d. to Messrs. D. and T. Fitzgerald, solicitors, for their costs and fee for preparing and completing the mortgage on the rates for £2,431 for moieties of gratuities to retiring officers.
- £37 10s. 0d. to Mr. G. de L. Willis for nine months' salary to 31st December, 1899, as Secretary to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act.

(604).

Collection of the Poor Rate.—Poor Rate Collectors John Fitzsimons and Andrew O'Reilly applied for an extension of time till 30th April for closing the collection of the poor rate in their districts, on the ground that, being new appointments, they did not receive their warrants until nearly four weeks later than the other collectors.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. John Healy, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously—That the Local Government Board be recommended to extend the time for closing the collection in these collection districts until 30th April.

(605).

After further discussion on the same subject, and hearing several of the Poor Rate Collectors who were present, it was proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and carried unanimously:—

That the period for collection be extended for all poor rate collectors to the 30th April, owing to the fact that the rate now under collection followed so closely upon the preceding one.

The Secretary was directed to submit this recommendation to the Local Government Board.

(606).

Department of Agriculture.—Letter, dated 6th March, read from the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture, submitting draft regulations for the appointment of members of the Council of Agriculture, the Agricultural Board, and the Board of Technical Instruction.

Resolved—That this letter be taken into consideration at the Meeting of the Council on Monday, 9th April, and that representatives of this Council on the Council of Agriculture be then appointed.

(607).

Parasitic Mange.—Circular, dated 23rd February, read from Veterinary Department, enclosing a form of regulations for the disinfection of places in which animals affected, or supposed to have been affected with parasitic mange have been kept, and requesting the County Council to adopt these regulations, and offering to supply copies of them, to be sent to each Veterinary Inspector, with instructions to see that the requirements contained therein are fully carried out in future within the Inspector's district.

The Council approved of the proposal of the Veterinary Department, and ordered that the copies of the regulations in question be obtained, and be sent to each Veterinary Inspector with the proposed instructions.

(608).

Payments to Guardians and Rural District Councils.—Circular, No. 6338, dated 21st March, read from Local Government Board, requesting the Council to hold a meeting during the first week in April for the purpose of advancing the amount due on foot of Union and Rural District Demands for the three months ending the 30th June next.

Resolved—That this matter be dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on 9th April.

(609).

The County Analyst's report, for quarter ended 30th December, 1899, was received and taken as read.

(610).

An application, dated 30th March, from the Secretary, General Post Office, asking for the consent of the County Council to erect a new line of telegraph near Leixlip Station, was agreed to, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(611).

Asylum for Harmless Lunatics.—Letter, dated 21st March, read from the Clerk of the Union, Naas, forwarding the following resolution adopted by the Naas Board of Guardians on that date:—

That we, the members of the Naas Board of Guardians, strongly disapprove of any scheme dealing with harmless lunatics now in workhouses in County Kildare, which would involve their removal to the Carlow Lunatic Asylum, being of opinion that, in the interest of economy, and in the interest of the patients themselves, any such auxiliary asylum to be established should be situate in the County Kildare.

The County Council unanimously adopted the foregoing resolution, and directed the Secretary to send a copy of same to the Resident Medical Superintendent of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum to be laid before the Joint Committee of Management of the Asylum.

(612).

Letter, dated 10th March, read from Poor Rate Collector Joseph Wyer, objecting to the proposal of the County Council that, after the present poor rate collection, the checking of the poor rate collectors' accounts should be done in the County Council office instead of by the Clerks of the Unions.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Wyer that the Council could not make any exception in his case.

(613).

Further letter, dated 10th March, read from Poor Rate Collector Joseph Wyer asking for instructions as to a rating part of which was occupied and part alleged to be derelict, and respecting which the occupier declined to pay rates on the unused portion.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Collector that he must collect the rate on the entire building, unless and until the occupier got the rating altered.

(614).

Donaghmore Workhouse.—Letter, dated 11th March, read from Rev. J. Drennan, C.C., and Mr. L. T. Kelly, honorary secretaries of a conference held at Donaghmore on 5th March, advocating the establishment of an agricultural college in the disused workhouse of Donaghmore.

Circular, dated 15th March, on same subject and to like effect, read from Mr. P. A. Meehan, chairman of Queen's County Council.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and passed unanimously:—

That this Council does not see its way at present to join in the proposed scheme for converting Donaghmore workhouse into an agricultural college.

(615).

Proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and carried unanimously:—

That as some misunderstanding exists as to the necessity of appointing a Resident Medical Officer and an assistant to any institution established to receive imbeciles now inmates of workhouses, the Government be requested to make it clear, if necessary by a clause in an amending Act, that such appointments, which, in the opinion of this Council, are wholly unnecessary, need not be made in the case of auxiliary asylums.

(616).

Mr. M. J. Minch, M. P., said he wished to make a formal protest against remarks recently made by Mr. Synnott, chairman of Naas Board of Guardians, with reference to the members of this Council who are on the Joint Committee of the Lunatic Asylum in Carlow.

The Chairman said that he did not think that Mr. Synnott's remarks necessarily referred to the members of this Council.

(617).

Circular, dated 10th March, read from the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, submitting a resolution in favour of a substantial increase in the present salaries paid to Irish assistant teachers.

(618).

Letter, dated 22nd March, read from the School Attendance Committee of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District stating that at their meeting on 21st March, they had resolved to appoint the Clerk of the District Council as clerk or secretary to their committee, at a salary of £15 per annum, and also to appoint a school attendance officer at their meeting on 18th April, at a salary of £35 per annum, and requesting the approval of the County Council to this arrangement.

Ordered—That this matter be placed on the Agenda Paper for the meeting of the County Council on 9th April, and that it be previously considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 31st March.

(619).

Mortgage on Rates, £2,431.—Letter, dated 27th March, read from Manager, Hibernian Bank, Naas, stating that he was in a position to transfer the amount of this mortgage on receiving the necessary resolutions from the County Council on the subject. It was accordingly—

Resolved—That the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, be requested to open a loan account for the amount of the mortgage on the rates, dated 26th February, for £2,431, and to lodge that amount to credit of the County Council.

(620).

On the application of the Secretary, it was ordered—That Paving Order No. 1639, in favour of Mr. James Rooney, Killeen, be issued for £2 12s. 1d. instead of £4 12s. 1d. as passed by Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, and subsequently authorised by the County Council.

Finance Committee.

Friday, 22nd December 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council held in the Courthouse at Kildare on Friday, 22nd December, 1899, at 10:30 a.m.

(263.)

Present: - Mess^{rs} Edward Fenelon, J.P., George Wolfe, J.P., John T. Heffernan, J.P., and Joseph P. Dowling.

(264.)

On the motion of Mr Dowling it was unanimously resolved - That the Chair be taken by Mr Edward Fenelon, J.P.

(265.)

The Minutes of the meetings held on 18th & 25th November were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(266.)

Telegrams were read from the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the County Council, regretting that they were unavoidably prevented attending this Meeting.

(267.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the resolution (Memorandum No. 332) adopted by the County Council on 27th November, requesting them to propose a scheme for dividing the Collection district recently held by Mr Thomas H. Holbrook into at least two convenient divisions.

In connection therewith the Secretary read letter No. 70,078, dated 9th December, from the Local Government Board, enclosing copies of two letters from Mr Thomas H. Holbrook relative to his resignation of the post of Poor Rate Collector.

(268.)

After fully considering the matter, the following resolution was proposed by Mr Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr George Wolfe, and unanimously adopted for the consideration of the County Council: -

That Collection District No. 13 (lately collected by Mr T. H. Holbrook, resigned) be divided into two Collection Districts - one formed of the electoral divisions of Rodenstown, Oughterard, Naas, & Killashee; the other of the electoral divisions of Carnahway, Gilttown, Kilsallen, & Ush.

(269.)

It was further decided to recommend the County Council to make it a condition of the appointment of any Collector for the first of the foregoing districts that he was only to have the collection of Naas Urban Electoral division for the current half year as its collection will pass, after 31st March, 1900, to the Urban District Council of Naas.

(270.)

The Minute (No. 347) of the County Council requesting the Committee to arrange for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor in lieu of Mr. Thomas Cross, resigned, was next considered. In connection therewith the Secretary read a letter (No. 73952) dated 21st Dec^r, from Local Govt. Board, stating inter alia that under Section 4 of the Union Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Act, 1865, (28 & 29 Vic., cap. 26) as modified in pursuance of Section 83 (11) of the Local Govt. Act, 1898, it would be necessary to give one month's previous notice in writing to every member of the County Council of the proposal to grant a superannuation allowance to Mr. Thomas Cross and of the time when it would be brought forward. Under these circumstances the matter was referred back to the County Council for their further consideration and instructions.

(271.)

On considering the resolution (Minute No. 352) of the County Council, requesting the Finance Committee to submit suggestions as to the giving of instructions to the Solicitor of the County Council from time to time, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. J. Heffernan, & unanimously adopted:—

That in any cases where the Secretary might think it necessary to consult the Solicitor of the County Council, he is in the first place to obtain the sanction of the Chairman of the County Council to his doing so.

(272.)

With reference to the appeal of the County Council against the recent revision in the Valuation of the G. S. & W. Railway in County Kildare, the Secretary reported the particulars of a recent interview between Mr. Edwin Liller, the expert hitherto employed on behalf of the Council, and the Chairman and Solicitor of the Council, at which he (the Secretary) was present. He also read his recent correspondence with the Solicitor, together with Mr. Liller's letters of 2nd & 30th Nov^r & 16th December, and he submitted Mr. Liller's account up to the latter date as furnished at £30.9.0. After fully considering the matter it was proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. J. J. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed:—

That the Secretary be directed to authorise Mr. Liller to proceed with his work in the Appeal of the County Council against the reduction in the Valuation of the G. S. & W. Railway in this County, Mr. Liller to be remunerated on the terms proposed in his letter to Messrs. White and White of the 30th November, 1899, his fees up to the date of hearing not to exceed £70. at the outside.

(273.)

Letter, N^o. 4396, dated 4th December, read from Veterinary Department, relative to expenses, amounting to 2/-, incurred by the Police for an ownerless stray dog seized in the town of Kildare on 9th June, asking the County Council to re-consider the question of paying same under the circumstances mentioned, and having regard to the provisions of Article 13 of the Rabies (Ireland) Order of 1897. Having further considered the matter the Committee decided to recommend that 2/- for the claim in question be paid to the County Inspector, N. J. Constabulary, Naas.

(274.)

The Secretary submitted the account furnished by Mr Michael Smith, V. S. for £7- for his services in Edeenderry N^o 2 Rural District up to 30th September, 1899, together with the usual official reports as vouchers for the items therein. Recommended - that £7- be paid to Mr Michael Smith accordingly.

(275.)

Ordered - That £5- be paid to James Slattery, Naas, on the County Surveyor's Certificate N^o 11 for clearing and repairing a pipe and drain on the Limerick road, Naas. County Form N^o. 16 authorising the issue of Paying Order N^o. 47 in favour of Mr James Slattery, Naas, for £5 was accordingly signed by the Chairman and two members of the Committee.

(276.)

The Secretary applied for authority to employ some temporary clerks to assist in filling the Collectors' blocks, receipts, & demand notes, and checking and comparing same. After considerable discussion the Committee decided to let the matter stand over to be dealt with by the County Council on 30th instant.

(277.)

The following telegram was received from Mr M. J. Minch, M. P. :-
"Athy District Council have decided to be represented at hearing of claims re Malicious Injury Cases, examine witnesses, &c."

(278.)

The Committee adjourned, to meet again at Naas on 30th inst., at 10.00 a.m. if the Secretary should find it necessary to convene them for any business before the meeting of the County Council.

Stephens Brown 30 Dec 99

County Council of Kildare.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Saturday, 30th December, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 30th December, 1899, at 10.15 a.m.

279.

Present:- Messrs. Stephen J. Brown, J.P., (Chairman of the County Council) in the Chair; W.R. Ronaldson; George Wolfe, J.P.; and John T. Heffernan, J.P.

280.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd December were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

281.

The Secretary applied to the Committee to recommend the County Council to transfer a sum from the County Fund to credit of the Subsidiary Account, the latter account being at present overdrawn. The Committee decided to defer the matter to their next meeting, with the view of transferring to the Subsidiary Account the exact amount that had been expended or paid thereout during the quarter ended 30th September, and the Secretary was directed to submit an estimate accordingly to the next meeting of the Committee.

282.

The Committee adjourned, to meet again on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

Joseph P. Dowling

(Chairman, Jan. 13, 1900)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council, held in the Courthouse, Kildare, on SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

(283)

Present—Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and Messrs. George Wolfe, Laurence Malone, Stephen Murphy, and Joseph P. Dowling.

(284)

On the motion of Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the chair was taken by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling.

(285)

The Minutes of last Meeting having been sent by post to each Member of the Committee, were now taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(286)

Recommended—That the following sums be paid by the County Council to discharge the balances due to the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils on their estimates and demands for the financial year ending 31st March, 1900:—

£1,484	0	0	to Athy Board of Guardians.
241	12	11	to Baltinglass Board of Guardians.
1,983	15	8	to Celbridge Board of Guardians.
719	0	5	to Edenderry Board of Guardians.
2,224	16	10	to Naas Board of Guardians.
300	0	0	to Athy No. 1 Rural District Council
67	1	5	to Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council.
195	5	0	to Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council.
183	15	7	to Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council.
580	3	9	to Naas No. 1 Rural District Council.

(287)

Carlow District Lunatic Asylum.—The Secretary submitted a printed return received from the Resident Medical Superintendent of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum in the form requested by the County Council at their Meeting on 14th October, 1898 (Minute No. 294), and, on considering same, it was decided to postpone to the next Meeting of the Committee the payment of the balance of the estimate for the maintenance of the Asylum for the current financial year, so as to enable further information to be obtained as to the basis upon which the return was compiled.

(288)

Recommended—That £25 10s. 0d. be paid to the Fee Fund Account of the Local Government Board for Ireland, at the Bank of Ireland, Dublin, in payment of the fee payable on the Grand Jury Accounts of the County Kildare, following Spring Assizes, 1899.

(289)

The Secretary read a letter dated 11th inst., and a memorandum dated 12th inst., from Mr. Edwin Liller, forwarding his account for £76 6s. 0d. for his services up to and including 9th January in connection with the appeal of the County Council against the recent re-valuation of the Great Southern and Western Railway in the County Kildare, and proposing that he should be authorised to proceed with his work in this matter on the understanding that if the County Council do not succeed in their present appeal he would receive no remuneration whatever for his services from the present time, but that if the appeal succeeded he should be remunerated for such additional services by fees at £2 2s. 0d. per day plus travelling expenses necessarily incurred (if any).

(290)

On fully considering the matter the Committee directed the Secretary to authorise Mr. Liller to continue his services up to the adjourned hearing of the appeal, on the terms mentioned in his letter of 11th January.

(291)

Recommended—That £76 6s. 0d. be paid to Mr. Edwin Liller in discharge of his account to 9th January, 1900.

(292)

On the application of the County Surveyor it was ordered—that the following sums, amounting to £97 1s. 6d., be paid out of Subsidiary Account to contractors or workmen for works in the County Surveyor's charge, and County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders, Nos. 48-59 was accordingly signed for same:—

Paying Order No. 48—	£5	4	10	to William Sargent, Wolfestown, Rathmore.
" 49—	22	1	0	to James Slattery, Naas.
" 50—	3	1	6	to John McCabe, Crockanure, Kildare.
" 51—	17	0	2	to Matthew Gallagher, junr, Dunmurry, Kildare.
" 52—	12	4	6	to John Coleman, William Street, Athy.
" 53—	6	5	5	to James Lee, Painstown, Donadea.
" 54—	3	10	10	to Patrick Quinn, Derryvorrogue, Donadea.
" 55—	8	6	11	to William Whelan, Hartwell, Kill.
" 56—	3	9	7	to John Nolan, Kildoon, Nurney.
" 57—	4	6	0	to James Walsh, Dunbyrne, Kilmeague.
" 58—	3	8	3	to Michael Delahunt, Tuckmill, Kill.
" 59—	3	2	6	to John Kelly, Walshestown, Newbridge.

(293)

The Secretary submitted a Financial Statement, showing that the sums paid out of the Subsidiary Account for the past three quarters were as follows:—

£58	8	8	for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899.
155	1	7	" " " 30th September, 1899.
505	9	3	" " " 31st December, 1899.

His estimate showed further that the Subsidiary Account was at present overdrawn to the extent of £196 12s. 0d., and that further payments now ordered, for work in the County Surveyor's hands would raise the overdraft to £293 1s. 6d., and that provision should also be made for Court Orders and demands from the Royal Irish Constabulary between the present time and 31st March, 1900.

Recommended accordingly—That the sum of £500 be transferred to credit of the Subsidiary Account.

(294)

On considering the provisions of the General Orders recently issued by the Local Government Board, constituting the towns of Naas and Athy into Urban Sanitary Districts, it was Ordered—That the County Surveyor be directed to report as soon as possible as to the adjustments of property, rights, liabilities, &c., which might become necessary for carrying these Orders into effect.

(295)

Ordered—That the Meeting of the County Council on 23rd instant be convened for 11 a.m., and that this Committee be adjourned to 10 15 a.m. on same date, to meet at the Courthouse, Naas.

Stephen Brown Secy
23 Jan 1900

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council, held in the County Courthouse, Naas, on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

(296.)

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of County Council) in the chair; M. J. Minch, M.P. (Vice-Chairman); Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, Laurence Ma'one, Stephen Murphy, W. R. Ronaldson, and George Wolfe.

(297.)

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 13th January were taken as read (printed copies of same having been previously sent to each member of the Committee). With reference to same, the Secretary stated that he found on making up the accounts for the year that a few fractional corrections were necessary in some of the sums recommended for payment to Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils under Finance Committee Minute No. 286, and that a balance brought forward for £200 in the Annual Estimate of Athy No. 1 Rural District seemed to require explanation; it was accordingly Ordered—that Minute No. 286 be amended as follows:—

£1083 15 9	to be paid in lieu of	£1083 15 8	to Celbridge Board of Guardians.
719 0 6	" "	719 0 5	to Edenderry "
2224 16 11	" "	2224 16 10	to Naas "
100 0 0	" "	300 0 0	to Athy No. 1 R. D. Council,
67 1 6	" "	67 1 5	to Baltinglass No. 3 "
183 15 8	" "	183 15 7	to Edenderry No. 2 "

The Minutes of 13th January were then ordered to be signed by the Chairman, and were signed accordingly.

(298.)

Recommended—That the following payments be made to the Joint Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum:—

£1819 13 2 for the balance of the County Kildare proportion of the Estimate for the support and maintenance of the Asylum for the half-year ending 31st March, 1900;
 £445 9 10 for the County Kildare proportion of instalments payable to the Commissioners of Public Works on loans for Carlow District Asylum for the period ended 1st October, 1899.

(299.)

The Secretary submitted particulars of the work done by the temporary office staff, in connection with the filling and comparing of Demand Notes, etc., for the poor rate for the current half-year, and it was recommended that the following sums be paid accordingly:—

£4 4 1	to Thomas Lacy Naas;
3 19 31	to James Glennon, Leixlip;
2 4 0	to Richard Masterson, New Row, Naas;
1 18 9	to Thomas Fox, Naas;
1 12 8	to James Kennedy, Cloghesa Cottage, Monasterevan;
4 0 0	to Richard R. Murray, Naas

(300.)

Kildare County Council v Michael Mooney.—Letter dated 22nd January, read from Mr. W. Grove White, Solicitor to the County Council, stating that the defendant's cost in this case, payable by the County Council, amounted to £17 19s. 7d. Recommended accordingly that £17 19s. 7d. be paid to Mr. Michael Mooney, Millbrook, Naas, in discharge of same.

(301.)

Letter, dated 29th September, read from Mr. Richard R. Murray, Naas, submitting an account for 288 hours' work stated by him to have been done by him while acting as temporary accountant to the County Council, between 14th June and 16th September, 1899, and applying for payment of same, less the salary paid to him during five weeks when he was incapacitated from work by illness. The Secretary stated that as the account had not been furnished at the time he was not in a position to certify to any of its items, but that he was aware that Mr. Murray had done a great deal of work beyond the ordinary office hours during the period in question. Having fully considered the matter the Committee decided that the Council were not liable for the account, and that they could not recommend any payment on foot of it.

(302.)

Ordered—that £20 be paid out of Subsidiary Account to Thomas Mearns, road contractor, Kildoon, Nurney, on the County Surveyor's Certificate No. 24, for repairs to 613 perches of road between Brownstown cross-roads and the Curragh Edge at Ballymannay.

(303.)

Recommended—that the County Council should fix the following amounts for the security of the Poor Rate Collectors to be appointed for the Collection district lately resigned by Mr. Thomas H. Holbrook:—

£1,000 for the Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Bodenstown, Oughterard, Naas Rural, and Killashee; £750 for the Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Carnalway, Giltown, Kilcullen, and Usk.

(304.)

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown Ch.
7 July 1900

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, held in the Courthouse, Kildare, on Wednesday, 7th February, 1900, at 10 a m.

(305).

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown, J.P., (Chairman of County Council), in the chair; Joseph P. Dowling; Laurence Malone; Charles J. Bergin; Stephen Murphy; Edward Fenelon, J.P.; and George Wolfe, J.P.

A telegram was received from Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, regretting that he was unable to attend.

(306).

The Committee had under consideration the County Surveyor's recommendations as to proposals for new works, or involving new contracts, chargeable to the County at Large, and the following proposals were approved:—

1. To repair the external boundary wall at Naas Gaol.—Approved at £60.
2. To keep in repair for three years, the roofs and water closets of the County Courthouse, Naas. Approved at £10 per annum for three years.
3. To put a new floor across the space from the County Council Chamber, Naas, to the County Surveyor's Office, and to remove the circular stairs on one side; also, if desirable, to remove the porch inside said Chamber and substitute a plain door at the entrance.—Approved at £50.
4. To connect the cisterns in Naas Courthouse with the Town Water Supply.—Approved at £25.
5. To paint, paper, and provide urgent necessities, including alterations, for the County Surveyor's Office in Naas.—Approved at £15.
6. To provide for erecting 20 direction posts throughout the County.—Approved at £47 10s.

(307).

The Committee adjourned—their next Meeting to be held in the Courthouse, Kildare, at one o'clock, on Tuesday, 20th February, or on such other date as the Chairman, in consultation with the Secretary and County Surveyor, might appoint.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1900.

(308).

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of County Council), and the same members were present as at the meeting of the Proposal Committee.

(309).

The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 23rd January, were taken as read (printed copies having been sent to each member with the Agenda Paper), and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(310).

The Secretary submitted the usual applications from the County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, for the expenditure incurred by the District Inspectors for the quarter ended 31st December, 1899, for the conveyance, etc., of prisoners, and under the Weights and Measures Acts, and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts. Paying Orders for same were directed to be drawn on the Subsidiary Account.

(311).

On the application of the County Surveyor, the following payments were authorised on his certificates, for works in his charge:—

- £1 5s. 0d. to Messrs. Dunne and Sheridan, Naas, for staining and varnishing new press in upper office of Clerk of Crown and Peace;
- £7 7s. 3d. to Corcoran and Smyth, Naas, for repairs, etc., in County Courthouse.
- £25 0s. 0d. to James Sullivan, Rosberry, Newbridge, for repairing 70 yards of the Liffey bank at Rosberry, under Sudden Damage Order.

(312).

County Form No. 16, for Paying Orders Nos. 61-73, amounting to £55 7s. 7d., was signed for the several payments above authorised.

(313).

The Committee proceeded to consider the following resolution adopted by the County Council on 23rd January, and referred to this Committee for report:—

“That the approaching vacancy in the office of Secretary be notified to the Finance Committee in accordance with Standing Order No. 22, to enquire whether any, and what, alterations should be made in the duties and salary of the office, and report thereon to the Council at their next meeting; and to report to the Council on what terms and conditions it can be arranged that the Secretary should continue in office until after the auditing of the accounts and striking of the next rate; and that the remuneration of the Secretary since 1st April last should be considered and a report made to the Council thereon.

(314).

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, for the consideration of the County Council:—

- (1). That the salary of the Secretary to be appointed in succession to our present Secretary, is to cover and include all clerical assistance, if any, which may be required beyond the permanent staff provided and paid by the Council.
- (2). That such Secretary shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, shall reside within the township of Naas, and shall attend in his office daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at least.

(315).

Proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon:—

“That the salary be £50 under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and for all other duties (exclusive of allowances under the Franchise and Juries' Acts), £200.”

(316).

Amendment proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, and seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy:—

“That the figure £200 be altered to £250.”

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 3.

(317).

The amendment was then put as a substantive resolution, and a further amendment was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and seconded by Mr. Fenelon, as follows:—

“That £50 be altered to £60, and £250 to £220.”

On a show of hands this amendment was rejected by 4 votes against 2.

(318).

The original resolution, as amended by Mr. Malone's amendment was then put, and carried by 4 votes against 2 (Mr. Wolfe not voting) as follows:—

“That the salary be £50 under the Diseases of Animals' Acts, and for all other duties (exclusive of allowances under the Franchise and Juries' Acts) £250.”

(319).

On considering the latter portion of the resolution of the County Council, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Wolfe, and unanimously adopted:—

Recommended—“That the salary of Mr. Willis, as from 1st April last, be at the rate of £50 per annum under the Diseases of Animals' Acts, and £350 per annum for all other duties, exclusive of allowances under the Franchise and Juries' Acts, and that, if Mr. Willis agrees, his services be continued at the same rate until 1st July next.”

(320).

The remaining business on the Agenda Paper was adjourned, and the next meeting of the Finance Committee was directed to be held on whatever day might be fixed for the next meeting of the Proposal Committee.

Joseph P. Dowling
Chairman of Meeting
20/2/1900

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

(ADJOURNED MEETING).

Tuesday, 20th February, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Courthouse, Kildare, on Tuesday 20th February, 1900. at one o'clock.

(321).

Present:—Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and Messrs. Joseph P. Dowling, George Wolfe, J.P.; Laurence Malone, and Charles J. Bergin.

(322).

On the motion of Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Chair was taken by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling.

(323).

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February were taken as read (printed copies having been sent to each member, with the Agenda Paper for the present Meeting), and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(324.)

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for the Proposals (other than Provisional Proposals), which had been approved of at their Meeting on 7th February.

The Secretary reported that there were no tenders for any of the proposals, except for No. 2 on the published list, viz.:—To connect the cisterns in Naas Courthouse with the town water supply. For this a tender was received from Mr. J. Boulger at £24 15s., but as neither he nor his sureties were present, the matter was allowed to stand over to an adjourned Meeting of the Proposal Committee, to be held on Saturday, 24th instant, the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Boulger in the meantime.

(325.)

The Secretary handed in a printed Schedule of Applications for Payments for matters other than public works, containing 85 items. Same were considered "seriatim," and all applications as printed were recommended for payment with the following exceptions:—

No. 48.—To Mr. Thomas Langan—recommended to pay £22 13s. 8d. instead of £22 7s. 2d (to rectify an error in the calculation of the printed amount);

No. 53.—To Mr. James J. Wade, V.S.—recommended to pay £7 18s. (instead of £9 6s. 3d.) being the proportion, estimated on the Poor Law Valuation, payable to him for Celbridge No. 1 Rural District, for the nine months ended 31st December, 1899—the electoral division of Rodanstown being excluded as now chargeable to County Meath;

No. 56.—To Mr. Thomas Cross, C.E., £4 3s. 4d.—Recommended that this application be postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council;

No. 60.—To Mr. G. de L. Willis, Secretary to the County Council, for the fees agreed to be paid by him for temporary staff for duties under the Juries Acts and Franchise Acts in Athy No. 1 and Celbridge No. 1 Rural Districts, for the year ending 31st March, 1900. The Secretary stated that he understood that it was part of the proposals made to him by the County Council that these duties would be performed by the Office staff

of the County Council, and that the fees were to go in augmentation of the other items of his salary as Secretary. This view was disputed by members of the Committee, and the Committee decided to refuse the application.

No. 70.—To J. L. Carew, Esq., M.P., for County Printing, etc.—The consideration of this item was adjourned to 24th February.

No. 71.—To Mr. Peter J. Murphy—Recommended to pay £13 14s. 2d. instead of £13 11s. 2d.

No. 79.—To Mr. Joseph Mooney.—Recommended to pay £6 7s. 7d. instead of £9 10s. 11d.

(326.)

The Proposal Committee adjourned, to meet again on whatever date might be fixed for the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(QUARTERLY MEETING).

Tuesday, 20th February, 1900.

Minutes of Proceedings at a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, held at the Courthouse, Kildare, on Tuesday, 20th February, 1900, immediately after an Adjourned Meeting of the Proposal Committee held there on the same day.

(327.)

The members present were the same as at the preceding Meeting of the Proposal Committee (vide Minute No. 321), and the chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling.

(328.)

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 7th February, were taken as read (printed copies having been sent to each member with the Agenda Paper for the present Meeting), and were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(329.)

The Chairman read a letter of this day's date from the Chairman of the County Council, regretting that he was prevented by urgent business from being present, and enclosing a letter dated 17th February, which he had received from the Secretary of the County Council on the subject of his remuneration and future arrangements. The Chairman of the Council further recommended that the Secretary's letter should be dealt with at a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee on 23rd or 24th February. It was accordingly decided that at the conclusion of their business to-day, the Finance Committee should be adjourned to Saturday, 24th February.

(330.)

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure for the Subsidiary Account for the quarter ended 31st December, 1899, was submitted by the Secretary with the vouchers relating thereto, and a balance sheet and bank pass-book, showing a balance to credit of the account on 19th February, of £130 1s. 11d. The balance-sheet and financial statement book having been examined by the Committee, were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman on their behalf.

(331.)

The Financial Statement Books (1) of Receipts, and (2) of Expenditure for the County Fund Account for the quarter ended 30th September, 1899, were also submitted by the Secretary. Their examination was deferred to 24th February.

(332.)

Sudden Damage Order, £250.—With reference to Finance Committee Minute, No 233 of 18th November, 1899, the Secretary reported that a mistake had been made in directing that the amount of Paying Order, No. 638 (£250) should be lodged by the County Surveyor to the credit of the Subsidiary Account, and that to enable the County accounts to be properly balanced, it should have been lodged to credit of the County Fund.

Ordered accordingly, that £250 be now transferred from the Subsidiary Account to credit of the County Fund, and that the County Council be recommended to place £250 to credit of the Subsidiary Account by a Paying Order drawn on the County Fund, for that purpose.

Recommended, that in addition to the £250 just mentioned, a further sum of £200 be transferred by the County Council to credit of the Subsidiary Account, to meet demands thereon to 31st March, 1900.

(333.)

On the application of the County Surveyor, the following payments were ordered for works in his charge on certificates issued by him:—

- £18 6s. 3d. to John Burke, Roseberry, Newbridge, on certificate No. 28 (for supplying material on the section of road between Curragh Flagstaff and Ballymannny);
- £2 to Patrick Dunney, Pluckerstown, Kilmeagne, on certificate No. 29—(amount of Sudden Damage Order dated 15th December, 1899, for repairing a gullet at Grangehiggin);
- £10 15s. to James Sullivan, Roseberry, Newbridge, on certificate No. 30 (for work, materials, etc., at the repairs to the Liffey Bank at Roseberry).

(334.)

County Form 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 74-77, amounting to £281 1s. 3d., was then duly signed, to discharge the foregoing payments on the Subsidiary Account.

(335.)

Demand Notes.—A memorial was read from Mr. E. A. Coonan and seven other Poor-Rate Collectors (referred to the Finance Committee by the County Council), asking that the collection books and Demand Notes should be made of a smaller size in future. On considering the matter, the Committee were of opinion that the existing forms could not be conveniently reduced in size.

(336.)

Checking of Poor-Rate Collectors' Accounts.—Recommended, that instead of the Poor Rate Collectors' lodgments being checked by the Clerks of the Unions as at present, this work should be done in the County Office, Naas, by a clerk therein, for the future.

(337.)

The remaining items on the Agenda Paper were postponed, and the Meeting adjourned, to meet again at Naas, on Saturday, 24th February, at 10.15 a.m.

Stephen J. Brown Ch. 3rd. March 1900

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

(338.)

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of County Council, in the chair); Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; Laurence Malone; C. J. Bergin; George Wolfe; and J. P. Dowling.

(339.)

A tender was received from Mr. Joseph Boulger, 24, Mary Street, Dublin, to connect the cisterns in Naas Courthouse with the town water supply, for £24 15s. He and his sureties (Mr. Richard Carroll and Mr. William Staples) attended and duly entered into a contract for same.

(340.)

The items on the Schedule of Applications for Payments other than public works, which had been deferred from the last meeting of the Proposal Committee, were now considered, with the following result:—

No. 70—To J. L. Carew, Esq., M.P., for County Printing. The following Accounts were examined and passed:—

Clerk of the Crown and Peace	...	£205	11	1
County Surveyor...	...	16	4	0
Secretary to County Council	...	27	2	6

Total .. £248 17 7

Nos. 74-85—Ordered, that the amounts of these claims for irrecoverable arrears of Poor Rate be paid in each case, less 8d. in the pound for poudage already paid to the Poor Rate Collectors for same.

(341.)

The Committee adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 24th February, 1900, immediately after the Meeting of the Proposal Committee, held there on same day.

(342).

The chair was occupied by Mr. Stephen J. Brown, J.P., Chairman of the County Council; and the other Members present were:—Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; and Messrs. Laurence Malone; C. J. Bergin; George Wolfe; and J. P. Dowling.

(343).

Recommended—That the following payments be made pursuant to the recent Sealed Orders, No. 383, issued by the Local Government Board relative to Adjustment of Accounts, under the provisions of Articles 18 and 19 of the Local Government, Transitory Provisions (No. 2) Order, 1898:

£136	15	9	to the Guardians of Baltinglass Poor Law Union;
£23	13	5	to Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council;
£827	7	2	to the Guardians of Celbridge Poor Law Union;
£542	9	8	Edenderry "
£638	10	6	Naas "

(344).

The Committee proceeded to consider the letter of 17th February, addressed by the Secretary to the Chairman, and referred to in Finance Committee Minute No. 329.

The Committee proceeded thereon to inquire into the state of the books which the Secretary is bound to keep, and, generally, into the state of the business in his department, and they adopted the following notes or minutes on the subject:—

(344a)

Financial Minute Book.—Committee unanimously of opinion that the Secretary's explanation of the Financial Minutes not having been fully written up, and presented for examination in respect of the quarters ending 30th June and 30th September is not satisfactory.

(344b)

Secretary states that the Financial Statement Book of Receipts could not be procured, as well as he recollects, before the month of October.

Secretary admits he had the County Council Order in his hands in the month of April. Did not apply to the Contractor (for the County printing). Did apply to Messrs Dollard, but could not procure it sooner than October.

(344c).

No entries were made in either book earlier than the middle of November.

(344d).

General Ledger.—Secretary states this was not procurable until November. Not yet fully entered up. Expenditure on Public Works not entered.

(344e).

The following books not even procured:—The County Register of Separate Charges, the Financial Statement Book of Expenditure in respect of Separate Charges, and the County Register of Applications relating to Public Works made to the Proposal Committee.

(344f).

Secretary states that the backward state of the books is due to insufficient clerical assistance, *denied* to him by the Council.

As regards the quarter ended 30th, June, the difficulty was that the books could not be procured denied to him by the Council.

Secretary admits that he never asked the contractor if he could supply these books, because he could not make up his mind as to the size of some of them.

He states that after 14th October the backward state of the books was due to his not having a hand who understood the Grand Jury system of accounts.

(344g).

The Secretary being asked how many times he attended in the Council offices (Naas) since October last, says he has no idea. Thinks he was on an average once a week, exclusive of days of Council or Committee meetings.

(344h).

24th October to 24th February.—Four months. Secretary unable to give particulars of any Council work done by him in Dublin, beyond correspondence and preparation of agenda papers.

(344i).

The Committee are clearly of opinion that the backward state of the County books, and, generally, of the Secretary's department, is due solely to his non-attendance at his office; that no clerical assistance asked for by the Secretary has ever been refused by the Council; and that the present staff, working under the supervision of a Secretary attending with reasonable regularity at his office, with possibly, some extra assistance at the time of making the rates, is quite sufficient and competent to discharge the duties of the office.

(344j)

The Committee recommend the Council to make an order requiring the Secretary forthwith to deposit in the Council Office at Naas all books, letters, circulars, and records relating to public works, and all other documents whatsoever relating to the County business, and that no such books, documents, etc., be removed from the Office without the permission of the Council, or, in case of emergency, a written order of the Chairman. Further, that the Secretary, during the remainder of his term of office, be required to attend in the Council Office at least five days per week, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

(344k)

That an Attendance Book be kept in the Secretary's Office, in which should be entered each day the hours of attendance of each officer, and that a memorandum of the work done by each officer be made therein.

(344).

That the Local Government Board be requested not to make any adjudication with reference to the Secretary's salary as from the 1st April last, without giving the Council an opportunity of expressing their views and bringing before the Local Government Board the facts and circumstances of the case.

(345).
The Proposals for Payments (Form 12) made by the Rural District Councils of Athy No. 1, Baltinglass No. 3, Celbridge No. 1, Edenderry No. 2, and Naas No. 1 were handed in by the Secretary, and were all recommended for payment.

(346).
The Proposals for Payments for matters other than public works, made by the Proposal Committee, as shown by their Minutes, were also recommended for payment.

(347).
Local Records.—A circular from the Local Records Committee, London, inviting suggestions as to the custody, etc., of Local Records, which had been referred to this Committee by the County Council, was postponed.

(348).
The Committee proceeded to consider the subject of a Scale of Expenses for the Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners, which had been referred to them by the County Council. A scale, adopted, and signed by the Chairman, and ordered to be submitted to the County Council at their next meeting.

(349).
New Rate Book.—Circular, No. 21 M, dated 9th February, read from the Local Government Board, forwarding a specimen page of a new form of Rate Book, for the consideration of the County Council.

The Secretary suggested certain modifications, which were approved of by the Committee, and ordered to be recommended to the County Council.

(350).
The Committee adjourned to Monday, 26th February, at 10 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 26th Feb., 1900, at 10 a.m.

(350a).
Present:—Messrs Stephen J Brown (Chairman of County Council), in the chair; Colonel Sir G R Dease; Laurence Malone; C J Bergin; J P Dowling; and Edward Fenelon.

(350b).
The Committee having been unable to complete their report with reference to the Secretary's salary and future arrangements, it was decided not to bring before the Council at their meeting on this day the rough Minutes dealing with this subject, so far as relates to the present Secretary, save the portion of the Minutes relating to the recommendations of the Committee as to the books, documents, etc, the attendance of the Secretary in his office, and the Attendance Book.

(350c).
The Committee adjourned to Saturday, 3rd March.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 3rd March, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

(351).
Present:—Messrs Stephen J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; M. J. Minch, M.P.; Laurence Malone; George Wolfe; and Joseph P. Dowling.

(352).
The Committee proceeded to consider certain claims from the Clerks of the Unions of Athy, Baltinglass, Edenderry, and Naas, for extra services in bringing the Local Government Act into operation, and claims from the Clerks of Baltinglass and Edenderry for loss of office fees, etc.—these questions having been referred to this Committee by the County Council (vide their Minutes No. 540).

(353).
Resolved unanimously, to recommend the County Council to award compensation to the several Clerks of the above-mentioned Unions for extra services, etc., in bringing the Act into operation, at the rate of 7s. 6d. per £1000 of the valuations of the portions of their Unions situate in the County of Kildare.

(354).
On considering the claim of Mr. J. R. Dagg for compensation by reason of the abolition of certain offices and loss of certain fees, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Dagg for information as to his salary and emoluments before the passing of the Local Government Act and now, and for particulars of the duties of which he has been relieved, as well as of the new duties which have been imposed upon him—on receipt of his answer Mr. Dagg to be requested to attend the Meeting of the County Council on 12th March.

(355).

Fees under Franchise Acts.—The question of the correct scale of fees to be paid to the Secretary and the Poor Rate Collectors under the Franchise Acts having been referred to the Committee by the County Council (vide third paragraph of their Minute No. 488) to report on same, and as to the correctness or otherwise of the amounts already paid under Paying Orders Nos. 1396-1403. —upon investigating the matter it appeared that the Secretary, in calculating the sums to be paid to the Poor Rate Collectors and himself under the Franchise Acts, in the Unions of Athy and Celbridge, treated the rating of land and buildings in the same holding as separate ratings without being aware of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 10th September, 1894, and that, consequently the over-payments shown in the following schedule were made:—

Name.	Amount Paid.		Correct Amount.		To be Refunded.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
P. J. Murphy	14	2 0	10	19 6	3	2 6
P. Boland	15	13 4	11	3 10	4	9 6 ✓
P. Finn	8	14 11	5	8 11	3	6 0 ✓
James Brennan	8	5 9	5	9 2	2	16 7 ✓
G. de L. Willis	57	6 7	40	3 3	17	3 4 ✓
Total in Athy Union	£104	2 7	73	4 8	30	17 11
Edward A. Coonan	7	10 0	6	15 1	0	14 11 ✓
Joseph Mooney	10	1 6	9	6 3	0	15 3 ✓
G. de L. Willis	21	13 4	19	15 8	1	17 8 ✓
Total in Celbridge Union	£39	4 10	55	17 0	3	7 10

Ordered accordingly, that the several sums mentioned in the last column of the foregoing schedule be refunded by the several parties named in the first column.

(356.)

The Secretary applied to the Committee to recommend the County Council to pay for an additional hand to compile the Query Books since the Act came into operation, whose services he estimated at 1s per hour for the time during which he is employed. The Secretary also stated that he required the assistance of a short-hand writer, to assist him in writing up the Minutes and correspondence—to be paid at the rate of 1s 6d per hour.

On considering the matter, it was proposed by Mr J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously:—

“That the Secretary’s application be not recommended, as we consider the sum of £400 as salary, and £100 under Franchise Acts, offered to Mr. Willis, should cover all these cases.”

(357.)

The Secretary was directed to prepare a return of all sums paid for clerical assistance to the present date.

(358.)

Letter, No. 13092, dated 2nd March, read from Local Government Board, relative to the proposals of the County Council as to the salary, remuneration, and duties of their future Secretary.

On considering same, the Chairman was requested to convey to the Local Government Board the unanimous views of the Finance Committee and County Council on these matters.

(359.)

Secretary’s Security.—Recommended—that the security to be given by the future Secretary be £800, by a fidelity bond with an approved Guarantee Society.

(360.)

Esther Byrne v. County Council.—Letters were read in this case from Dr. Monks, Solicitor, Mr. W. G. White, Solicitor, and the Clerk of Athy Union, from which it appeared that £30 11s. 6d. was the amount of the decree and costs ordered at last Quarter Sessions to be paid to Esther Byrne for her claim for malicious injury, and that she is now, and has been for some years, an inmate of Athy Union. Recommended—that the Paying Order for this amount, in favour of Esther Byrne, be sent to the Clerk of the Union, Athy, to enable the Guardians to obtain repayment for her support.

(361.)

Poor Rate Collectors’ Accounts.—The Secretary was authorised to return to the Clerks of the Unions the Collectors’ accounts, which had not hitherto been accurately checked, and to require them to check same with the Rate Books, and to point out specifically the errors (if any), and that payment of the fees to the Clerks of the Unions must be withheld until this was done, or someone must be employed to do the work at the expense of each Clerk of the Union.

(362.)

The Committee adjourned, to meet again on Saturday, 10th March.

Stephen J. Brown
3rd March 1900

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(ADJOURNED QUARTERLY MEETING).

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of the proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 12th March, 1900, at eleven o’clock.

(363.)

Present—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; Charles J. Bergin; Laurence Malone; George Wolfe; Wm. R. Ronaldson; and Joseph P. Dowling.

(364.)

The Secretary’s printed drafts of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Proposal and Finance Committees held on 20th February, and the Adjourned Meetings of same held on 24th and 26th February, and 3rd March, 1900, were submitted and considered, and were ordered to be corrected as noted on a copy thereof, signed by the Chairman.

(365.)

Attention having been called to Finance Committee Minute No. 301, in which Mr. R. R. Murray is described as temporary accountant to the County Council, it was pointed out that this was not a correct description, as Mr. Murray was merely temporary assistant to the Secretary, employed by him and not by the Council, his salary having been paid as part of the temporary assistance required by the Secretary. It was decided to note the facts on the Minutes of to-day, inasmuch as the Minutes of the 23rd January, having been already signed, could not now be altered.

(366).

Salary, etc., for New Secretary.—The following letters were read and considered:—Letter No. 13092, dated 2nd March, from the Local Government Board; letter dated 5th March, in reply from the Secretary to the County Council; and further letter (in reply thereto) No. 14223, dated 10th March, from the Local Government Board. Having fully considered same, it was—

Resolved—That having regard to the letter of 10th March, from the Local Government Board, it is unnecessary to recommend to the Council any alterations in the salary or conditions of office already agreed on, save that the office shall be terminable, with the approval of the Local Government Board, on three months' notice, unless in case of misconduct or serious neglect of duty, in which case no notice shall be required.

(367).

Accounts and Business in Secretary's Office.—Mr. Dowling inquired if the Paying Orders to contractors and others passed at the meeting of the Council on 26th February, had yet been sent out. The Secretary stated that they had not, owing to pressure of other work.

Financial Minutes Book.—The Committee note that this book is not completed, and that no entries have been made in it since their Meeting on 24th February. The Secretary states that the reason is that the Query Books have not yet been completed, and that he, consequently, has not the necessary figures for completing the entries on pages 6 and 7. The Committee do not consider that the explanation is satisfactory.

(368).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Secretary agreed, and it was decided to place the Financial Minutes Book and all materials for completing same in the hands of the Accountant on the following day, Tuesday, 13th March, and to leave him free for that day to enable him to have same written up as far as possible. The Accountant, Mr Thomas Langan, was called in and agreed to undertake the duty.

Later in the day Mr. Langan attended before the County Council and begged to be relieved from his undertaking on the ground that he had since found that the work would occupy a considerable time, and that he could not make much progress with it in one day.

(369).

General Ledger.—The Committee note that the entries in this book have not yet been completed.

(370).

The Committee note further that, generally speaking, the county books appear to have made little, if any, progress towards completion since the meeting of the 24th February.

(371).

Compensation Claims from Clerks of Unions.—Further letter on this subject received from Mr. J. R. Dagg. The consideration of the matter was deferred to next meeting of the Committee.

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The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to make the following payments:—
£1 5s. 6d. to Richard P. Evans, his retiring allowance as late chief warder of Kilmainham Prison, for half year ended 23rd November, 1899;

£0 15s. 0d. to Thomas Byrne, Celbridge, for posting notices under the Valuation Acts in Celbridge No. 1 Rural District.

£30 11s. 6d. to Mrs. Esther Byrne, Athy Union, for compensation (£27) and costs (£3 11s. 6d.) on her claim respecting a malicious injury;

£26 4s. 9d. to William Grove White, for his taxed costs awarded against the complainant in the County Court in the case of Borrowes v. County Council, but now payable by the County Council.

(373).

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown Ch.
3rd March 1900

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 24th March, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

(374.)

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (chairman of the County Council), in the chair; George Wolfe; Laurence Malone; and J. P. Dowling.

A letter was received from Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, regretting that he was unable to be present.

(375).

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of additional office accommodation for the Secretary's department, and decided to make the following recommendation:—

We recommend that the Council offices be transferred to the rooms on the ground floor to the right of the entrance to the Courthouse, one of which is at present occupied by the caretaker, who should be transferred to the present Council office, and the other of which is nominally a waiting room for witnesses, but little if at all used for that purpose, and that the County Surveyor be requested to prepare an estimate of the expense of the necessary alterations and the additional fittings required for the keeping of the county books, records, and documents, and to submit same to the next meeting of the Proposal Committee.

(376).
Accounts, etc., in the Secretary's Office.—The Committee adopted the following minutes on this subject:—

(376 a.)
The Secretary reports that the Financial Minutes Book is fully written up as regards the three quarters ended 31st December, save that the entries relating to new works and maintenance of works have not yet been made and cannot be made until the Query Books are completed, and that the sums authorised by the proposals for payments for the quarter ended 31st December have also not yet been entered.

(376 b.)
The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure is now written up and ready to be signed for the two quarters ended 30th September and 31st December, and the Financial Statement Book of Receipts is written up and ready to be signed for the quarter ended 31st December.

(376 c.)
The General Ledger is written up for the half-year ended 30th September, except as regards the Separate Charges, the entries respecting which cannot be made until the County Register of Separate Charges has been completed.

(376 d.)
The County Register of Separate Charges has not yet been written up.

(376 e.)
The County Register of Applications and Proposals.—There are only a few entries to be made in this book.

(376 f.)
The Fortnightly Abstract of Poor Rate Collectors' Lodgments, (Form 34), the District Summary of same (Form 35), and the half-yearly Summary of Poor Rate Collectors' Lodgments (Form 36). These books are fully written up for the half year ended 30th September, but no entries have yet been made in them for the quarter ended 31st December.

(376 g.)
The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure for the Subsidiary Account is written up to the present date.

(376 h.)
The Query Books are in process of preparation, but the Secretary can give no idea of when they will be completed, or when the books will be ready for audit.

(376 i.)
The Annual Estimate and Budget are not yet ready. The Estimate will be ready to be submitted on Saturday, 31st March, to which date the Finance Committee is to be adjourned. The Budget will be ready by 9th April.

(377.)
Urban Districts.—The Committee proceeded to consider the question of Adjustments as between the County and the Urban District Councils of Naas and Athy, and they recommend that a conference be held between a Committee to be appointed by the Council and by the Urban Councils, the conference to be made up of four to be appointed by the County Council, and two by each District Council.

(378.)
The following payments were ordered to be made for works in the County Surveyor's charge, and Form 16 for same was duly signed:—£5 to Patrick Byrne, Knocknagee, on the County Surveyor's Certificate No. 31; £40 to John Coleman, William street, Athy, on the County Surveyor's Certificate No 32.

(379.)
The County Council are recommended to make the following payments on 27th March:—
£75 to Bank of Ireland, for Supply Account of H. M. Paymaster-General, for second moiety of the expense of the Annual Revision of the Valuation of County Kildare, for year ended 31st March, 1900.
£21 to Messrs D and F FitzGerald, solicitors, for their costs, (outlay £9 11s, fee £11 9s) for preparing and completing Mortgage on Rates for £2431, re moieties of gratuities to Retiring Officers.
£37 10s to G de L Willis, for nine months' salary to 31st December, 1899, (at £50 per annum) as Secretary to the Local Authority (the County Council), under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

(380.)
The Secretary submitted, as directed by Finance Committee, Minute No 357, a return of the expenses of his office for the past year, which, including £200 paid to him for putting the Act into operation, and estimating the Secretary's salary for the year at the sum proposed by the County Council amounts in all to £976 5s.

(381.)
Compensation Claims by Clerks of Unions.—The consideration of this subject was postponed to 31st March.

(382.)
The Secretary called the attention of the Committee to paragraph 16 of ~~the~~ recent Instructional Memorandum issued by the Local Government Board as to the keeping and closing of County Accounts, and with reference to the directions in that paragraph as to the method of dealing with balances on the former Grand Jury Accounts, the Secretary submitted a table showing the proportions in which the sum of £3,550 0s 9d, being the amount of the re-presentments-in-aid of the levy at Spring Assizes, 1899, should be credited to the County at Large and Rural Districts respectively. He stated that he had prepared a similar return, showing the sums which were properly chargeable to the County at Large and each Rural District in respect of £2,704 12s 4d, which was ~~passed~~ ^{paid} out of surplus funds by the Grand Jury at the same Assizes. He submitted that these sums should be credited or debited as the case might be to the County at Large and each of the Rural Districts, in lieu of the proposal of the Memorandum of the Local Government Board that the balance transferred on the close of the Grand Jury Accounts, ~~should~~ ^{should} simply be credited to the County at Large.

The calculations of the Secretary appeared to the Committee to be correct, and as the proposed mode of dealing with the matter in the Instructional Memorandum of the Local Government Board did not appear to the Committee to be clear, they directed the Secretary to bring the matter before the Local Government Board for further instructions thereon.

(383.)
The Committee adjourned, to meet again on Saturday, 31st March, at 10.30.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of the proceedings at a Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 31st March, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

(384).

Present:—Messrs Stephen J Brown, J P, (Chairman of County Council) in the Chair; Laurence Malone, Stephen Murphy, Joseph P Dowling, Charles J Bergin, and George Wolfe, J P.

(385).

At the opening of the proceedings the Committee were waited upon by Captain M B Lloyd, Royal Artillery, one of H. M. Inspectors of Explosives, from the Home Office, Whitehall, W.C., to afford them information as to the duties which have been transferred to the County Council under the Explosives Acts.

Captain Lloyd explained that the Council had nothing to do with the appointment of Inspectors, who, in future, would be the R. I. Constabulary. Their duties were confined to registering licences and stores, and to granting licences. He recommended that the Council should procure for the use of the Secretary's Office a copy of the Guide Book to the Explosives Acts, published by Hodges, Figgis and Co., Dublin, and also Form 4 of Application and Form 4 of Register, (obtainable also from Messrs Hodges and Figgis).

(386).

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 24th and 26th February and 3rd and 12th March were now confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday, 24th March, were read by the Secretary from a manuscript copy, and same were confirmed and signed by the Chairman, and ordered to be inserted in the Minute Book when printed.

(387).

Letter, dated 30th March, was read from Mr Edward Fenelon, regretting that he could not attend the present Meeting of the Committee, and giving his views as to proposed alterations in the Offices in the Courthouse, and other matters.

(387½).

Having further considered the question of office accommodation in the County Court House and after consulting the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and the Crown Solicitor, the Committee decided to recommend to the County Council as follows:—

- (1) That the offices of the County Council be transferred to the front room now occupied by the Court House Keeper and to the Bar Room.
- (2) That the present office of the Council be allocated as a second room to the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, in lieu of his present second room.
- (3) That the Crown Solicitor's office be transferred to the Witnesses' waiting room.
- (4) That Mr Dane's present second room be granted to the Sub-Sheriff as an office.
- (5) That the present office of the Crown Solicitor be the Bar Room for the future.
- (6) That the County Surveyor suggest provision for the Court Keeper, who can have the use of the room proposed as the Sub-Sheriff's office until other accommodation be provided for him.

(388).

Appointment of Secretary.—Letter, No. 19295, of 30th March, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that, as Mr John T Heffernan was, by virtue of his office of Chairman of the Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, a member of the County Council until January last, the Council had acted illegally in appointing him to the office of Secretary. It was decided to leave this matter to be dealt with by the County Council at their Meeting on 9th April.

(389).

As regards the state of the business in the Secretary's Office, the Secretary stated, in reply to the Committee, that the Accounts for the quarter ended 30th September, 1899, are now practically closed, and that the Abstract of same would be sent to the Local Government Board for audit in the course of the coming week.

(390).

As regards the book heretofore known as the Query Book, the Committee recommend that it should be called the County Abstract of Proposals.

The Secretary stated that the Abstract for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899, is complete in manuscript, except as to a schedule of the Deferred Proposals, which the Secretary proposes to add to same.

The like Abstract for the quarter ended 30th September is to be practically a reprint of that for the quarter ended 30th June, "mutatis mutandis."

The Abstract for the quarters ended 31st December and 31st March differs materially from those for the first two quarters by reason of the changes resulting from the Declaration as to Main Roads and other matters. The materials for the printing of this Abstract are practically ready.

(391).

As regards the transaction of the business in the Secretary's Office from the present date it was proposed by Mr J P Dowling, and seconded by Mr George Wolfe—

That Mr Richard R Murray be appointed to complete all work in the Secretary's Office remaining unfinished, and temporarily to carry on the duties of the Secretary's Office at £4 per week while his services are required.

(392).

Before the foregoing Resolution was put by the Chairman Mr Murray was called before the Committee, and stated that he was prepared to undertake the wiping out of all arrears, and the ordinary duties of the Secretary's Office for the remuneration proposed in the Resolution.

The Resolution was then carried unanimously.

(393).

The Secretary stated that he would be glad to complete the County Abstracts of Proposals and also to index and arrange the Office papers for the new Secretary. It was then proposed by Mr J P Dowling, seconded by Mr Stephen Murphy, and carried unanimously:—

That Mr Willis having requested the Committee to allow him access to the books and documents in the County Office, for the purpose of completing the County Abstract of Proposals and arranging the papers, the Committee give this permission during the month of April, 1900.

(394).

Turnpike Debentures.—The Secretary stated that it would be necessary to decide as to the areas upon which the interest on Turnpike Debentures should be chargeable for the future, and that he had written to the Local Government Board, asking whether the County Council had an option in the matter, under Section 45 (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. He now read their reply, No. 19,593, dated 30th March, to the effect that, in their opinion, and having regard to the provisions of the Section in question, it is competent for the County Council to decide that the interest of Turnpike Debentures heretofore levied off Baronies should now be regarded either as County at Large or as District charges.

Recommended.—That the interest on Turnpike Debentures be dealt with as County at Large charges, and that the Council be advised to direct accordingly, pursuant to provisions of Section 45 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

(395).

Office Holidays.—The Committee granted a holiday to the officials in the Secretary's and County Surveyor's departments for Wednesday, 4th April, and also (for Punchestown Races) from twelve o'clock on 24th and 25th April.

(396).

Estimate for 1900—1901.—The Secretary submitted the Estimates for the coming year, and the County Surveyor gave details of the expected expenditure on public works chargeable to the County at Large, amounting to £662.

Having examined the Estimate item by item, and made some alterations therein, it was Resolved—That the Estimate be approved as altered, subject to the insertion of any surplus or deficit from last year, same to be ascertained by Mr Murray and submitted to the Chairman before being inserted in the Estimate.

(397).

With reference to County Council Minute No. 618, and the Application of the School Attendance Committee of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District for the approval of the Council to the appointment of a Clerk at £15 per annum, and a School Attendance Officer at £35 per annum, the Committee decided to recommend to the County Council as follows:—

There being only one School Attendance Committee in the Rural District of Celbridge No. 1 the Committee recommend that the salaries proposed for the officers appointed by the Committee be approved by the County Council.

(398).

Compensation Claims from Clerks of Unions.—A letter, dated 8th March, was read from Mr J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union, in reply to the request mentioned in Minute No. 354 of this Committee.

The Committee were of opinion that Mr Dagg in this letter had not answered the question as to his salary and emoluments before the passing of the Local Government Act and now, and the Secretary was therefore directed to write and ask him for a tabulated statement of his salary and emoluments on that basis.

(399).

The Committee proceeded to consider the items in the first schedule of Mr Dagg's claim, dated 12th February, and they adopted the following notes therein:—

(399 (1).

As to the post of Returning Officer—the Committee do not understand how this claim arises. Nominally this Office may have been abolished, but the Clerk of the District Council is still Deputy Returning Officer, and receives £10 in respect of each Rural District for three years—substantially the same remuneration as formerly.

399 (2).

As to Clerk under Diseases of Animals Acts—this claim appears correct.

399 (3).

As to Clerk under the Labourers' Acts—this claim cannot be dealt with until Mr Dagg's further answer has been received. Mr Dagg is requested to explain how this salary was created, and how it has been abolished by the Local Government Act.

399 (4).

As to fees under Improvement schemes—the Committee cannot admit this claim. They do not understand how these fees, which were matters of arrangement between Mr Dagg and the Guardians for some work outside his ordinary duties, have been abolished by the Local Government Act, 1898.

399 (5).

As to fees for Valuation Certificates—this claim cannot be admitted, as the Committee are of opinion that the charge was never a legal one.

(400).

Letter, dated 26th March, read from Mr J. R. Dagg, refusing the proposal of the Committee to recommend that he should be granted £4 11s 7d (being at the rate of 7s 6d per £1,000 of the Valuation of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District) as compensation for his extra services, etc., in bringing the Local Government Act into operation in that District.

On further considering the matter it was Resolved—that the County Council be recommended to offer Mr Dagg £7 7s in discharge of this claim.

(401).

With reference to County Council Minute, No. 622, and the letter dated 24th March from Mr T. Humphrey F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, (with previous letters received from him on the same subject) claiming compensation for loss of office, etc., the Committee decided to postpone the consideration of the matter until Mr Bor had complied with the provisions of Section 120 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1888, as set forth in Part II of the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. The Secretary directed to write to Mr Bor to this effect.

(402).

The Committee ordered that their Meeting be held on Monday, 9th April, at 10.30 a.m. and that the County Council be convened for same date at 1.30 p.m., and—
The Committee adjourned.

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Finance Committee.

Saturday, 29th April 1899.

Minutes of the first meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of the County of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 29th April 1899, at 10 a.m. pursuant to order made by the County Council (Minute No. 37) on 22nd April, 1899.

(1.)

The Secretary read County Council Minute No. 12 appointing this Finance Committee as follows:—

Proposed by Mr. J.P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon, and passed unanimously:—

That the Finance Committee consist of seven members, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, (three to be a quorum) and to meet at Naas, and that the following Councillors, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be the Committee:—

Mr. G. R. Dease,
Mr. Edward Fenelon,
Mr. George Wolfe,
Mr. Stephen Murphy,
Mr. J. J. Heffernan,
Mr. J.P. Dowling,
Mr. W. R. Ronaldson."

(2.)

All the members of the Finance Committee were present.

(3.)

Mr. Charles Daly, Sub-Sheriff of Kildare, as Returning Officer under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, handed in his account for election expenses, amounting to £1281. 18. 9, and applied to the Committee for an advance to enable him to settle pressing claims and to discharge an overdraft of about £240. which he had already obtained from his bankers for this purpose, by authority of the Local Government Board.

The Committee were of opinion that portions of the account should be furnished to and paid by the District Councils. Ultimately the following resolution on the subject was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Mr. J.P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon —

That a sum of five hundred pounds be paid on account to Mr. Daly (Returning Officer) to repay the sum advanced by the authority of the Local Govt. Board, and to settle pressing claims, and that the consideration of his account be postponed to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, his account to be submitted to our Solicitor for examination, with vouchers, before then.

(4.)

The Secretary read communications from the several Unions & Rural District Councils in the County, applying for the under-mentioned sums on account of their respective expenditure:—

	£	s	d.
From the Guardians of Athy Union, for their estimated expenditure up to 30 th June, 1899, -----	1100		
From the Rural District Council of Athy No. 1 for like period, -----	800		
From the Guardians of Baltinglass Union (no period stated), -----	300		
From the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 3 (no period stated), -----	100		
From the Guardians of Celbridge Union "for the ensuing four months", -----	2500		
From the Rural District Council of Celbridge No. 1 for like period, -----	300		
From the Guardians of Edenderry Union, "to meet pressing claims", -----	1227		
From the Rural District Council of Edenderry No. 2, "to meet pressing claims (including £70- for Election expenses, estimated at £5- per Electoral Division -----	219		
From the Guardians of Naas Union (portion thereof in Co. Kildare) for the period from 31 st March to 30 th July, 1899. -----	2267	7	8
From the Rural District Council of Naas No. 1 for the four months ending 31 st July 1899 -----	831	18	11

Total claims for Poor Law Unions & District Councils £ 9645 6 7

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Wolfe and unanimously agreed:—

That the above mentioned sums be recommended for payment.

(5.)

An account furnished by the Naas Gas Company, Ltd, for £11.9.3 for gas supplied to the County Courthouse from 1st February, 1898, to 20th March, 1899, was also unanimously recommended for payment.

(6.)

The Secretary submitted accounts and vouchers furnished by the District Inspectors, Royal Irish Constabulary, for expenses incurred by them during the quarter ended 31st March, 1899, under the Weights & Measures Acts & Food and Drugs Acts, with an abstract thereof, certified by the County Inspector, amounting in all to £26.2.7, viz:—

Under Weights & Measures Acts, ----- £22.5.0

Under Food & Drugs Acts, ----- 3.17.7

Same were ordered to be paid out of the County Fund Subsidary Account, and Form 16 was accordingly filled and duly signed in respect thereof

(7.)
It was unanimously agreed that the County Council be requested to transfer the sum of One hundred pounds from the County Fund to credit of the Subsidiary Account.

(8.)
Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed -

That we recommend that the sum of £ 50 - voted by the County Council (Minute No. 17) for temporary clerical expenses be advanced to the Secretary, to be accounted for by him in the usual way.

(9.)
The Secretary read his correspondence with the Manager of the Hibernian Bank, Naas, as to overdraft on the County Fund Account, interest, &c., in connection with County Council Minute No. 21. The Committee left same to be considered by the Council.

(10.)
Ordered - That the Secretary be requested to prepare a financial statement and report for the information of the Council and the Finance Committee, and furnish a copy of same to each member of the Council before the next meeting.

(11.)
Ordered - That the Chairman's rough Minutes of this meeting be treated as the report of the Finance Committee to the County Council.

Stephen J. Brown Chairman
3rd August 1899.

Committee for Poor Rate Collection Scheme.

Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council of Kildare to draft a scheme for the collection of the Poor Rate pursuant to Section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Friday, 26th May, 1899, at one o'clock.

12.

County Council Minute No 15 appointing the Committee was read by the Secretary.

13.

The following members were present:—Mr. S. J. Brown (Chairman); Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, Mr. J. T. Heffernan, Mr. George Mansfield, D.L.; Mr. James E. Medlicott, Mr. A. More O'Ferrall, D.L.; Mr. John Field; Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, & Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P.

14.

The Secretary read the following letters from the Local Government Board bearing on the business before the Committee:—No 22344 of 22nd April; No 199 M. of 4th May (with maps showing the existing Poor Rate Collectors' districts &c.); No 30668 of 25th May.

15.

Printed Tables compiled by the Secretary were also handed in by him, showing the fees and emoluments of the several Poor Rate Collectors and Cess Collectors during the three years preceding the passing of the Local Government Act and the Electoral Divisions comprised in the Collection Area of each of the existing Poor Rate Collectors.

16.

The Secretary reported that Poor Rate Collectors Patrick Bartley, Samuel Cooper, John Dunne, George Meyler, Edward Nolan, and Peter Jackson had declined to take service under the County Council, and that all the Cess Collectors had come to a similar decision except Mr. Patrick J. Bourke, Mr. Thomas Cullen, and Mr. Thomas H. Holbrook.

17.

The Committee proceeded to re-arrange the existing Collection Areas so as to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act. The Collection Area temporarily held at present by Mr. Patrick Downey was offered to Mr. Patrick J. Bourke, but he considered it too remote from his place of residence, and decided to retire.

18.

Proposed by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, and unanimously carried —

That the remuneration of the Collectors be a uniform rate of eight pence in the £ on the amount collected by them.

19.

Proposed by Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Field, and carried unanimously —

That we recommend the County Council to require the Rate Collectors to lodge the full amount of their warrants two clear days before the end of each financial half year, and to ask the Local Government Board to sanction this arrangement and to dispense with the keeping of a Rate Ledger and with those provisions of Article 12 of General Order No. 160 which relate to a graduated scale of remuneration to Collectors.

20.

All the Collectors proposed to be appointed by the Committee except Mr. Patrick J. Murphy, were in attendance and were now called in and the new districts proposed to be allocated to them were explained to them by the Chairman together with the conditions embodied in the foregoing resolutions, and they expressed their satisfaction with the proposed arrangements, both as to districts and remuneration.

21.

Proposed by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Mansfield, and carried unanimously —

That we recommend that the fortnightly attendance of Rate Collectors to get their books checked at the Office of the County Secretary or Clerk of the Union should be dispensed with, and that in lieu thereof each Collector should send by post to the County Secretary a form showing the number ^{and amount} of each rating collected by him during the preceding fortnight and certified by him as correct.

22.

The Secretary was instructed to draft a report in accordance with the foregoing Minutes, and the Committee adjourned to the following morning at 10 a.m. when the report printed at the foot of these Minutes was unanimously adopted for presentation to the County Council.

John J. Heffernan
Ch of Finance & Rate Collector Committee
Sitting forth, 9/8/99

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. Section 115 (10) (11).

COUNTY OF KILDARE.

Scheme for Collection of Poor Rate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

REPORT of the Committee appointed by the County Council of Kildare on 29th April, 1899, to draft a Scheme for the Collection of the Poor Rate, pursuant to Section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; adopted at a meeting of the Committee, held in the Council Chamber, County Court House, Naas, on Friday, 26th May, 1899, at one o'clock p.m., at which the following members were present:—

Mr. S. J. Brown, Chairman of County Council, in the chair.
 Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., Vice-Chairman of County Council.
 Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, Chairman of Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council.
 Mr. John T. Hefferman, Chairman of Naas No. 1 Rural District Council.
 Mr. John Field, Chairman of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council.
 Lord Frederick Fitzgerald.
 Mr. James E. Medicott.
 Mr. A. More O'Ferrall, D.L., and
 Mr. George Mansfield, D.L.

Your Committee had before them various circulars and correspondence with the Local Government Board, together with full particulars furnished by the Secretary as to the names, emoluments, and collection areas of existing officers.

Out of the twelve existing Cess Collectors, nine decided to retire, and to receive the gratuity to which they will be entitled under the Act, viz., Messrs. James Donohoe, Thomas Newenham, William Cooper, James Brennan, John Jackson, Benjamin Jackson, Patrick Bodley, Denis Dunne, and Christopher Connell. The remaining three—Messrs. Patrick J. Bourke, Thomas Cullen, and Thomas H. Holbrook, expressed their willingness to serve, but Mr. Bourke ultimately decided to retire, as your Committee were unable to offer him a collection area in his immediate neighbourhood.

Of the existing Poor Rate Collectors, Messrs. Patrick Bartley, Samuel Cooper, John Dunne, John Walsh, and Edward Nolan decided to retire.

Having carefully considered the whole subject, your Committee decided to recommend that the County of Kildare should be divided into fourteen collection areas, particulars of which are given in the Schedule appended to this Report, together with the names of the officers whom your Committee recommend for appointment as Poor Rate Collectors. These officers, with the exception of Mr. Patrick Downey, are all existing officers within the meaning of the Act.

In most cases the area assigned to each officer is larger than that which has been hitherto assigned to him, and in every case it will be found that the amount to be collected by him will be larger than the amount which he has collected up to the present.

Having settled the collection areas, your Committee proceeded to consider the Orders in Council bearing upon the remuneration of the Collectors and the duties to be discharged by them, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

THAT the remuneration of the Collectors be a uniform rate of eightpence in the £ on the amount collected by them.

THAT we recommend the County Council to require the Rate Collectors to lodge the full amount of their warrants two clear days before the end of each financial half-year, and to ask the Local Government Board to sanction this arrangement, and to dispense with the keeping of a Rate Ledger, and with those provisions of Article 12 of General Order No. 160, which relate to a graduated scale of remuneration to Collectors.

THAT we recommend that the fortnightly attendance of Rate Collectors to get their books checked at the Office of the County Secretary or Clerk of the Union should be dispensed with, and that in lieu thereof each Collector should send by post to the County Secretary a Form, showing the number and amount of each rating collected by him during the preceding fortnight, and certified by him as correct.

All the Collectors proposed to be appointed, with the exception of Mr P. J. Murphy, were then called in, and were fully informed by your Committee as to the extent and Poor Law Valuation of the several districts allotted to them, and also as to the several matters in the resolutions adopted by the Committee respecting their remuneration and the discharge of their duties. They all expressed their entire satisfaction with the arrangements and conditions proposed by the Committee, and under these circumstances your Committee considered it unnecessary to require them to attend the meeting of the County Council the following day.

We may add that the Collectors were also informed by us, and that they agreed, that they were to make no claim upon the County Council for additional remuneration in the event of any alterations in the prescribed procedure being hereafter adopted which might result in their being required to fill the receipts and demand notes for the Poor Rate, instead of their being filled in the County Secretary's office.

Dated this 27th of May, 1899.

STEPHEN J. BROWN,
Chairman.

Schedule of Collection Areas referred to in the foregoing Report of the Committee:—

Collection Area No.	Rural District.	Collector's Name and Address.	Electoral Divisions.	Valuation.	Total for Collection Area.	Collection Area No.	Rural District.	Collector's Name and Address.	Electoral Divisions.	Valuation.	Total for Collection Area.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Athy No. 1	Patrick Boland, Ballykelly, Monasterevan.	Ballybrackan Ballyshannon Harristown Kildangan Kilrush Lackagh Monasterevan Nurney Quinsborough	1708 12 0 3989 5 0 2181 1 0 2211 0 0 2388 8 0 5003 16 0 6865 18 0 1535 15 0 1017 0 0	26895 15 0	9	do.	Joseph Wyer, Clonmore, Edenderry.	Forward ... Cadamstown Carbury Carrick Drehid Dunferth Kilpatrick Windmill Cross	4074 12 0 7524 15 0 3292 15 0 1938 5 0 3280 9 0 1485 1 0 1330 2 0	172012 12 0
2	do.	Peter J. Murphy, Emily Square, Athy.	Athy Belan Bert Burtown Churchtown Grangemellon Killerry Kilkea Moone	12193 15 0 1693 13 0 1290 10 0 2825 10 0 2543 18 0 3210 0 0 1938 8 0 2868 9 0 3125 12 0	31689 15 0	10	Naas No. 1	Edward Coonan, Rathcoffey, Kilcock. (Is Collector also for Area No. 5).	Caragh Clane Donore	4105 16 0 4065 2 0 3495 0 0	11665 18 0
3	do.	Patrick Finn, Ballyroe, Athy. (Is Collector also for Area No. 4).	Ballaghmoon Castledermot Dunmanogue Fontstown Inchaquire Johnstown Narraghmore Skerries	1479 15 0 3234 12 0 2826 18 0 2103 17 0 2022 8 0 1399 10 0 2694 0 0 1492 10 0	17253 10 0	11	do.	Thomas Cullen, Rathangan.	Ballysax East Ballysax West Dunmurry Kildare Morristown-biller Newbridge Pollardstown	2598 6 0 2281 0 0 2772 5 0 9175 9 0 4153 10 0 3707 9 0 4634 0 0 3052 5 0	32374 4 0
4	Baltinglass No. 3	Patrick Finn, Ballyroe, Athy. (Is Collector also for Area No. 3).	Ballitore Carrigeen Graney	2771 15 0 5033 15 0 4411 18 0	12217 8 0	12	do.	Patrick Downey, Robertstown, Co. Kildare.	Downings Feighcullen Kilmeague North Kilmeague South Ladytown Old Connell Rathernan Robertstown Timahoe North Timahoe South	2967 2 0 1865 7 0 1340 0 0 2341 17 0 3244 13 0 4080 5 0 1609 13 0 1951 15 0 3000 18 0 1269 4 0	23670 14 0
5	Celbridge No. 1	Edward Coonan, Rathcoffey, Kilcock. (Is Collector also for Area No. 10).	Balraheen Cloncurry Donadea Kilcock	6991 0 0 9415 7 0 4016 5 0 6167 15 0	26597 7 0	13	do.	T. H. Holbrook, Celbridge.	Bodenstown Carnalway Gilltown Kilcullen Kill Killashee Kilteel Naas Oughtevard Usk	10521 16 0 6980 10 0 7430 17 0 3930 5 0 5353 7 0 2979 10 0 3140 7 0 4085 13 0 8486 6 0 4104 15 0 2973 16 0	59987 2 0
6	do.	Joseph Mooney, Cowinstown, Maynooth.	Celbridge Donaghcomper Leixlip Maynooth Straffan	6081 5 0 9938 0 0 5479 15 0 12342 4 0 6894 10 0	39735 14 0	14	do.	George Meyler, Daffy Lodge, Rathmore, Naas.	Ballymore-Eustace Blessington Burgage Kilbride Lackan Newtown Rathmore	3688 2 0 £5052 £4403 £3056 £1836 3471 13 0 5021 15 0	12181 10 0
7	Edenderry No. 2	Edward Conlon, Legar, Kinnegad, Co. Meath.	Ballynadrumny Kilrainy	4093 0 0 3678 18 0	7771 18 0						
8	do.	Bernard Cullen, Kilnattick, Rathangan.	Cloncurry Killeentomas Lullymore Rathangan Thomastown	1953 15 0 1018 0 0 597 19 0 3133 10 0 3155 10 0	9858 5 0						
					Forward						172012 12 0
										Total, being the Valuation of the County in 1899	£364,817 19 0

(Signed) STEPHEN J. BROWN,
Chairman of Committee.

Executive Committee on Diseases of Animals Acts.

Saturday, 27th May, 1899.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 and 1896, held in the County Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 27th May, 1899 at

23.

The Committee were appointed by the County Council on 29th April 1899 by the following Minute No. 52 :-

"That the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the five District Councils of the County, and of the Boards of Guardians of the Athy, Celbridge, Naas, Edeuderry, & Baltinglass Unions be an Executive Committee for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts, any three to form a quorum. The first meeting of the Committee to be on whatever day may be fixed for the next meeting of the County Council."

24.

Pursuant to the foregoing Minute the Committee as constituted consists of -

- Matthew J. Minch Esq., M.P., Chairman of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council
- John Nowlan Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- John Kelly Esq., Chairman of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council
- John J. Heydon Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- John Field Esq., Chairman of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council
- ~~John J. Kirkpatrick Esq.~~ Vice Chairman of ditto ditto
- Joseph O'Loughlin Esq., Chairman of Edeuderry No. 2 Rural District Council
- William Cooney Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- John J. Heffernan Esq., Chairman of Naas No. 1 Rural District Council
- Laurence Doorley Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- Thomas J. Whelan Esq., Chairman of Athy Union,
- Thomas Orford, ^{senr.} Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- Edward P. O'Kelly Esq., Chairman of Baltinglass Union,
- James Henry Coleman Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease, Chairman of Celbridge Union,
- John Field Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- Patrick Duggan Esq., Chairman of Edeuderry Union,
- Richard Bourke Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____
- Nicholas J. Synnott Esq., B.L., Chairman of Naas Union,
- Denis Nolan Esq., Vice Chairman of _____ do _____

25.

Present at this meeting of the Executive Committee :- Mr. S. J. Brown (Chairman of County Council), Col. Sir Gerald R. Dease, Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., Mr. John Nolan, Mr. Thomas Orford, Mr. N. J. Synnott B.L., Mr. Laurence Doorley, & Mr. Denis Nolan.

26.

The Chair was occupied by the Chairman of the County Council,
Mr. S. J. Brown.

27.

The following letters were read: - From Mr. John Kelly (Chairman of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council) consenting to act on Executive Committee; from Mr. William Cooney (Vice Chairman, Edeuderry No. 2 Rural District Council) consenting to act; from Mr. J. H. Coleman (Vice Chairman of Baltinglass Poor Law Union) declining to act; from Mr. Edward P. O'Kelly (Chairman of Baltinglass Union) consenting to act on Sub-Committee for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, but declining to act on Executive Committee.

28.

The Committee had under consideration Circular No. 380/99 of March 1899, from the Veterinary Department, together with the Acts and Orders in Council forwarded with same.

29.

Letters were read from Veterinary Inspectors Black, Wade, Smith, and Holland, relative to their salaries and the conditions of their appointments, and a letter was also received from Mr. Slocock, V.S., stating that he was too unwell to attend to business.

30.

On considering the foregoing letters it was Ordered -
That the Secretary do communicate with the Local Government Board in reference to the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors, to inquire whether all or any and if so which of the Veterinary Inspectors are existing officers within the meaning of Section 115, and are as such transferred to the County Council at a proportionate part of their existing salaries, in accordance with the provisions of Sub-section (18) of Section 115 of the Local Government Act.

Ordered also - That the Secretary do first ascertain from the Clerk of each of the Boards of Guardians in the County the exact terms of the appointments of each of the Veterinary Inspectors as recorded in the Minutes or in any existing agreement or writing.

31.

Letter of 26th May read from Mr. Martin E. Doyle, Clerk of Athy Union, stating that he was not aware of any regulations under the Diseases of Animals Acts being in force in the Athy Union, but that there were some cases of sheep scab in the Union under restriction. Ordered - That Mr. Doyle be requested to make further inquiry as to regulations, and to send a list giving particulars of all animals under restrictions.

32.

Letter of 25th May read from Mr. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, to the effect that no rules were in force in that Union under these Acts, and enclosing three reports of Mr. Smith, V.S., dated 31st March, as to animals affected by sheepscab. Ordered - That no action be taken. Reports to be returned to Mr. Bor.

33.

Letter dated 24th May from Mr. J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union, enclosing regulations made by the Board of Guardians under these Acts and stating that no affected animals were under supervision in Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District at present.

34.

Letter dated 25th May from Mr. William Farrell, Clerk of Naas Union, enclosing copy of regulations of Naas Board of Guardians as to sheep-scab and a list of 168 animals under supervision on 3rd March. Mr. Black, V.S., being present stated that some of these animals are still under restrictions, but that no action is at present called for. Ordered accordingly that no action be taken.

35.

Proposed by Mr. N. J. Synnott, seconded by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and unanimously agreed to -

That Messrs Matthew J. Minch, M.P., John Nolan (Newtown, Bert, Athy), Tho^s Whelan (William street, Athy), Thomas Orford, sewr., (Foxhill, Athy), and Stephen Heydon (Brownstown, Athy) when and if added to the Executive Committee by the Council form a sub-Committee for the Rural District of Athy No. 1 and we hereby delegate to such sub-Committee all the powers of the Executive Committee so far as relates to said District.

36.

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Laurence Doorley, and unanimously agreed to -

That Sir Gerald Dease, Mess^{rs} John Field (Kilcock) & W^m J. Kirkpatrick (Donacomper) and Richard M^cKeena (Kearneystown, Hazelhatch), and James Malone (Celbridge) when and if added to the Executive Committee by the County Council be a similar sub-Committee with like powers for District of Celbridge Rural District Council No. 1.

37.

Proposed by Mr. Denis Nolan, seconded by Sir Gerald Dease, unanimously agreed to - That Mess^{rs} Joseph O'Loughlin (Cappanagid, Rathangan), W^m Cooney (Balyna, Moyvalley), Patrick Duggan (Highfield, Edenderry), Richard Bourke (Cullyerstown, Carbury), and Mr. A. M. O'Ferrall, D^h (Balyna, Moyvalley) when & if added to the Executive Committee by the County Council form a similar sub-Committee with like powers for District of Edenderry No. 2.

38.

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Nolan, and unanimously agreed to -

That Mr. John T. Heffernan, (Kildare), Mr. A. J. Synnott, B.L. (Furness, Naas), Mr. Lawrence Doorley (Ballinafagh, Prosperous), Mr. Denis Nolan (Blakestown, Newbridge), Mr. Thos. Cooke-Trench, D.L. (Millicut, Sallins), Mr. John M. Dermott (Coolquarten), Mr. Lawrence Malone (Brookstown), & Mr. Patrick Duane (Cannonstown) when and if added to the Executive Committee by the County Council be a sub-Committee with like powers for the Naas No. 1 Rural District.

39.

Proposed by Mr. Owen Cogan, seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch M.P., and unanimously agreed to -

That Messrs. John Kelly (Ballitore), John J. Heydon (Tankardstown), Patrick P. Farnan (Bolton Castle), Mr. H. Twamley, Mr. J. Fennell, John Donohoe, (Ballinacarrick), and Owen Cogan (Ballitore) when and if added to the Executive Committee by the Council be a sub-Committee with like powers for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District.

40.

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and unanimously adopted -

That the Committee adjourn to Monday, 12th June, at 10:30 a.m. and that Mr. Synnott be requested to draft rules for the discharge of their duties and to submit same to the Committee.

Stephens Brown Secy

13th Oct. 1892

Committee re Naas Prison Buildings and an Asylum for Harmless Lunatics.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the best means of providing suitable accommodation for pauper epileptics and harmless lunatics and especially to consider whether the Prison buildings and premises at Naas could be utilised for the purpose.

41.

The Committee was constituted by the following Resolution adopted at the Meeting of the County Council on 27th May, 1899: -

"That it is very desirable to remove all imbecile, epileptic, and such afflicted persons from Union Workhouses to suitable institutions where they can be properly treated, a small committee, consisting of Sir Gerald Dease, Mr. S. J. Brown, Mr. Minch, Mr. J. T. Heffernan, Mr. Laurence Malone, Mr. George Wolfe, and Mr. Stephen Murphy, be appointed to consider the matter and report to the Council.

"That the Committee be specially asked to consider the suitability of the building formerly used as Naas Gaol for the purpose of providing accommodation for these persons, and that they may call in such expert medical assistance and advice as may be necessary to enable them to form an opinion, or to offer any suggestions as to a better use for the Gaol building".

42

The present meeting of the Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Wednesday, 7th June, at 10:15 a.m. Present - Mr. S. J. Brown Chairman of County Council (in the Chair), Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, Mr. John T. Heffernan, Mr. Stephen Murphy, & Mr. Laurence Malone.

43.

Sir Gerald Dease handed in copy of a circular which had been sent by him to the several Chairmen of the Unions within the County.

44.

It was decided to request Dr. Joseph Smyth as a medical expert to advise the Committee and inspect the premises.

45

The members of the Committee then proceeded, accompanied by the County Surveyor (Mr. Glover) to inspect the Gaol premises, where they were subsequently joined by Dr. Smyth, who was requested to draw up a joint report with the County Surveyor on the suitability of the premises for the purposes proposed and as to the necessary alterations, if any, which would have to be made.

Finance Committee.

Thursday, 3rd August 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Thursday, 3rd August, 1899, at 10:15 a.m. Present:—

Mr. S. J. Brown, (Chairman of County Council) in the Chair, and Messrs: Edward Fenlon, Stephen Murphy, Joseph P. Dowling, George Wolfe, and John J. Heffernan.

(46.)

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(47.)

Letter, dated 1st August, read from Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, regretting that he could not attend any Committee meeting of the Council on the present date, and suggesting that Thursday would generally be found to be an inconvenient day for such meetings, owing to the Dublin Cattle Market and many other business fixtures in Dublin on that day.

(48.)

The Secretary submitted a design for a Seal for the County Council, together with an estimate from Messrs. Dollard, Dublin, proposing to supply same, with lever press, bolt, and three patent locks, for £8:17:6. On considering same it was

Proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and unanimously adopted:— That the design for a Seal for the County Council as submitted by the Secretary be recommended to the Council for adoption.

It was further decided to recommend the Council to accept Messrs. Dollard's tender on the understanding that they would supply a proper box with lock for holding the Seal and lever press without additional charge.

(49.)

The Secretary's Estimate for the Poor Rate for the current half-year was then considered.

As regards County at Large charges, the sum estimated for extra pay, extra staff, and bringing the Act into operation (£1120) was considered too large by £420, but the estimated cost of collecting the rate being too little by about £250, it was decided not to make any alteration in the estimate, as it would be inconvenient to alter the figures between this date and the date of the meeting of the County Council.

read his correspondence with the Board thereon.

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to levy a separate rate in all cases in which the rate would amount to about one halfpenny in the £, and in cases in which separate items of the Poor Rate required to be levied would be less than a halfpenny, that no applotments be made pending legislation on the subject.

(53.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of the Agricultural Grant for the County Kildare, and the Secretary handed in additional copies of Parliamentary Paper H.C. W. 232 of 1899 which purports to explain the methods adopted by the Local Govt. Board in determining the amounts of Poor Rate and County Cess to be taken as having been raised during the Standard Financial Year under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1898.

After considerable discussion it was Ordered - That the Secretary be directed to apply to the Local Govt. Board for the details of the calculations by which they arrived at the amount fixed as the ~~Standard rate~~ ^{Agricultural Grant} for this County, and for full particulars as to what were the exceptional circumstances taken into account in fixing that ^{Grant} rate.

(54.)

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Edward Coulton, Legard, Kinnegad, stating that in consequence of ill health he was obliged to resign the position of Poor Rate Collector to which he was appointed under the Scheme adopted by the County Council for the collection of the Poor Rate.

The Secretary also reported that owing to a printer's error in the Table submitted to the Committee for framing a Scheme for Poor Rate a larger district had been allotted to Collector Holbrook than he was entitled to. He further stated that it was most important that the details of the Collection Scheme should be finally settled at once. He was accordingly directed to issue a circular on the following day to the members of the Poor Rate Collection Committee, informing them that it would be proposed at the meeting of the County Council on Saturday that they should meet at whatever hour might be considered most convenient on that day, to deal with any questions which might require to be brought before them, and to report thereon same day to the County Council.

(55.)

On the application of the Secretary the Committee decided

to recommend the County Council to make the following payments:-

£2397	14	1	to the Guardians of Naas Union for the balance of the estimated amount required for the expenditure of the Union to 30 th September 1899;
468	13	1	to Naas N ^o 1 Rural District Council for the balance of the estimated amount required for General Charges & Separate Charges to like date;
1500	0	0	to the Guardians of Athy Union as a further payment on account of expenses for the current financial year;
500	0	0	to Athy N ^o 1 Rural District Council on account of General Charges for the current year;
50	0	0	to the Secretary towards the expenses of the temporary office staff;
100	0	0	to the County Treasurer to be lodged to credit of the Subsidiary Account.

(5b).

The Agenda Paper for the present meeting contained the following paragraphs:-

(4.) To report as to pensions or gratuities payable to retiring officers (mostly Poor Rate and Cess Collectors);

(5.) To report as to the form and amount of the security to be given by the Poor Rate Collectors.

The Committee found that there was not time for the consideration of the foregoing matters on the present occasion, and there also appeared to be some doubt whether they should be dealt with by them or by the Committee for framing a Scheme for the Collection of the Poor Rate. It was ultimately decided to ask the County Council to refer both questions to the Finance Committee, to be dealt with by them on Wednesday next, 9th inst., when the members of that Committee would have to meet as the Proposal Committee of the County Council. It was further directed that the Proposal Committee be convened for eleven o'clock on that day.

The Committee adjourned.

John Y. Duffernan
Chm
9/8/99

Committee re Naas Prison Buildings and an Asylum for Harmless Lunatics.

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the best means of providing suitable accommodation for harmless lunatics and especially to consider whether the Naas Prison Buildings and premises could be utilized for the purpose.

(57.)

The present meeting of the Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Thursday, 3rd August, 1899, at 3 p.m. Present: - Mr. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of County Council) in the Chair, and Messrs J. J. Heffernan, Laurence Malone, George Wolfe, & Stephen Murphy.

(58.)

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(59.)

Doctor Joseph Smyth and the County Surveyor were also present at the request of the Committee, and the Secretary handed in their joint report, which was taken as read, as copies of same had been already sent by post to the members of the Committee.

(60.)

After a lengthened discussion of the report and hearing the views of Dr. Smyth and Mr. Glover with reference to the relative merits of the Lock Hospital, Kildare, and Naas Prison buildings for the purposes in view, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and carried: -

That we approve of the joint report presented to us by the County Surveyor and Dr. Smyth, and recommend the County Council to give effect to the proposals contained in it.

The Committee adjourned.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, County Courthouse, Naas, on Wednesday, 9th August, at eleven o'clock. Present :-

Colonel Sir G. R. Dease,
Mr Stephen Murphy,
Mr John J. Heffernan, &
Mr J. P. Dowling.

(61.)

On the Motion of Mr Dowling, seconded by Mr Murphy, the Chair was taken by Mr John J. Heffernan.

(62.)

Telegrams were read from Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., & Mr Edward Finlon and a letter from Mr George Wolfe, regretting that they were unavoidably prevented attending the present Meeting.

(63.)

The Secretary to the County Council handed in Form 13 under the County Councils Order 1899 containing particulars of the applications for payments in respect of mail roads & other works chargeable to the County at Large, with the County Surveyor's recommendations thereon, for the period ended 30th June, 1899. Same were considered and approved, and directed to be laid before the First Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen Brown
Chairman 29th August 1899.

Finance Committee.

Wednesday, 9th August, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Wednesday, 9th August, 1899, immediately after the meeting of the Proposal Committee on same day. Present —

Mr. John J. Heffernan in the Chair,
Colonel Sir G. R. Dease,
Mr. Stephen Murphy, &
Mr. Joseph P. Dowling.

(64)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd August 1899 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(65.)

The Secretary handed in accounts and vouchers for the following amounts claimed by the District Inspectors of the Royal Irish Constabulary: —
£32: 0: 1 for expenses in the Consequence & Maintenance of Prisoners, &c, for four months ended 30th June, 1899;

£18: 19: 2 for expenses under Weights & Measures Acts for Quarter ended 30th June, 1899;

£4: 10: 2 " " " " Food & Drugs Acts " " " " " "

The accounts & vouchers were examined by the Committee and were found correct, and Paying Orders Nos 9 to 20 inclusive were directed to be issued for same on Subsidiary Account, under County Form No 16.

(66)

It was proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and unanimously passed: —

That copies of the Resolution adopted by the County Council on 27th May re the expenses under the Weights & Measures Acts (Council Minute No 102) be sent to the Chief Secretary, the members for the County, and the County Inspector, and that the last-named officer be requested to inform the Committee how the funds received from parties for Verification of Weights & Measures are applied, and to state the amount received under this head for the last twelve months.

(67.)

The Secretary read a letter dated 8th August from Mr. William Murray of Coonagh, complaining that Mr. W. G. White, es Solicitor for the County Council, was pressing him and his co-surety for the payment of a balance still due by Mr. Denis Murray, formerly Cess Collector for the Barony of Carbery, and requesting that the proceedings might be stayed until the next meeting of the County Council in the hope that they would remit the debt.

The Finance Committee directed the Secretary to inform Mr. W^m Murray

that they would decline to recommend the County Council to remit any portion of the debt beyond the amount of the fees which would have been payable on the sums lodged by Mr Denis Murray, and for which a presentment had been made by the Grand Jury at the Spring Assizes.

(68.)

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Michael McCann of Naas had heretofore held the grazing of the land surrounding the old Prison premises at Naas at £5- per annum, but that he had declined to give more than £2 for it during the present year, owing to its being liable to continual trespass. The Committee decided that it would be advisable to enter into no special agreement with Mr McCann for the present, and until some decision had been arrived at as to the disposal of the Naas Prison premises generally.

(69.)

The Committee adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Finance Committee & Poor Rate Collection Committee
sitting jointly.

At 1:30 p.m. the Finance Committee resumed in joint session with the Committee for framing a scheme for the collection of the Poor Rate pursuant to a Resolution (Council Minute No.) adopted by the County Council on 5th inst. There were present —

Mr John T. Heffernan,
Mr Stephen Murphy,
Mr James E. Medlicott, &
Mr J. P. Dowling.

(70.)

On the motion of Mr Dowling, seconded by Mr Murphy, the Chair was taken by Mr Heffernan.

(71.)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Poor Rate Collection Scheme, held on 26th May, were read & confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the present meeting.

(72.)

The Secretary read County Council Minutes Nos 132, 138, 140, 143, 153, 154, & 165.

(73.)

— Letter read from Mr Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L., regretting that he was unavoidably prevented attending the present meeting.

(74.)
Letter read from Mr. ~~James~~^{Thomas} Flanagan, Kilenagh House, Moyvalley, applying to be appointed Poor Rate Collector in lieu of Mr. Edward Conlon, resigned.

(75.)
Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and unanimously agreed:—

That Mr. Thomas Flanagan, Kilenagh House, Moyvalley, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballinadrummy and Kilrainey, Rural District of Edenderry N. 2.

(76.)
The Committee proceeded to consider whether any & what alteration should be made in Collection Areas owing to the district allotted to Mr. Thos. H. Holbrook having been found to be larger than had been intended, owing to a printer's error of £8,000 in the Valuation thereof.

(77.)
It transpired that Mr. Holbrook was disqualified under the provisions relating to retail traders in the County Poor Rate Collectors' Order 1899, but after some discussion it was—

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. E. Medlicott, and adopted—

That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the fact that Mr. Thos. H. Holbrook is disqualified to be a Poor Rate Collector under Article 8 (1) (b) & (c) of the County Poor Rate Collectors Order 1899, and we request the Local Govt. Board to sanction his appointment under Article 8 (2) of same Order.

(78.)
It was proposed by Mr. Medlicott, seconded by Mr. Dowling and unanimously adopted:—

That the Electoral Divisions of Kill and Killeel be transferred from the Collection Area originally allotted to Mr. Thos. H. Holbrook, and added to the area allotted to Mr. George Meyer.

(79.)
The Secretary handed in a memorial referred to the Joint Committee by the County Council from Mr. Patrick Finn, Ballyrae, Athy, objecting to the Area allotted to him. On hearing a statement from Mr. Finn the Committee decided to make no change in his district, and Mr. Finn agreed to abide by this decision.

(80.)
Mr. James Kennedy, Solicitor, applied on behalf of Poor Rate Collector E. A. Coonan, that the security required from Poor Rate

Collectors should not exceed £500- After some discussion the Committee informed Mr Kennedy that his client's application could not be acceded to.

(81.)

Several Collectors present expressed a wish to be allowed to guarantee their fidelity through a Company selected by themselves. In connection with this the Secretary read letters from the General Accident Assurance Company and the Patriotic Assurance Company, quoting rates for guarantee bonds from which it appeared that the General Accident Company had offered more reasonable terms than the other. The Committee made no exclusive rule but they adopted the following Resolution on the motion of Mr Medlicott, seconded by Mr Dowling: -

That as the four Poor Rate Collectors now present state that they and the other Collectors have been in communication with the General Accident Assurance Corporation and recommend it to this Company, we approve of that Corporation to guarantee the several amounts that may be decided on for the Collectors' bonds.

(82.)

The Committee proceeded to fix the amount of security to be required from each Poor Rate Collector in terms of the instructions received from the County Council, and it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Dowling & unanimously agreed -

That the following be the amounts of the Bonds to be provided by the Poor Rate Collectors: -

Patrick Boland, -----	£ 1500
Peter J. Murphy, -----	1700
Patrick Finn (for Areas Nos 3 & 4), -----	1400
Edward A. Coonan (for Areas Nos 5 & 10), -----	1600
Joseph Mooney, -----	2000
Thomas Hanagan, -----	400
Bernard Cullen, -----	500
Joseph Wryer, -----	1200
Thomas Cullen, -----	400
Patrick Downey, -----	900
Thomas H. Holbrook, -----	2,200
George Meyler, -----	800

And that the Solicitor be instructed to get the necessary Bonds perfected.

(83.)

The Secretary was directed to inform the Collectors of the arrangements which were made, as soon as they were finally settled.

(84.)

The Chairman asked Mr. W. G. White, Solicitor, whether any arrangement had been made as to his attending Committees of the Council or otherwise. Mr. White explained that he only attended when directed by the Chairman or the Secretary to do so.

(85.)

The Committee proceeded to estimate the amount of gratuity to be paid to each of the retiring Poor Rate Collectors & Less Collectors, and they decided to report as follows:—

Name.	When appointed.	Average Emoluments			Gratuity		
Patrick Bartley,		76	9	5	382	7	1
Samuel Cooper,	April, 1881	83	19	.	419	15	
John Dunne,	Sept. 1863	40	5	6	201	7	6
John Walsh,	April, 1891	39	11	4	178	1	.
Edward Nolan,	1863	37	1	8	185	8	4
Edward Conlan,	1886	12	7	11	61	19	7
Peter Jackson,	1877	29	3	9	145	18	9
x Patrick J. Bourke,	1896	64	8	11	112	15	7
James Donohoe,	1880	47	7	8	236	18	4
Thos. Newenham,	1880	61	14	9	308	13	9
William Cooper,	1893	17	2	6	59	18	9
James Brennan,	1882	82	5	10	411	9	2
John Jackson,	1889	70	4	10	357	4	2
William Cooper,	1893	50	18	8	178	5	4
B. Jackson,	1855	36	7	10	181	19	2
Patrick Bodley,	1890	83	11	2	417	15	10
Denis Dunne,	1887	77	9	8	387	8	4
Christopher Connell,	1876	83	10	11	417	14	7
					4639	0	3
					2319	10	1½
					2319	10	1½

To be refunded from Local Taxation Account
Net Account chargeable to the County £

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to raise this sum by three half-yearly levies of about one halfpenny in the £ on the Valuation of the County at Large, if the consent of the Local Government Board could be obtained.

(86.)

The claim of Doctor McCann, Medical Officer of Kiltegan Dispensary, was next considered, and was referred to the Board of Guardians, Baltinglass, to ascertain whether it applied in any way to the County of Kildare.

(87.)

A similar claim from Dr. Stoney, Lucan, was referred to the Board of Guardians, Celbridge, for information as to the extent to which in their opinion it was chargeable to Celbridge No. 1 Rural District.

(88.)

A claim from Mr. R. T. Heffray as retiring officer under the Explosives Acts was referred to the Local Government Board for information as to whether and to what extent it should be allowed.

89.

Mr. W. Grove White explained the present position as to the appeal against the reduction in the Valuation of the G. S. W. Railway in this County. The Committee directed Mr. White to consult with Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Council, as to employing an Accountant as an expert for the purposes of the appeal.

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen Brown

26th August 1899

Finance Committee.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Secretary's Office, Court House, Naas, on Saturday, 26th August, 1899, at 10:15 a.m.

(90.)

The Chair was occupied by Mr. Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the County Council, and the other members of the Finance Committee present were Mr. John T. Heffernan, & Mr. J. R. Dowling. A telegram was read from Mr. George Wolfe, regretting his inability to attend owing to illness.

(91.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee and of the joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and Poor Rate Collection Committee, held on 9th August, were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(92.)

The first item on the Agenda Paper related to the applications for payments, accounts, &c., for the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on 28th August. In connection with same the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, (Mr. J. Whiteide Dane) attended at the request of the Committee to confer with them on the subject of County Advertisements, and after hearing his views it was proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed -

That we recommend the County Council to pass a Resolution requesting the Clerk of the Crown & Peace to convey to His Honor, the County Court Judge, the desire of the Council that the expense of advertising the Quarter Sessions be reduced by limiting the publication of the dates and rules to once in each quarter.

(93.)

The Secretary submitted the prescribed Form (Form 13) for the payments applied for to the Proposal Committee on the 9th inst. in respect of public works chargeable to the County at Large, and the original Forms (N^o 14) submitted to the Quarterly Meetings of the several District Councils in respect of the applications for public works chargeable to each Rural District, and the corresponding County Forms (N^o 12) for the Rural Districts of Athy N^o 1, Ballyglars N^o 3, and Naas et^o 1. He also submitted a printed Schedule of applications for payments in respect of matters other than public works. The Committee examined all the foregoing forms and schedules, and directed the Secretary to convene the Proposal Committee for 10 a. m. on Monday, 28th inst., to receive their recommendations respecting same, prior to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

(94.)

The second item on the Agenda Paper related to the security to be given by the Poor Rate Collectors, and the Secretary reported that subsequent to the last meeting of the Committee the Patriotic Assurance Company had agreed to guarantee the Poor Rate Collectors at 5th per cent and had also subsequently agreed to adopt the form of Bond ~~required~~ prescribed by the Local Government Board, and that the Chairman of the County Council and the Chairman of the last meeting of the Finance Committee had therefore directed him to get the transaction carried through by that Company. It was accordingly now proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed -

That as the Patriotic Assurance Company have agreed to guarantee the Poor Rate Collectors at 5th per cent and have agreed to the prescribed form of Bond we hereby direct (having regard to the directions of the County Council) that the Bonds of all the Collectors are to be given by that Company.

(95.)

The Secretary read a circular which he had addressed on 22nd inst. to each of the Poor Rate Collectors, requiring them to answer certain queries with the view of ascertaining whether any of them were subject to any of the disqualifications set forth in the County Poor Rate Collectors Order 1899. It appeared from their replies that Mr Patrick Finn, Mr Tho. H. Holbrook, and Mr P. J. Murphy were apparently disqualified as principals or partners in retail trade, and from the information before the Committee there was reason to believe that Mr Patrick Boland was disqualified in the same way also. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr Patrick Boland for fuller particulars, and the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the Finance Committee, to be held on Monday, 28th inst. at 10 a.m.

(96.)

A letter was read by the Secretary from the County Inspector, stating that the fees received by the Royal Irish Constabulary for the Verification &c. of Weights & Measures in the County Kildare have been applied under Statute to the remuneration of the ex-officio Inspectors who carried out the duty of inspection, verification, & stamping, in the 15 Petty Sessions Districts of the County.

(97.)

The Committee adjourned to Monday, 28th inst., at 10:15 a.m.

Stephen J. Brown Secy.

2nd Sept. 1899

Monday, 28th August 1899.

The adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Secretary's Office, County Court House, Naas, at 10 a.m. on Monday 28th August, 1899.

(98.)

The Chair was occupied by Mr Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the County Council, and the other members of the Committee present were — Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, Mr Edward Fenelon, Mr Stephen Murphy, Mr John J. Kefferman, and Mr J. P. Dowling.

(99.)

The Committee resumed & concluded the consideration of a few matters which had remained over from their meeting on the 26th inst., and they then adjourned to submit same to a meeting of the Proposal Committee, the Finance Committee to meet again after the meeting of the Proposal Committee.

Stephen J. Brown 2nd Sept 1899

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the County Courthouse, Naas, on Monday, 28th August, 1899, at 10:30 a.m.

(100.)

The Chair was occupied by Mr Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the County Council, and the other members present were — Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, Mr Edward Fenlon, Mr Stephen Murphy, Mr John T. Hefferman, & Mr J. P. Dowling.

(101.)

The Finance Committee submitted the schedule of applications for matters other than public works, which had been passed by them at their meetings on this day & 26th inst. and it was

Proposed by Mr Dowling, seconded by Mr Hefferman, and unanimously agreed —

That the printed schedule of applications for payments for matters other than public works submitted by the Secretary is approved by the Proposal Committee, with the following exceptions: —

No 53 to be £3. 14. 8 instead of £3. 19. 8

" 61 " £77. 9. 8 " £150. 8. 4

" 64 passed for £85. 5. 0

" 65 " " 30. 14. 0

" 67 " " 17. 15. 0. The applicant in this case, Mr Michael McCann, is to apply again with reference to an item of 18/- charged for turf in his account to 30th June, 1899, and to satisfy the Committee that it is reasonable. We further recommend the County Council to advertise for a contract for the supply of coal, coke, & turf, for the County Courthouse, from the present time for three years.

Nos 71 & 72 — In these cases the Secretary is to obtain information from the Commissioners of Public Works or the Local Government Board as to the principle upon which the loans for Carlow District Lunatic Asylum have been apportioned between the Counties of Kildare and Carlow.

No 77. — The Secretary is to apply to the proper Department for further information as to how the amount in this case has been calculated.

No 78. — Dr O'Veill's account is approved at £14. 4. 6, but the cheque is not to be issued until two vouchers at present wanting have been lodged with the Secretary.

No 79. — Dr Joseph Smyth's account is approved at £13. 12. 0

The Committee directed the foregoing Minutes to be submitted as their report to the County Council, and the Proposal Committee then adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown Ch. 2nd Sept. 1899

Finance Committee.

Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the afternoon of Monday, 28th August, 1899, at the County Court House, Naas. The same members were present as at the meeting of the same Committee earlier in the day, and the Chair was occupied by Mr Stephen J Brown, Chairman of the County Council.

(102)

The Secretary brought up a report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee and of the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the Poor Rate Collection Committee, and same was approved and directed to be submitted to the County Council forthwith.

(103)

The Committee adjourned to Saturday, 2nd September, at 10.15 a.m.

Stephen J Brown Sec. 2nd Sept. 1899

Finance Committee.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the County Court House, Naas, on Saturday, 2nd September 1899, at 10.15 a.m.

(104.)

The Chair was occupied by Mr Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the County Council, and there were also present: — Colonel Sir G. R. Pease, Mr W. R. Ronaldson, Mr Stephen Murphy, Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., and Mr John T. Hefferman.

(105.)

The Chairman stated that he had directed the Secretary to convene the Committee appointed to consider the question of Permanent Staff and Officers' Remuneration for the same hour as the Finance Committee, as several Councillors were members of both Committees, and he thought it would be convenient to both Committees to discuss most of the present day's proceedings at a joint meeting, but with separate Minutes. This course was approved of and the members of the Committee as to Permanent Staff, &c, who were present were: — The Chairman, Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., Mr W. R. Ronaldson, Mr Joseph O'Loughlin, Mr J. T. Hefferman, Mr Thomas Orford, Mr J. E. Medlicott, and Lord Frederick Fitzgerald.

(106.)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th August, and of the two meetings of same held on 28th August, and also the Minutes of the Proposal Committee held on 28th August, were read & confirmed & signed by the Chairman.

(107.)

The Secretary submitted an account and vouchers showing that he had expended £127.12.7 to the present date for temporary clerical assistance, against £100 - which had been so far paid to him by the County Council for this purpose. At the request of the Committee the Secretary's account and vouchers were checked by Sir G. R. Dease and Mr. Ronaldson, and were found correct.

(108.)

Letter dated 22nd August read from Guardians of Athy Union asking for a further draft of £500. to meet current liabilities. Further letter dated 1st September read also from Clerk of Union, Athy, explaining that instead of £113 - the Guardians were entitled to at least £373 - if balances from the previous year, which would be paid to the County Council, were taken into account. Further letter, (No. 50809) dated 1st September, read from Local Govt Board on same subject, to the effect that in the opinion of the Board, the County Council should not pay to a Board of Guardians, during the current financial half-year, more than half the sum named in the Union Estimate and Demand for the service of the financial year.

On considering the matter the ~~Committee~~^{Committee} were of opinion that under the circumstances £373 - might be remitted on the present occasion and on the motion of Mr. M. J. Minch, seconded by Mr. J. T. Hefferman, it was decided to recommend the County Council to pay £373. accordingly.

(109.)

Application and account submitted from District Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Kildare, for 3/4 for expenses incurred in conveyance of Parliamentary Registration Notices. Recommended for payment.

(110.)

The County Surveyor submitted accounts payable to Mr. Denis Donohoe, Naas, for £1.10.6 for sundry articles supplied for the use of the County Court House. Ordered - That same be paid out of Subsidiary Account.

(111.)

Application, account, and vouchers submitted from the Governor of Kilkenny Prison for £1.4.1 for expenses incurred in conveyance of a juvenile offender to Philipstown Reformatory on 15th May. Ordered - That same be paid out of Subsidiary Account.

(112.)

The County Surveyor applied to the Committee to provide funds for the repair of Sudden Damages, and especially with reference to a serious damage on ^{the banks} of the River Liffey at Rosberry in respect of which a Sudden Damage Order was obtained, and which required immediate attention. Recommended that a cheque be drawn in favour of the County Surveyor for £250 - the estimated amount of repairs of Sudden Damage mentioned in Order signed by Mr. James Kelly of Rathbride, and dated 3rd August, 1899.

(113.)

Application read from the Clerk of the Union, Baltinglass, applying for a further payment of £300- on account of the Union Estimate and Demand. The Secretary reported that there was only £146 due to the Union up to 30th September on their Estimate & Demand. Recommended that £146 be paid.

(114.)

The Secretary reported that Presentment N^o. 106 of Spring Assizes, 1899, represented by item N^o. 76 of the schedule of payments approved by the Proposal Committee and the County Council on 28th August in favour of Mess^{rs}. Maquire & Gatchell for £2:11:6 and for which Paying Order N^o. 79 had been authorised, should be paid for £2:10:0 only, owing to their account having been amended. Ordered accordingly that Paying Order N^o. 79 be issued for £2:10:0.

(115.)

County Council Minute N^o. 193 of 28th August relative to payments to road contractors was read and considered. Mr. James Keilly, Road Contractor, Maynooth, attended and was heard on behalf of himself and other contractors. It was ultimately unanimously resolved - That the Finance Committee recommend that the quarterly payments be adhered to. Mr. James Keilly, Maynooth, Road Contractor, agrees to accept same. In the opinion of the Finance Committee there is no alternative between paying the Contractors in question (in accordance with their contracts) at Spring & Summer Assizes and paying them quarterly, as provided for in the Estimates, and they consider that the latter system is more for the advantage of the contractors and more in conformity with the new system.

(116.)

The Secretary reported that he had submitted to the Local Govt Board a form of Bond for the Poor Rate Collectors which had been agreed to by the Patriotic Assurance Company, but that the Local Govt Board had not yet returned same. On the motion of Mr. Minch it was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be directed to press the Local Govt Board to return the form of bond forthwith, and that the Solicitor be instructed to have the bonds perfected with the utmost possible expedition.

(117.)

It was decided to recommend to the County Council that a further sum of £50- in addition to £100 already paid be paid to the Secretary towards the expenses of temporary office staff.

(118.)

The Committee requested the Chairman to submit his Minutes of their Proceedings to the County Council same afternoon, and their

further meeting was adjourned to such date as the Chairman or the County Council might fix.

Stephen Brown 13th Oct 99

Committee as to Permanent Office Staff and Officers' Remuneration.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council (Minute No 18) to report as to the arrangements that might seem to be necessary as regards the Permanent Office Staff and as to the remuneration to be paid to existing officers for extra services in bringing the Local Government Act into operation.

The present meeting was held in the County Court House, Naas, on Saturday, 2nd September, 1899, at 10.15 a.m. The Chair was occupied by Mr Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of the County Council) and there were also present: - Mr M. J. Minch, M.P.; Mr W. R. Ronaldson, Mr Joseph O'Loughlin; Mr J. J. Heffernan; Mr Tho. Orford; Mr Jas. E. Medlicott, & Lord Frederick Fitzgerald.

(119.)

For the reasons mentioned in Committee Minute No 105 the Finance Committee had been convened for the same hour and place and both Committees decided to sit together.

(120.)

Circular No 317, dated 29th August, was read from the Local Govt Board, stating that the Council should, within three months from the date of the Circular, submit a statement to the Board showing the salaries of the Secretary, County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors, and other existing officers affected by the terms of Section 115 (18) of the Local Govt Act, with a view to their salaries being permanently fixed, and adding that the County Council, with the approval of the Board, might make a special agreement with any of their officers in the matter.

(121.)

The Secretary stated that it was almost impossible for him at the present time to form a satisfactory estimate of what salary might be fairly fixed for his Office, and, at his request, and in accordance with the Circular of the Local Govt Board, the question of his salary was postponed for the present.