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Whitehall



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MEETING AT SKIBBEREEN.

We had a most respectable and crowded Meeting on Thursday—Lord CARBERY was in the Chair. Before he inquired into the state of the Country, he read a string of Resolutions, including a request for a renewal of the Insurrection Act, as if the Country were in rebellion. He was most ably opposed by the Rev. Mr. Collins, the Parish Priest, who spoke at great length, and clearly proved that there was, at present, no occasion for the adoption of such strong measures. He bore testimony to the peace and quiet of his district, as did the Rev. Mr. Ryan, and every other Gentleman of their respective neighbourhoods.—Samuel Townsend, Esq. of Whitehill, called on the Landed Proprietors to take into consideration the deplorable state of the Tenantry, by which they would contribute much to the peace of the Country.—[Loud applause.

Lord BANTRY was loudly called for, and cheer-
by the Meeting. He rose and bore honourable
timony of the peace and tranquil state of his part of the
unty, and spoke in the most flattering manner of the in-le-
igable exertions at all times, of the Parish Priest, and also
the neighbouring Roman Catholic Clergymen. No Class
men, his Lordship said, contributed so much to the peace
l harmony of the Country. You are all, said his Lord-
p, in possession of the cause of the disease and infatuation
the disturbed districts, and the Landed Interests can alone
minister the best remedy, by the Reduction of Rents, and
ieving in every other possible way, the wretched state
be Peasantry.—(Loud cheering from all parts of the House.)
His Lordship then adverted to those busy persons who are
eading such false alarms throughout the Country, but no-
ng should induce him to sanction any measure that would
the least degree tend to disturb the present peaceable de-
anour of a Peasantry, whose greatest misfortune is that of
ng poor. Lord Bantry warmly eulogised the conduct of
Rev. Mr. Ryan, P.P. of Donagh, during his residence in
s County, and thanked him for his wholesome advice to his
:k on Sunday last from the altar, warning them not to be
sled by any party spirit that may now be stalking abroad.—
s Lordship spoke also of the great blessings of peace, and
in impressed it strongly on the minds of the Gentlemen
sent, that nothing will go so far to relieve the present dis-
s, as to make their Tenants comfortable. (He then sat
wn amidst loud cheering.)

The Rev. Mr. TUCKEY, Rector of Drimoleague, with that goodness of heart for which his family have been always remarkable, stated his intention not to distress his Parishioners in the collection of Tithes; all he asked was barely as much as would support him in an humble way, till the times may get better; but he would not allow one of his Proctors to make a distress.

If this laudable example were followed by other Reverend Gentlemen and Tithe Proctors, the Country would not be reduced to its present state.—[*Ibid.*

The following Resolutions were, in the end, adopted at the above Meeting, and passed unanimously :—

"That viewing with mingled sentiments of horror and regret, the atrocities which have been committed in some of the neighbouring Counties, and even in the Northern parts of our own; and observing, with serious apprehensions, the alarming progress of an abominable system of Plunder and Assassination, setting the Laws at defiance, and threatening the overthrow of all civilized order—we feel ourselves called upon to unite, without delay, in the most strenuous exertions to resist its approaches, and, by the most prompt and efficacious means, to preserve ourselves, our Tenants, and all the peaceable and well-disposed, from the dreadful consequences that must folly, should it unhappily find its way into our hitherto peaceful District.

AT a numerous Meeting of the Gentlemen of the city and county of Cork, aſſembled at the King's Arms Tavern, for the purpoſe of aſſociating together to aſſiſt the Civil Magiſtrates in the execution of the Laws, held on the 15th day of November, 1792,

The Right Worſhipful HENRY PUXLEY, Eſq; Mayor of Cork, in the Chair.

Reſolved, That in conſequence of the repeated interruption of the peace of the county of the city of Cork, and county of Cork, and the violent outrages committed by a certain deſcription of men called WHITEBOYS; and the diſpoſition which they ſtill manifeſt to continue their attacks on the lives and properties of the inhabitants of ſaid counties.

We, whoſe names are annexed, anxious for the due execution of the laws, are of opinion that a ſociety, under the denomination of the HANOVER ASSOCIATION, ſhould be immediately formed, for the purpoſe of giving the magiſtrates every aſſiſtance in our power, whenever they may think it neceſſary to call on us.

Reſolved, That the Right Hon. the Earl of Shannon is hereby appointed Preſident—the Right Worſhipful the Mayor, Vice-Preſident—Sir Henry Brown Hayes, Knt. Treaſurer—and Benjamin Hayes, Eſq; Secretary, for the enſuing year.

Reſolved, That a ſubſcription ſhall be entered into by the Members of this Aſſociation, for the purpoſe of procuring information, and carrying on proſecutions, where the means of the aggrieved parties are inſufficient, and for other contingent expences.

Reſolved, That ſuch of our members as may not deem it incompatible with their particular ſituations, will immediately provide themſelves with proper arms to aſſiſt the magiſtrates when called on.

HENRY PUXLEY, Chairman.

Abraham Morris, Eſq; being called to the Chair,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the thanks of this Meeting are hereby given to the Right Worſhipful the Mayor of Cork, for his ſpirited exertions as a Magiſtrate, on a late occaſion, and for his proper conduct in the Chair this day.

Signed by order,

BENJAMIN HAYES, Sec.

AT a General Meeting of the Members of the HANOVER ASSOCIATION, held at the King's Arms Tavern, the 7th day of December, 1791,

The Rt. Hon. the EARL of SHANNON in the Chair,

Reſolved, That we will pay the ſum of Fifty Pounds to any perſon or perſons, who ſhall within twelve months give ſuch private information to the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, or Secretary, as ſhall lead to the diſcovery and apprehending of any one or more of that deſcription of men called White-boys, provided, ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be capitally convicted.

Reſolved, That we will pay the ſum of Fifty Pounds to the perſon or perſons who ſhall firſt proſecute to conviction any one of ſuch offenders, and Twenty Pounds for each and every of the next three, who ſhall be ſo convicted.

Reſolved, That we will pay the ſum of Ten Pounds to any perſon or perſons who ſhall proſecute to conviction each, and every of the firſt three perſons who have been, or ſhall be guilty of any miſdemeanors, under the Act paſſed in the 27th year of his Majeſty's reign, entitled, "An Act to prevent tumultuous riſings."

Reſolved, that the members of this aſſociation pledge themſelves to each other and to the public, that ſo far as they may have power over their tenantry, they will not continue under them any perſon or perſons who ſhall be hereafter guilty of being in any reſpect concerned or engaged in any diſturbances which may be committed by the above deſcription of people.

The Right Worſhipful the Mayor, being called to the Chair—

Reſolved unanimouſly, That our ſincere thanks are hereby given to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shannon, for the unvaried attention, which at all times, and in all ſituations he has manifeſted for the peace and happineſs of the county and city of Cork.

Charles Beamiſh, clk.	Henry Cox	Shannon, Preſident
Robt. Travers, Bandon	Robert Hutchinſon	Cork and Orrery
	Adam Newman	Middleton
Robt Harding, M. D.	Ed. S. Townſend, clk.	Doneraile
Horatio Townſend, cl	Ed. Hoare	Richard, Cloyne
Nichs. Colthurſt	Benjamin Hayes	Rogerſon Cotter
George Jack	Rich. Smith, Ballina-	Henry Puxly, Mayor
Sam. P. Townſend	trea	of the city of Cork
Forſter Archer, clk.	Robert Strettle	James Sadler } Sheriffs
Michael Buſteed	Francis Orpen, clk.	Tho. Dorman } of ditto
John Smyth, Ballina-	John Devonſher	
trea	Tho. Harding, ſen.	Francis Bernard
Samuel Townſend,	William Baldwin	Robt. Warren, Bt.
Whitehall	Tho. Browne	N. C. Colthurſt, Bt.
George Dunſcomb	Tho. Harding, jun.	James L. Cotter, Bt.
Rich. Digby	Robert Travers	Joſeph Hoare, Bt.
Grice Smith	Benjamin Hayes, jun.	Henry Mannix, Bt.
James Boyce	John Shaw	Eman. Moore, Bt.
Tho. Robinſon	Francis Buſteed	John Erſkine, Dean

George Beamiſh
Ed. Ailen
Sam. Wright
Tho. Breviter, clk.
Rob. Uniacke, Lodge

John Travers
Richard Lawton
Wm. Meade
Rowland Smyth
Morgan Donovan

of Cork
John Barry, Dean of Elphin
Ed. Deane Freeman
Abraham Morris

Richard Meade, clk.
John Foſter
Robt. Gumbleton
Wm. Leader
Philip Ailen
James Hingſton, clk.
Richard Newenham
James Fratt, clk.
Robt. Hedges
William Spread
Henry Newenham
John Bullen
Michael R. Weſtropp
Wm. Colthurſt, Cove

Wm. Harrington
John Colthurſt, Dripſey
Rich. Uniack, Mallow
Sam. Swete
Charles Evanſon
John Meade
Robt. Meade, clk.
James Colthurſt
John Wrixon
Sampſon Jervois, Bandon
George Rogers

Auguſtus Warren
Rich. B. Townſend
John Gilman, Kt.
Henry Browne Hayes, Kt.
John Townſend
Wm. Connor, Liſmore
Charl. Broderick, clk.
James Uniack, Mt. Uniack
James St. Leger, clk.
Barry St. Leger
Broderick Chinnery
William Crook

Thomas Coppinger
George Rye
Francis Cottrel
Edward Delany, clk.
Richard Sealy Townſend
Charles Beamiſh, clk.

John Purcell
Thomas Warren
John Warren, Crookſtown
John Lawleſs, clk.
Edward Warren
Thomas Townſend

Rob. Atkins, Waterpark
Henry Newman, clk.
Walter C. Williams
Charles Ferguſon
Henry Bagnell
William Warren

Richard Aſhe
William Aſhe
Daniel Connor, Balylybricken
Rowland Jackſon O'Connor
Ben. Barter, Annagh
George Biſhop
John Kenny, clk.
Joſeph Haynes
Michael Greene
John Pixley
Richard Martin
Jeminet Browne, Riverſtown
James Lombard, Balygriffin
Jeremiah Keller
Edw. Carleton, Woodſide
Wallis Adams
Harmer Bond
Jeremiah Meeran
Lullum Batwell
Brownſ Fleming
Tho Hamilton, clk.

Robt. Warren, clk.
Edward Warren
Rob. Warren, Kinſale
Wm. Lyſaght, Mt. North
Robt. Warren, Mt. Warren
John Dennis
Joſeph Dennis
James O'Brien
Redmond Uniack
Henry Lane
Joſeph Bullen
George Boles
Arthur B. Sheats
Tho. Buchanan, clk.
James Hea
Henry Osborne, M. D.
Charles Percival, clk.
John Hawkes, Surmount
Wm. O'Brien Drury
Henry Bell
Sam. Erwin, Kinſale
Wm. Stammers
James O'Connor

John Pyne
Nathaniel Evanſon
W. O'Halloran, M. D.
Sackville Cotter, clk.
Thomas Ware, jun.
Richard M'Guire
John Swete
Daniel Perdriau
John Colthurſt, Cove
Edward Kenny, clk.
George Davies
Thomas Auſtin, Timoleague
Richard Townſend
Rich. Parker, Paſſage
Richard Roberts
John Croker
Rich. Townſend, Palace-town
Thomas Waggett
George Gumbleton
Edward Dorman
Rich. Rogers, clk.
Rich. Parker, Abby
John Drury
John O'Connor, clk.

BANDON BRUNSWICK CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

At a very numerous and respectable Meeting held in Bandon, on Monday, the 22d December, for the purpose of forming a Brunswick Constitutional Club for the Baronies of Kinalmeaky, Carbery, Kinalea, and Ibane and Barryroe,

The Hon. WILLIAM SMYTH BERNARD, in the Chair.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted—

The first Resolution was proposed by Adderley Beamish, Esq. and seconded by the Rev. Somers Payne—

Resolved—That this Meeting deem it expedient to form a District Club for the Baronies of Kinalmeaky, Carbery, Kinalea, and Ibane and Barryroe, upon the principles of the Brunswick Constitutional Club of Ireland, to be called "The Kinalmeaky, Carbery, Kinalea, and Ibane and Barryroe Brunswick Constitutional Club."

2d Resolution—Proposed by Thomas Somerville, Esq. and seconded by Rev. Mr. Longfield—

That such persons present, as choose to subscribe to the first Resolution, and all others, who have notified their desire to become so, be original Members of the Club, at the Annual Subscription of any sum, from One Shilling to One Guinea, and that such persons as hereafter shall be desirous of becoming Members, shall be admitted on the written recommendation of Three Members of the Managing Committee.

3d Resolution—Proposed by Chamber Corker, Esq., and seconded by Samuel Townsend, Esq—

That this Club be managed by a President, Vice Presidents, a Managing Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary; five of the Managing Committee to form, at any time, a quorum, and that the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary be Members of the Managing Committee, ex-officio.

4th Resolution—Proposed by Robert Hedges Eyre, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. Joseph Jervois—

That the Right Hon. the Earl of Bandon be requested to accept the office of President of the Club.

5th Resolution—Proposed by John Townsend, Esq., and seconded by R. H. H. Becher, Esq—

That the following Noblemen and Gentlemen be appointed Vice-Presidents :—

Lord Bernard,	Rev. Robert Meade,
Hon. C. Bernard,	S. B. Beamish, Esq.,
Hon. W. S Bernard,	Rev. M. Longfield.
Robert H. Eyre, Esq.,	John Beamish, (Harehill,) Esq.,
The Provost of Bandon,	
Arthur B. Bernard, Esq.,	Thomas Hungerford (Island) Esq.,
Chambre Corker, Esq.,	
Richard H. H. Becher, Esq.,	William Austen, Esq.,
Thomas Somerville. Esq.,	Rev. Edward Kenny,
W. H. Herrick, Esq.,	Rev. S Payne,
Adderley Beamish, Esq.,	John Swete,
Rev. J. Jervois,	and
	John Nash, Esq.

That the following Gentlemen be appointed the Managing Committee :—

E. Doherty, Esq.,	Colonel Gillman,
Henry Gillman, Esq.,	Michael A. Becher, Esq.,
Samuel Townsend, jun	Thomas Becher, Esq.,
R Hungerford, (Island,) Esq.	F. B Sweeny, Esq.,
	Francis Baldwin, Esq.,
Hewitt Baldwin, Esq.,	Thomas Beamish, Esq.,
Henry Orpen, Esq.,	and
J. Beamish, jun., Harehill,	E Gillman, Rockhouse,

with power to add to their numbers.

That Robert T. Belcher, Esq. be appointed Treasurer, and that W. H. King-ton be appointed Secretary.

6th Resolution—Proposed by Captain Herrick, and seconded by William Baldwin, Esq.—

That the object of this Club being self-defence, and the preserving inviolate the blessings of the Constitution under which we live, we disclaim all feeling of hostility towards our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects, who live in obedience to the laws of our common country ; and we therefore earnestly recommend to all classes of Protestants the propriety of abstaining from offence or insult, either in language or behaviour towards their Roman Catholic neighbours, and of paying due obedience to the laws of the realm, whilst exhibiting their principles or maintaining their opinions, at the same time that we are determined by all lawful means in our power to uphold the integrity of our Protestant Constitution in Church and State, as by Law established.

7th Resolution, proposed by Robert T. Belcher, Esq. and carried by acclamation—

That the warmest thanks of this Club are due, and be hereby given to the Right Hon. the Earl of Bandon, for his handsome contribution to its Funds (now announced,) of 50*l*.

8th Resolution—Proposed by S. B. Beamish, Esq., and seconded by George Beamish, Esq —

That Robert Hedges Eyre, Esq, and the Members of the Brunswick Constitutional Club established at Macroom, be admitted Honorary Members of the Kinalmeaky, Carbery, Kinalea, and Ibane and Barryroe Brunswick Constitutional Club.

9th Resolution—Proposed by John Nash, Esq., and seconded by Henry Orpen, Esq.—

That our Secretary shall convene a Meeting of the Club on the written requisition of five Members of the Managing Committee, and that the foregoing our Resolutions shall be published in THE DUBLIN EVENING MAIL, *The Star of Brunswick*, *The Warder*, *The Cork Constitution*, *The Cork Southern Reporter*, and *The Limerick Chronicle*. W. S. BERNARD, Chairman.

The Chairman having left the Chair, and Robert Hedges Eyre, Esq., being called thereto—

Moved by Samuel B. Beamish, Esq. seconded by Chambre Corker, Esq.—

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Hon. W. S. Bernard, for his very proper and manly conduct in the Chair. ROBERT H. EYRE, Chairman.
W. H. KINGSTON, Secretary.

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BANDON BRUNSWICK CLUB.

Yesterday being the day appointed upon which a meeting was to be held for the formation of a Brunswic Club in Bandon, an extraordinary excitement was observable for several preceding days, and several rumours were circulated, as to the parties who were likely to take a prominent part in it, and of some opposition which was expected. How far these reports were founded or not, will be collected from the extraordinary proceedings which took place.

So early as five o'clock in the morning the sound of bugles gave note of the preparations for the day. From thence up to ten o'clock hundreds of persons were seen to enter the town from the direction of Ballineen and Enniskean, under the direction of the Permanent Serjeant of the Ballineen Yeomanry. At about eleven, Robert Hedges Eyre, Esq. arrived in the town, accompanied or followed by a number of the men of Muskerry

"The Devonshire Arms" Inn had originally been appointed as the place of meeting, but this they could not get. The Court-House was then spoken of, but this place they could not get either—so that there seemed to be some under-current setting against them, and eventually they were obliged to take with the ground floor of the Infantry old Barrack. To this place at about 12 o'clock, crowds of weavers from Irishtown and Watergate began to repair, together with the forces from Ballineen and Enniskean.

At one o'clock a general rush took place, and the platform was soon occupied. Our Reporter distinguished upon it in the general confusion, the Messrs. Beamish, of Palace Anne; and several others of the same name; Messrs. Beechers, Townsends, Gillmans, Hungerfords, Herrick, (Shippool,) Cramer, of Kinsale, Conner, (Mishels,) Hawkes, Pyne, Gollock, Massey, Warren, &c. &c. Also the Rev. Robert Meade, the Rev. Joseph Jervois, the Rev. Mountiford Longfield, and the Rev. Somers Payne, all Rectors of Parishes, situate some distance from Bandon. None of the Clergymen of the town itself, of Clonakilty, Dunmanway, Rosscarbery, Skibbereen, or of the other Parishes embraced in the requisition attended.—There were about 1500 persons present, but among them there were not twenty respectable inhabitants of the town, and of these some would have been absent from choice. On the whole, the meeting was principally composed of Carbery, Muskerry and Kinsale-men, and the Bandon Orangemen, chiefly cotton-weavers.

At quarter past one o'clock, the Hon. Capt. BERNARD, was called to the Chair, amidst general acclamations.

The CHAIRMAN rose, and said—Gentlemen, I thank you for the distinguished honor you have done me. I obey your call, and regret my inability to give that expression to my feelings which the sentiments by which I am actuated, would call for. We are assembled for the purpose of establishing a Brunswick Club in defence of our liberties and the safety of the Glorious Constitution under which we live. (*Hear, hear.*) I shall not delay you long. I consider that none but a friend has a right to address the chair, and as many as may think proper to address me, as friends, I shall, with great pleasure, listen to. I am glad to see so distinguished an assembly around me, and my wish is that we conduct the proceedings with a dignity befitting the objects, as well as the members, of the assembly.—(*Loud cheers.*)

Captain BELCHER, was appointed Secretary to the meeting.

The SECRETARY read letters, respectively, from Lord BANDON, JOHN SWETE, and A. B. BERNARD, Esqrs. approbatory of the principles of the Club, and expressing a desire to be enrolled as Members.

Captain ADDERLY BEAMISH, of Pallace Anne, proposed the first Resolution.

Rev. SOMERS PAYNE rose, and said—in seconding the resolution, which had been read, he never regretted the want of ability more than on the present occasion. The present was an assembly of all rank; the establishment of a Brunswick Club in Bandon, was loudly called for. He came forward not in the spirit of hostility to any man, let his creed be what it might. He was anxious for the defence of the Constitution, which had been assailed on many sides. He did not consider that he was acting incompatibly with the profession, of which he had the honor to be a member, when he thus appeared amongst the asserters and supporters of the rights and privileges of the real lovers of the Constitution.—(*Loud cheers.*) The Protestant Religion was that of peace and good will; his ardent wish was to see both universally established; but when the events of the times called upon every lover of his country's honor and his country's quiet, to step forward in the defence of the British Constitution, he did consider it the duty of those who were of his profession to assert the independance and safety of that grand bulwark.—(*Cheers.*)—The Resolution was put from the chair and carried unanimously.

THOMAS SOMERVILLE, Esq. of the neighbourhood of Skibbereen, proposed the next resolution. He said he ought to apologize for intruding himself upon such a vast an assembly as that by which he was surrounded; but when the national bulwarks were attacked by the insidious doings of a dangerous confederacy, it was the bounden duty of every honest man to come forward and defend his King, his property, and his person. (*cheers.*) He rejoiced at the display of honest loyalty that was exhibited before him. Riches were not a necessary ingredient to make a man honest to himself and his King. Poverty was not incompatible with true loyalty, and the immense assembly before him bespoke the sentiment most unequivocally. (*Cheers.*) Every one that joined in the objects of the present meeting, indicated thereby their duty to their God, their King, and their Country. (*cheers.*)

Rev. M. LONGFIELD, agreeing in the sentiments so eloquently expressed by Mr. Payne, would not intrude one moment upon the assembly. He would second the resolution with great pleasure.

Carried by a large Majority, there being about 40 voices in the minority.

CHAMBRE CORKER, Esq, presented himself amidst general applause. It was with peculiar satisfaction that he obeyed the call to propose the next resolution. When he saw himself surrounded by so much of the rank and respectability of the County of Cork; when he considered the eventful times in which they lived, and when he took into account; the loud call that was made upon every independent man to come forward, in defence of his King and his country, he would not—he dare not—decline being present at that meeting. *(Loud cheers.)* He was unaccustomed to address public assemblies; he hoped the will would be taken for the deed—*(cheers.)* He, therefore, would content himself by saying that he was the uncompromising advocate for defending those privileges, that called aloud upon their assertors, to exclaim "No SURRENDER."—*(Loud and general cheering.)*

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, Esq. of West Carbery, seconded the Resolution with great pleasure, which having been put, was carried by a large majority.

ROBERT H. EYRE, Esq. said he felt unaffected gratification in proposing the next Resolution. The name and character of the Noble Earl (Bandon,) embraced in it, were so well known to all around him, that to dwell upon his uncompromising loyalty as a public character, and his many virtues as a private Nobleman, would be superfluous. *(Cheers.)* The very announcement of his name was his eulogy, and therefore it was that he proposed the Resolution which he held in his hand.—*(cheers.)*

Rev. JOSEPH JERVOIS—I have the greatest possible gratification in seconding that Resolution. *(Cheers.)*

JOHN S. TOWNSEND, Esq. son of the Recorder of Clonakilty—a young Gentleman, apparently of about the age of twenty years, was next announced. He commenced as follows:—If ingenuity of talent and rhetorical eloquence were necessary for the man who stood forward the advocate of Brunswick Clubs, I must confess my total inadequacy to the task I have undertaken. But, Sir, the principles upon which they are founded are so high and excellent, and the system by which they work operates so beneficially for a nation circumstanced as Ireland long has been, that it needs but a mere detail of those principles, and an explanation of that system, to carry home conviction to the breast of every honest and honourable man. *(Loud cheering.)*—It is, Sir, a subject of high congratulation to this assembly, and those who, though absent in

body, are present in spirit, to behold the spirit of Protestantism, that too long succumed to the despotism of Popery, which up to this period would usurp the sceptre and rule the land—(*Hisses—order, order—chair, chair—no, no—turn him out, turn him out.*) Here a scene ensued that defies description. A voice was heard in the mass of the assembly, which we found to be that of—

JAMES LUDLOW STAWELL, Esq. He was in the act of addressing the Chair, but the dreadful confusion that reigned around him, prevented him from being audible. At one time he was heard to say. "My fellow Protestants, I come here in the spirit of kindness and of liberality. I want not to intrude upon"—

Here the noise became so stunning, that we could not catch a single word from the Hon. Gentleman. The uproar increased, and for a moment Mr. Stawell was literally lost to the view of those on the platform. A frightful scene ensued. At one moment there were about [illegible] clenched fists seen in active operation about each other's countenances, whilst the "Ballaghadereen Boys" were [illegible] each with a thick whittle, layion around them. The Chairman, was about to rush in between the combatants, but he was dissuaded by many of the Magistrates around him, who called, some, upon the parties to cease the conflict—others—"let them dispose of the matter between them."

"There are Reporters present," said a voice, "and the whole will be given to the world." The Hon. Chairman at length succeeded in quelling the riot, and

Mr. TOWNSEND resumed—Sir, the spirit of Protestantism, to which I had been alluding, has started like a giant from its prostration, and assumed the high and manly attitude that became it in defence, or rather in redemption, of the rights and privileges it had so patriotically and culpably yielded. (*Cheers and hisses.*) The cheers by which the sentiment to which I have just given utterance has been met, are but accents of thunder that indicate the revival of that spirit of independence I had just been applauding. (*General disorder beneath—order, order—chair, chair—hisses—turn them out...kick them out...kick him out.*) The scene became one of general tumult and riot. It was now ascertained that a number of Roman Catholics were intermixed in the crowd. Some had [illegible]

rits communicated the circumstances to the Ballyree Orangemen, and they immediately set upon the non-conformists to the objects of the meeting. An alarming and universal row ensued. The contest for a moment was calculated to inspire terror in the minds of the beholders—the entrance door was half closed, and still the Orangemen pressed their antagonists to that spot. In the midst of the whole scene was seen Mr. Stawell. Several blows of sticks were aimed at him; but in consequence of Mr. Richard Dowden of Bandon, having rushed to his protection, he escaped as well as we could ascertain, without any serious bodily injury. But he was kicked and cuffed, and literally lifted off the ground, and pitched into the Barrack yard. In parrying off one stroke of a stick aimed at Mr. Stawell's face, Mr. Dowden's hand was seriously cut.—The Chairman became evidently sorry for the treatment that had been dealt out to his honorable relative; but he experienced little sympathy from any other quarter. Order having been in some degree restored—

Mr. TOWNSEND once more resumed.—Here, Sir, we have a happy specimen of liberalism. The Liberals remind us of the Jews, who, unable to bear the truth, and unwilling to hear its defence, stopped their ears and gnashed their teeth, while they rat upon those who fearlessly proclaimed it. No wonder if the Government and the people of England had conjectured that something after the fashion of 1641 had been perpetrated, so deathlike was the silence of the great and illustrious Protestants of Ireland upon a question that involved all the interests of themselves and their posterity. (*Loud cheers*) The sarcastic eloquence of Burke is not inapplicable to the Liberals of our day. When that revolution which shook the Thrones and appalled the Monarchs of Europe, was in its commencement, there were a few liberals in England, who imposed upon the people of France the belief that they spoke the sentiments of the British people, when they lauded the Robespieres of Paris; and the terms in which Burke undeceived them may here be used by us, while we warn the inhabitants of the sister island of the true state of Protestant feeling in Ireland.—"Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a furze make the field ring

with their importunate chiok, while thousands of gr[illegible] Cattle reposed beneath the shadow of the British Oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field, that of course they are many in number, or that after all they are other than the little shrivelled meagre, hopping, though loud and clamorous insects of the hour." (*Cheers and laughter.*) The Brunswick Clubs speak the real sense of the Protestant Community.—(*Cheers.*) When I lift up the paper I hold in my hand, and read for the world the long list of high, respectable, wealthy, illustrious, and worthy men, that compose even the Committee of Management, and hold in your society the rank of Vice Presidents, where is the man that will tell me that the sentiments of long-tried and loyal Bandon, were fairly represented. (*Cheers.*) And is it wonderful that the Protestants of the land should resist any further concessions to the Roman Catholics? Let them look round upon the proceedings of that jesuitical association that disgraces our metropolis, and say if there is not sufficient evidence to prove that Popery is indeed the same persecuting and intolerant system that it was of old.—(*Cheers and disapprobation.*) *I don't hesitate to charge on the Roman Catholics every act of butchery that has ever been committed in Ireland.*—(*Roars and cheers.*)

Rev. S. PAYNE.—I dissent from that expression, and I call upon Mr. Townsend to retract it. It is not in accordance with that spirit of forbearance with which the meeting set out.—(*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. TOWNSEND.—Perhaps I went too far. I was heated at the moment, and now qualify the expression by ascribing those acts to the system, not the individuals.—Let the Protestants of Bandon then enrol themselves among the members of this Club; let them bravely and manfully support it in principle and practice; and the age that will succeed them will bless the sepulchres of those who engaged in this great and mighty struggle for their rights and liberties.—(*Great cheering.*)

RICHARD H. BECHER, Esq. proposed, and W. H. HERRICK, Esq. seconded the next Resolution.

WM. BALDWIN, Esq. and JOHN NASH, Esq. proposed and seconded the last.

A letter from Mr. SWIFTE was here read; it purported to enclose £30 from the Earl of Bandon, to wards the purposes of the Club, and two Guineas—one his Lordship's, and the other, Lord Bernard's, subscription.—(*Great applause followed.*)

The CHAIRMAN was then moved out of that situation, and ROBERT H. EYRE, Esq. called thereto. Thanks were voted the former, and the meeting separated.

During the remainder of the day, and indeed the greater part of the night, the greatest excitement prevailed throughout the Town.

Dublin Weekly Mail of 11 August 1832

PROTESTANT CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY OF CORK.

AT A NUMEROUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY AND CITY OF CORK CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY, held this day at the IMPERIAL CLARENCE ROOMS, most numerously attended—

Lord Viscount BERESFORD in the Chair:

The following Resolutions were Proposed by ROBERT HEDGES EYRE, seconded by JOHN SMITH BARRY, and unanimously agreed to:—

1st.—That at a period when every exertion is made to produce discontent and tumult amongst our population, and to excite their hostility towards the Protestant Institutions of the country, it becomes the evident and bounden duty of all those who feel interested in the welfare of the Empire, and desire to transmit to posterity the blessings we have hitherto enjoyed, to merge every minor consideration, and to unite in one common and determined effort to preserve the remnant of our Constitution, and maintain the integrity of the United Kingdom.

2d—That we cannot contemplate without deep regret and sympathy, the embarrassing situation in which our highly respected Clergy are placed, by ill gal plots and proceedings, which pending the settlement of an important question now under consideration of Parliament, have writhed from them their incomes, and exposed them to personal danger, insult and annoyance; and that we feel bound, as far as in us lies, to prevent such outrages, and to uphold their just and legal rights.

3d—That a system of terror and intimidation, bearing in no small degree the character of religious persecution, is rapidly spreading throughout the country, which deserves the reprobation of every truly liberal mind, and renders it needful for us to extend the utmost protection and encouragement to those who, from their dependent circumstances, may be more exposed to its influence.

4th—That every expedient which has been proposed or in any way announced by his Majesty's Government to afford even the slightest protection to the Protestant interests in Ireland, has been frustrated by the unconstitutional efforts of an Irish Cabal, sent to Parliament under the influence of the Roman Catholic Priesthood and of revolutionary Demagogues;

Irish Cabal, sent to Parliament under the influence of the Roman Catholic Priesthood and of revolutionary Demagogues; and as we regret to find that the members who now represent our county, city, and boroughs, have rather aided than opposed this Anti-Protestant party, and consequently are not entitled to our confidence—we do therefore devote our immediate exertions to secure the election of such persons as will speak our sentiments and feel in unison with us.

5th—That as considerable changes have been made in the constituency by the enactments of the Irish Reform measure, it will be needful that the registration of votes under that act should be narrowly watched, to prevent as far as possible the evils which would otherwise be inflicted on the country.

6th—That we have learned with much satisfaction that several most respectable professional gentlemen have tendered their gratuitous assistance in carrying forward these objects, and we trust that this sacrifice on their parts will stimulate the liberality of the Protestant community in their contribution toward defraying other needful and legal expenses.

7th—That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to carry into effect these objects, and to communicate with persons likely to come forward as Candidates, and to report the result of their communications to a future meeting to be convened by them, and that we do pledge ourselves to such Candidates at the ensuing elections as shall possess the confidence of the Protestant constituency.

Visct. Beerhaven,	John Bowen,	B. O'Callaghan,
Hon. W. S. Bernard,	William C. Callis,	Nicholas Vincent,
R. Hedges Eyre,	Henry B. Mitchell,	Abraham Jagoe,
J. Smith Barry,	Samuel Townshend,	Rev. B. Ryder,
Robt. Courtenay,	Edward Houre,	John Pratt,
Richard Smith,	William H. Keily,	George Chatterton,
John Longfield,	James J. Cummins,	Andrew Spearing,
T. C. Kearney,	Richard Wood,	Peter Comerford,
Admiral Evans,	Henry M. Smith,	Richard H. Purcell,
A. B. Bernard,	Rev. R. D. Freeman,	Thomas Townsend,
Henry G. Barry,	Samuel Townsend,	James Carnegie,
Sir Robt. Travers,	Adderly Beamish,	W. H. Harrington,
Wm. H. Herrick,	Colonel Hall,	George B. Low,
Joseph Leycester,	R. H. H. Becher,	Rev. J. C. Morgan,
Robert Deane,	T. Hungerford,	Rev. R. Davies,
George Courtenay,	Bernard R. Shaw,	John B. Gibbs,
Simon White,	Chambre Croker,	John Bowen,
Simon Deing,	Thomas Knolles,	William H. Low,
Kilner Brazier,	Robert Nettles,	Francis Spearing,

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Kilner Brazier,	Robert Nettles,	Francis Spearing,

John L. Puxley,	John Travers,	William Crofts,
Abraham Morris,	John L. Puxley, jun.	Charles Perry,
S. Charles Oliver,	John Hawkes,	John Hawkes,
John Tunson Rye,	Osborne Savage,	Henry H. Pearde,
Sir Thomas Deane,	Joseph Garde,	James B. Ballard,
Massy H. Massy,	William Conner,	William Hobbs,
Henry Wallis,	Jonathan Bruce,	Robert Berkeley,
Clement J. Foster,	James Hanning,	Richard H. Crooke,
Francis Rowland,	Rev. W. Chatterton,	

Proposed by the Rev. Richard Dean Freeman, seconded by James J. Cummins, Esq.—That those Noblemen and Gentlemen, who have nobly advocated the Protestant Interests of Ireland in both Houses of Parliament, have entitled themselves to the warmest gratitude of this Conservative Society; and we trust that they will find, not only in their own honesty of principle, but also in the gratitude of their Protestant Fellow-countrymen, that gratification and reward which will enable them to despise the base attacks of mercenary and place-hunting politicians; and we also feel that the Rev. Mr. Boyton has entitled himself, although not in Parliament, to be included in these our grateful acknowledgements.

BEERHAVEN, Chairman.
O. E. BARBER, Secretary.

It was moved by John S. Barry, Esq., and seconded by Joseph Leycister, Esq., that Lord Viscount Beerhaven do leave the Chair; and General Henry G. Barry being called thereto, it was then Resolved—That the thanks of this Meeting be and are hereby given to Lord Viscount Beerhaven, for his dignified and proper conduct in the Chair.

HENRY GREEN BARRY, Chairman.

The Southern Reporter & Cork Commercial Courier of 11 October 1834

PROTESTANT MEETING IN BANDON.

Abridged from the Constitution.

This Meeting took place on Tuesday. About half-past 12, two coaches and four left the Castle with the Earl of Bandon, Lord Bernard, Lord Berehaven, the Hon. H. C. Bernard, &c., and the party soon after entered the Park, where the meeting was held accompanied by a large body of gentlemen of the first respectability. As soon as they ascended the platform, the various groupes, which had previously been scattered through the Park, closed around it, and presented one phalanx, the aspect of which must have been highly gratifying to all who were honestly anxious for the permanence of the best institutions of the country, and who felt that upon the fidelity of the men before them might one day depend the issue of the struggle for their preservation. As was observed by one of the most respected gentlemen in the country, Robert Bolgers Eyre, Esq., as he looked round and surveyed the five thousand brave and intelligent men beneath him, and who presented such a contrast to the sorry serfs whom we have so often seen tied to the tail of some empty emissary of faction.—"Amid all the discouragements of the times, it is delightful to witness such an assemblage as the present, an assemblage of men on whom we can rely, and who, if the hour of trial should come, will never desert the cause of their country and their King."—But we detain our readers too long. We proceed to our report, merely annexing the names of some of the gentlemen who were on the platform and around it.

The Earl of Bandon
L rd Berehaven
Lord Bernard
Hon. Mr. Bernard
Robert Hedges Eyre
Rich. N Nettles, J P
Robert Nettles, J P
H Nason, Kinsale
Capt. Westenra
John Spread
—— Bastable
Capt. Lewis
—— Sandy
—— Supple
Achilles Daunt
R H White
Capt. Knowles
Capt. Harris, R N
Major Westcott
Rich. Quinn, J P
Gersham Herrick
Fran. B Saveny, Provost of Bandon
J Wrecher, R N, J P
Col. Clarke, J P
John Penrose
Rich. Ashe, J P
—— Perry
Wm. Hawkes
Devonshire Hawkes

William Austen
Geo. Travers
Nelson Crofts
W H W Newenham
Capt. Corker
Wm. Connor, J P
Captain Crooke
William Crooke
William Hawkes
Capt. Kirby
Cpt Adderly Beamish
Capt. Geo. Beamish
Capt. Sam. Beamish
John Beamish
Horace Townsend
Edward Becher
Dr. Corbett
Dr. Hawes
Dr. Belcher
Abraham Jagoe
Thos Hungerford
James Roche
John Howe
Benjamin Howe
Henry Gilman, jun.
Wm. Hungerford
James Carnegie
Becher Hungerford
James Nash
Wm. Whiting

Joseph Nash
Geo. Hungerford
Edward Good
James Deane
John Hornibrook
John Halbert
Capt. A Stewart
R. Gilman, Rock house
Thos. Hornibrook
James Scaly
W B Leaden
M Hornibrook
Abraham Evanson
Richard Trenlian
T Beamish
Massy Warren
Capt. Gibson
W H Kingston
Wm. Baker
Richard Graham
Thomas Harris
Doctor Adams
Alleyn M'Carthy
Robert Bowden
W Wolfe
William Deane
F H Baldwin
M Belcadge

CLERGYMEN.

Rev. R Meade
R. Longfield
Somers Payne
H T Newman
R L Connor
Arthur Knox
—— Swiney
Thos Meade
Dr. Stewart
Rd. St. Lawrence
Dr. Browne
James Stewart
S Fairtelough
Wm. Meade

Rev. Henry Stewart
Wm. Baldwin
W Crosthwaite
John Stoyte
R Warren
John Meade
John Stewart
Wm. Martin
Rich. Davis
R Halbert
—— Triphook
Deane Nash
—— Hall
—— Murphy

Rev Alleyn Evanson
T Waggett
H Babington
James Freke
J Morgan
John Medrass
Wm. Molesworth
—— Long
Godfrey Smith
—— Sherrard
R R N Perry
Joshua Wood
Tyrrell Evans
Benjamin Gash.

The necessary preliminary arrangements having been completed on the motion of Robert Hedges Eyre, Esq.—

The Right Hon. the Earl of BANDON took the Chair, amid loud acclamations from all parts of the meeting. As soon as the cheering subsided, his Lordship rose and said:—Gentlemen, I never possessed the gift of eloquence, but on no occasion have I so sincerely regretted as I do now, that, from the effects of a severe cold, I have not the power even of making my acknowledgments heard. Gentlemen, I thank you, deeply thank you for the honour you have done me in placing me in the Chair at this most respectable and most important meeting, but I thank you even more for the distinguished honour you have conferred on me—the honour which you have conferred on every member of my family, and on this spot, by making it the place of your meeting. (*cheers*) We remember with gratitude the offer made to us of an opportunity of assembling in a house dedicated to Divine Worship; but I am sure our kind friends who made the offer will agree with me, that a "house not made with hands," under the wide canopy of heaven, accords better with the sacred cause in which we are engaged. (*Loud cheers.*) Our cause is the cause of truth—(*Cheers*)—it is the cause of the God of Truth—(*Cheers*)—and he will make it to prosper if we do not, by the indulgence of unmanly insults or uncharitable animosities towards our fellow countrymen, render ourselves unworthy Divine Protection. (*Prolonged cheering.*) Gentlemen, I am sure you will be glad to hear that I yesterday had a letter from a nobleman, who though not connected by property with this part of the country, is dear to the hearts of all present, and anxiously interested for their welfare. I am sure you will all agree with acknowledging the debt of gratitude we owe to the Earl of Roden. (*Great cheering.*) I shall read for you an extract from a letter which I yesterday received from him:—

"London, Oct. 3, 1834.

"My Dear Lord—Pray tell my Protestant fellow countrymen of Bandon, how much I esteem them, and how gratifying it would have been to me to have taken part in their proceedings on the 7th inst. I shall never forget the cordial welcome I received from them on my late visit to Cork, and if ever an opportunity should be afforded me of again visiting that part of the country, few things could make me more happy than to cultivate more closely the acquaintance and attachment which have already commenced, under such auspicious circumstances. Common danger unites those close together who were never united before, and when that is combined with the maintenance of our glorious cause, what bond can be more indissoluble than our's? May my Protestant brethren of the

Small section missing

"We are about to hold some large meetings in the North, to respond to your call from the South, and already is a requisition in course of signature for the assembling of the Protestants of the county of Down, signed by our Lord Lieutenant, our Custos Rotulorum, and a great majority of our resident gentry.

"These are times when all who value the liberties we enjoy should be active, for our very existence as a free people is threatened by our enemies, and unhappily they seem to be the guide and directors of those who ought to protect us—but we must protect ourselves," and if we fail in the attempt, there never was a more righteous cause to suffer for."

[Many passages in these extracts were greeted with shouts of approbation. When his Lordship had concluded reading, he said]—I feel assured that the extracts which I have read from this letter will be most gratifying to every person present, and I beg to add, that when I was attending the Great Protestant Meeting in Dublin, I had an opportunity of hearing his Lordship express himself highly gratified by the reception he met with in this part of the country.

Three cheers were then given for the Earl of RODEN, and at their conclusion three more were called for, and given with all the energy of honest hearts.

ROBERT NETTLES, Esq.—My Lord, as Secretary to this Meeting, I have to state that several letters have been received from persons belonging to the neighbourhood, who are unable to attend, but who take a deep interest in the object for which we are assembled. There is one letter which I beg to read, as it is from the Representative of the town of Bandon, the Hon. W. Bernard—(*Cheers.*) Mr. Nettles then read the letter, which contained an expression of the Hon. Member's regret that he was, through indisposition, unable to be present.

The business of the day then commenced. The first resolution was moved by

Lord BEREHAVEN, who said—My Lord, I beg to propose the following resolution to your Lordship and to the Meeting;—

"That this meeting has seen with great satisfaction the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Protestants of Ireland, held in Dublin on the 14th of last August, and that it does most cordially concur in them; and also that this meeting highly approves of the deputation sent by the Conservative Society to explain to the people of England the suffering condition of their brethren of the Protestant religion in Ireland."

JOHN TOWNSEND, of Clonakilty, Esq.—I know not, my Lord, whether I survey the present meeting with more of pride or of depression—with more of exultation or of regret. I regard it, my Lord, with regret; for, why should I not regret that any untoward circumstances—that any accumulation of difficulties—that any combination of dangers should force us to leave the honourable paths of peaceful retirement, and compel us to adopt measures which, even in the eyes of the most infatuated bigots, should wear the aspect of hostility to any portion of our fellow men, but above all, to any class of our fellow subjects. (*Cheers.*) I deeply, sincerely deplore it. Would to God that we could live at peace with all men! Would to God that we could live on terms of political as well as private and personal friendship with our Roman Catholic countrymen! Would to God that even by making any reasonable sacrifice, we could conciliate their affections, or appease (I regret to say) the religious animosities with which they regard us! But, my Lord, unless the light of reason were extinguished in our minds—unless all the ordinary feelings of human nature were obliterated from our breasts—un-

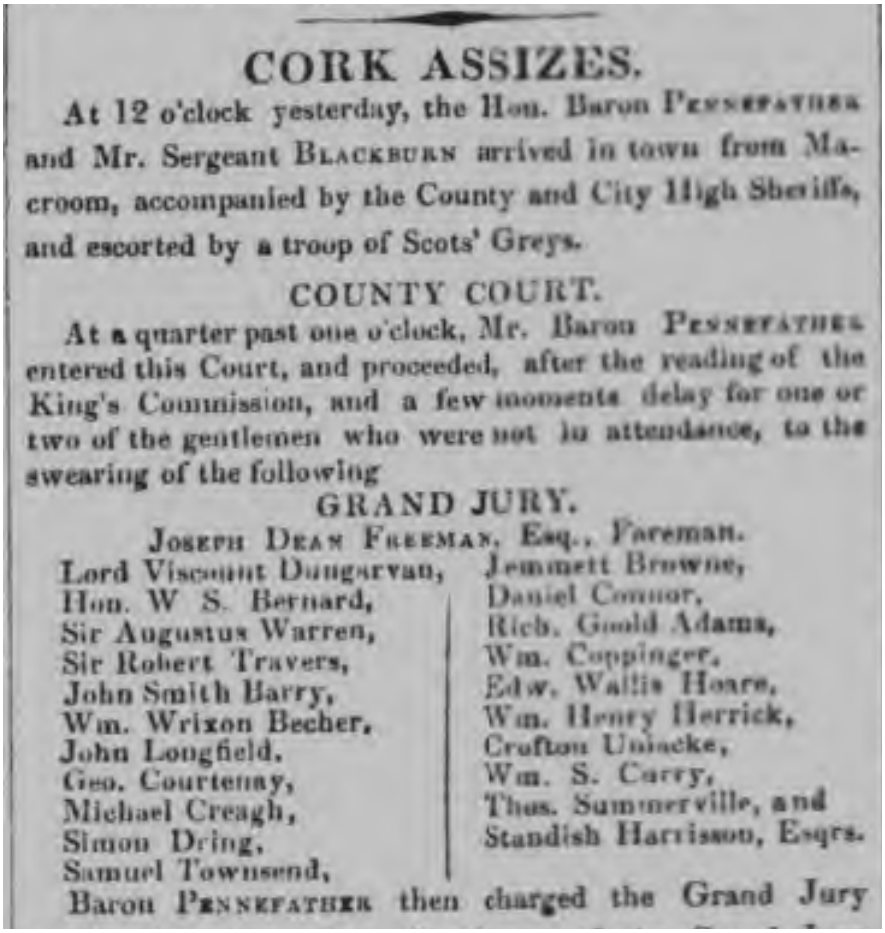
Freeman's Journal and Daily Commercial Advertiser of Saturday 6 October 1821

COUNTY COURT.

At a quarter past one o'clock, Mr. Baron Pennefather entered this Court, and proceeded, after the reading of the King's Commission, and a few moments delay for one or two of the gentlemen who were not in attendance, to the swearing of the following Grand Jury:—

Joseph D. Freeman, Esq., foreman; Lord Vicount Donegarvan, Hon. W. S. Bernard, Sir Augustus Warren, Sir R. Travers, John Smith Barry, William Wrixon Beecher, John Longfield, George Courtenay, Michael Creagh, Simon Dring, Samuel Townsend, Jemmett Browne, Daniel Connor, R. Goold Adams, William Coppinger, Edward Wallis Hoare, William Henry Herrick, Crofton Uniacke, William S. Curry, Thomas Summerville, and Standish Harrisson, Esqrs.

Southern Reporter and Cork Commercial Courier of 25 March 1830



CORK ASSIZES.

At 12 o'clock yesterday, the Hon. Baron PENNEFATHER and Mr. Sergeant BLACKBURN arrived in town from Macroom, accompanied by the County and City High Sheriffs, and escorted by a troop of Scots' Greys.

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Edw. Wallis Hoare,
Wm. Henry Herrick,
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Baron PENNEFATHER then charged the Grand Jury

Extract from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Directory 1837

AUGHADOWN, or AGHADOWN, a parish, in the East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 3 1/4 miles (W. S. W.) from Skibbereen; containing, with several inhabited islands, 5419 inhabitants. This parish is situated on the north bank of the river Ilen, and comprises 7063 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act, and valued at £5400 per annum. Its surface is very uneven; in some parts, especially towards the north, it is rocky and unproductive; but near its southern boundary, towards the Hen, the land is good and produces excellent crops. About two-thirds of it are under cultivation; the remainder is rocky ground and bog, of which latter there is a considerable extent near Newcourt. The state of agriculture is not much improved; the old heavy wooden plough is still used, and some of the land is cultivated by spade labour; the fences are everywhere much neglected. Several good roads intersect the parish, one of which is a new line from Skibbereen to Crookhaven, likely to be of considerable advantage. The Ilen is navigable for vessels of 200 tons' burden nearly to its eastern extremity: a quay and storehouses have been constructed at Newcourt, but are entirely neglected, and the harbour is only frequented by a few sand boats, which discharge their cargoes there for the convenience of the farmers. The principal seats are Aughadown House, that of H. Becher*, Esq., occupying an elevated site in the midst of flourishing plantations, and commanding a fine view of the western coast; Lake Marsh, of Hugh Lawton, Esq.; **Whitehall, of S. Townsend** *(Samuel Townsend [405])* Esq.; Newcourt, of Becher Fleming**, Esq.; the glebe-house, the residence of the Rev. T. D. Moore; and Holly Hill, of the Rev. J. Copinger, P.P. . Fairs for the sale of cattle, sheep, pigs, &c., are held on May 6th and Oct. 2nd. A manor court is held monthly by a seneschal appointed by Lord Carbery, for the recovery of debts under 40s; and here is a constabulary police station. The living is a vicarage, in the diocese of Ross, and in the patronage of the Bishop; the rectory is partly impropriate in Lord Audley and partly forms the corps of the archdeaconry of Ross. The tithes amount to £600, of which £300 is payable to the impropriator and appropriator, and £300 to the vicar. The church, situated on the margin of the river, is a small neat edifice with a square tower, and was built by aid of a loan of £500, in 1812, from the late Board of First Fruits. The glebe-house is handsome and commodious, and is situated on a glebe of 45 1/2 acres. In addition to the parochial schools, there are schools at Whitehall and near Newcourt, also a pay school. In the demesne of Whitehall are the ruins of Rincolisky castle, built by the O'Driscols in

1495; and on the grounds of Lake View are some picturesque remains of an ecclesiastical edifice, called by the people of the neighbourhood the Abbey of Our Lady.

* *Becher connections with Horatio Townsend [104] and Richard Townsend [201].*

** *Fleming connections with John Sealy Townsend [333], Eliza Townsend [5D05] and Horatio Townsend [6B05].*

Extract from the

Irish News 8 June 1999

Flatley and friend view £2m seaside hideaway

by Tommy Barker

THE EGO has landed.

The all-singing, all-dancing and very much All Cash Michael Flatley, flew into Skibbereen in Cork over the Bank Holiday weekend to view a £2m seaside home up for sale. He dropped from the skies courtesy Celtic helicopters, on Sunday to meet with a local auctioneer and visit the most expensive house to come up publicly for sale outside Dublin, historic Whitehall House on Roaringwater Bay.

The world-class property, owned for many years by a German family, has its own beaches, a ruined castle, the 16th century Rincolisky Castle , and 100 acres of land as well as two walled gardens. The house has six bedrooms, separate staff quarters, a farm yard, a stunning setting with sea views around the headland from Baltimore, a jetty and moorings - but does not have a ballroom.

The former Riverdancer, who grossed more than $100m with Lord of the Dance, has said on several occasions he wants to buy a home in Ireland. The £2m asking price on Whitehall will hardly bother the dancer, who last year claimed he was making £1m a week. He already has a base in Dublin and houses in the US, in London and in France, along with a 131' yacht called the Lord of the Dance.

Boston-born Flatley, now in his early 40s, touched his precious size 8 feet down on West Cork soil lunchtime Sunday, and was then seen getting into the almost humble VW Passat of Skibbereen auctioneer Charlie McCarthy. Mr McCarthy is a joint agent on the house with Ian Finnegan of Finnegan Menton of Dublin. Last summer, Mr Finnegan bought the £3m Reen na Furrira estate near Sneem in Kerry for a client.

Whitehall House has portions dating back to the early 1600s, but most of it is 19th century and is in excellent repair. The vendors are the Schmitz family from Cologne, who bought it in 1962.

Mr Flatley was accompanied by a young woman companion who was not identified. He spent about one hour visiting the house and flew out in the early afternoon from Ilen Rovers GAA grounds.