

The Vestry Book
for the years
1811 to 1870
of the
United Parishes of Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lissonuffy
in the
Diocese of Elphin
and
County of Roscommon

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VESTRY BOOK 1811

UNION OF BUMLIN, KILTRUSTAN & LISSONUFFY

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CHURCH WARDENS

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The Parish Vestry and Cess

When the Revd Edward Mahon was appointed in 1811 to the union of Bumlin, Kiltristan and Lissonuffy, centred on the town of Strokestown, County Roscommon, one of his first acts was to purchase volumes in which to register the baptisms, marriages and burials performed in the church of St John, and to keep the vestry minutes, on finding that no such books or registers were in use.

These records were kept locally until after St John's church closed in 1981, when they were transferred to the permanent care of the RCB Library, Dublin, the record repository for the Church of Ireland. The registers have been transcribed in the Anglican Record Project series¹, while the vestry book for the years 1811 to 1870 is presented here. As the Public Record Office fire in 1922 incurred the loss of many important historical records, such surviving local documents acquire more value as sources of information on administrative and social matters.²

The parishes of the Church of Ireland, coincided, with few exceptions, with the civil parishes which were the basic units of local administration until the middle of the 19th century. The vestry was a sort of parish council, with duties prescribed by law. The meetings and resolutions of the vestry were minuted in the vestry book, for whose safe keeping the incumbent was responsible. The vestry's main functions were the annual election of church wardens, and deciding the amount to be raised by the parish cess (an annual tax on occupiers of property) and the purposes for which it was to be spent.³

The Strokestown vestry book reflects the general changes in the functions of the vestry and the civil parish in Ireland during an increasingly active period of parliamentary reforms, which concerned the established church itself, the introduction of poor laws, and new bases for local taxation. The cumulative effect of these reforms was that the civil role of the vestry largely disappeared after the 1830s.

This vestry book has a particular local interest, as it contains much detail of how the parish raised and spent its cess over the continuous period from 1811 to 1831, and of the occupiers of land in the years 1829 and 1831. Furthermore, accounts of the Mahon Charity

¹ To be presented online as a future Archive of the Month

² Following the enactment of the Public Records (Ireland) Act 1867, as amended in 1875, it was understood that vestry books, like registers and other parish records of a public nature created prior to disestablishment on 1 January 1871, were to be deposited in the Public Record Office of Ireland. The Parochial Records Act 1876 declared however that vestry books, except those containing any entries relating to baptisms, burials and marriages, were not deemed public records, and that any which had been removed to the PROI should be returned to the custody of the parishes to which they belonged.

³ The parish cess had several variant names – parochial rates, church rates or church cess, vestry cess...

show how that endowment's funds were disbursed to assist the poor during the years 1833 to 1837.

Regarding the functions of the vestry, a good place to start is the 7th of George the Fourth, chapter 72, *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws which regulate the Levy and Application of Church Rates and Parish Cesses, and the Election of Churchwardens, and the Maintenance of Parish Clerks, in Ireland*, more conveniently known by its short title, the Church Rates (Ireland) Act 1826, and often simply as the Irish Vestry Act.

This Act was intended to address public concerns about the purposes for which vestries could levy the parish cess, and to improve accountability and participation. As an indication of the degree to which the vestry was a creature of the law, the Act began by reciting 14 earlier Acts which were amended or repealed by it. Its main provisions, as given below, were, to a large extent, revisions of existing practices rather than innovations. These provisions are a useful reference both as to how the vestry proceeded after the Act came into force on 1 January 1827, and how practice before then had accorded with them, or not.

The following points have been abstracted from *The office and duty of church warden and parish officer in Ireland*, by John Finlay and Daniel Kinahan (Dublin, 1835).

A. Three vestry meetings were usually required:

1. the first on Easter Monday or Tuesday, for appointing church wardens, and receiving the church wardens' accounts; also for dealing with the building and repair of the parish church, providing things necessary for divine service therein, and the salary of the parish clerk and sexton;
2. the second on the same or another day in Easter week, for making assessments of sums to be levied for various other purposes according to the Act;
3. the third for confirming the applotment of individual occupiers' liability for the rates levied, after the period for appeal of the proposed levy had expired, and for examining the church wardens' accounts.

B. Public notice was to be given for all vestry meetings (except for applotting assessments ordered by the Grand Jury), to be posted in the Presbyterian meeting house and Roman Catholic chapel, as well as in the Protestant parish church.

C. The incumbent or curate, if present, was entitled to chair the vestry meeting, otherwise the inhabitants present could elect another to preside.

D. Minutes of the proceedings and resolutions were to be kept in the vestry book, and signed by the chairman and church wardens, and by the inhabitants present who saw fit to do so. Adjournments could be decided by a majority of the voters present.

E. All inhabitants (occupiers of land, whether resident or not) of the parish, of whatever religious denomination, could attend any vestry, but Roman Catholics were not allowed to

vote at the first vestry. Catholics were eligible to act as church wardens, but could not be compelled to do so; while Dissenter preachers were barred from being church wardens. No-one could serve as church warden for two successive years, unless there was no other person qualified to serve.

F. The function of the second vestry was to make assessments for specified civil purposes, including the vestry clerk, the beadle, providing coffins for poor persons, the maintenance of deserted children, and the applotters' and collectors' fees. In certain towns, there were also assessments for the fire engine, and from 1819, for the expenses of unpaid officers of health, responsible for sanitation. No contingency sums or unspecified expenses were permitted. Having determined the amounts to be levied on the parish, the vestry appointed two or more persons to applot the sums due by each occupier, according to the amount of land occupied. The proposed assessment was to be posted publicly, and any inhabitant could appeal to the court against the assessment generally, or on account of the illegality or excess of any item in it. If not appealed within the 14 days allowed, the applotters proceeded to set down the amount due from each occupier, and delivered it to the minister or a church warden, who then called the third vestry to consider the applotment.

G. At the third vestry, objections could be raised and alterations made, before finally confirming the applotment. There was a further right of appeal against the confirmed applotment. The applotment was to be copied for each church warden, and the original kept safely with the parish records. The applotment having been confirmed, the church wardens proceeded to the collection of the cess, with powers to sue and distrain for non-payment.

H. The vestry books, applotments, church wardens' accounts and all other parish documents, except those relating to the composition of tithes, were to be kept by the incumbent or his nominee.

Thus, all cess-payers were entitled to a say in how much was raised for civil purposes, at the second vestry, while reserving to the Protestant inhabitants the decisions on expenditure for church purposes, at the first vestry.

The 1826 Act confirmed the power of the vestry to provide coffins for the burial of poor people, but subject to the requirement that in any particular case, six cess-payers including a justice of the peace should certify the necessity of the expenditure, and that the relatives of the deceased were too poor to buy a coffin themselves. This was to quell doubts about substantial sums having sometimes been levied for this purpose without proper vouching of the expenditure. The salary payable to the parish clerk was set at between £10 and £20 where divine service was celebrated not only on Sundays and festivals, but on at least two other days in the week also; and in all other cases at between £5 and £10. The maximum that could be allowed for deserted children was £5 each.

The parliamentary debates on the Vestry Bill recorded that while some members welcomed it as a measure to prevent abuses (an example cited was buying a suit of doctoral robes for a favourite rector), others regretted the loss of local discretion to vote sums for beneficial community purposes, such as contributions to the maintenance of the Roman Catholic chapel (as in Killoughter, Co Cavan).^{4 5}

As will be seen, the Act had an immediate effect on how the Strokestown vestry conducted its business. But it came at a time when mass opposition to tithes and the parish cess was rising: both were resented by the large majority who did not belong to the established church, yet were obliged to pay for it, as well as maintaining their own churches and clergy. The conflict came to a head in the early 1830s, and there followed a further major alteration in the vestry law, by the Church Temporalities Act of 1833, which abolished the levying of parish cess for church purposes. Church expenses were to be funded thereafter by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the business of the first Easter vestry was limited to appointing the church wardens and receiving their accounts. Although the 1833 Act made no change to the operation of the vestry for its other civil purposes, it seems that it soon fell into abeyance. Its scope was restricted, and the costs of paying a vestry clerk and cess collectors would have been disproportionate to the amounts raised for foundlings and coffins for the poor. Provision for these objects was taken up to some degree by the county Grand Juries, and by the Boards of Poor Law Guardians from 1838.

After 1833, the Strokestown vestry minutes record little business other than the names of the churchwardens appointed every Easter, except when, occasionally, a new act of parliament required some vestry involvement, the last time being in 1841. In so far as other vestries continued to discharge their remaining civil functions, particularly in the larger towns, it may have been in the manner reported of St John's parish, Sligo, in 1840: following the election of church wardens at the first Easter vestry, the second vestry proceeded to business that was described as merely nominal. Unpaid "*Officers of Health, Apploters and Overseers of public houses were appointed without any discussion. There were no coffins provided for the poor – no maintenance for deserted children – no expenses of stationery – no collection of parish cess.*"⁶

In Dublin city parishes, though, cess continued to be levied, for foundlings and coffins, but mainly for the maintenance of parish fire engines and fire engine keepers, which the Dublin

⁴ CHURCH RATES (IRELAND) BILL. HC Deb 21 April 1826 vol 15 cc544-58

⁵ The Killoughter Vestry Minute Book, by Dr Jonathan Cherry. RCB Library Archive of the Month, November 2016 <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/6687/the-killoughter-vestry-minute-book>
The Killoughter vestry continued to vote contributions towards the repair of the Roman Catholic chapel after the 1826 Vestry Act had, it was thought, confirmed that such purposes were not allowed.

⁶ *Sligo Journal*, 24 April 1840

Fire Brigade considered more of a nuisance than a help.⁷ The Vestry Cess Abolition (Ireland) Act 1864 finally killed off the vestry as a civil organ, and formally laid responsibility for deserted children and coffins for the poor on other authorities.

While we may regret that the Strokestown vestry book was uncommunicative for its last three decades, compared to the earlier years, it is pleasant to note that when a new vestry book was opened in 1871, upon the disestablishment of Church of Ireland, it immediately commenced in a lively discursive vein, as though the lights had come back on again.

The Accounts

From information in the vestry minutes, a schedule of the assessments to be levied and the planned expenditure for the years 1811 to 1816 has been assembled in Table 1 of [Appendix A](#). The actual church wardens' accounts for the years 1817 to 1831, as entered in the vestry book, are presented in [Appendix B](#), and summarised in Table 2.

The accounts were a record of annual income and expenditure, though the accruals concept of matching cash flows to the time periods in which income and expenditure were incurred was not strictly observed, and balance sheets were not prepared.

Receipts and payments often lagged the year of account, which ran from Easter to Easter: the accounts for 1821 show that the cess levied for the year was spent almost entirely in the following year. A unique note on the 1822 accounts demonstrates that the cess in respect of that year was received from the collector in instalments over the course of 1823 and 1824. This was probably the case in other years also, though unrecorded. Salaries were usually paid annually in arrears, but sometimes in the current year of account, and occasionally in advance.

The church wardens acted as custodians of the cess money collected, no bank was involved. Though the funds held by or owed to the church wardens at the end of a year were noted, and usually adjusted in the following year's accounts, that was not always the case: the utilisation of the balances remaining for 1823 and 1824 was not accounted for on the record. The calculation of the balance of churchwardens' funds in hand for a particular year of account seems to have been a mixture of the income due up to that time (which may not all have been received yet) and of the expenses actually paid in that or the subsequent year.

In the earlier years, it is evident that the annual sum of £28 levied for church repairs and necessities was contributed to a sinking fund, out of which repairs were paid as they arose. Lord Hartland as church warden paid out £95 in 1810 and £81 in 1811 for church repairs and painting, leaving a balance of £118 in his hands, which sum did not include the cess for 1810 and 1811. In December 1817, a vestry committee appointed to examine the accounts found

⁷ *The Times*, 14 December 1863

that of the cesses levied for the years 1813 to 1816, amounting to £551 in total, £292 remained in the church wardens' hands. There were several reasons for this. Firstly, the sinking fund required a reserve to be held to provide for repairs, irregular in timing and amount. Secondly, in 1813 a special levy under the Militia Act to provide bounties for ten men to join the Roscommon Militia, turned out not to be required for that purpose (presumably in view of a government decision to abolish the militia in Ireland, which took place in 1816). And beginning in 1813, the cess was increased by £64 a year to form a fund to build a tower and steeple for the church.

The vestry applied that year to the Board of First Fruits for aid towards erecting the tower and steeple, and a loan £1,000 was approved in 1814, to be repaid at £60 per annum. The cost of building was to be met by the £1,000 loan plus the funds held by the church wardens for this purpose. Work had not begun by early 1818, when the church wardens were to advertise for contractors to erect the tower and steeple, to roof the church and vestry, and to build a school house. But at Easter 1819, the vestry had to be held in the Sessions House of the town because the church was in a state of ruin – the cause is not mentioned, but storm or fire is likely. A further loan of £1,700 was accepted in 1819 from the Board of First Fruits to rebuild the church, added to the £1,000 loan for the tower. By Easter 1822 the vestry could be held in the rebuilt church again. (1820 is the date inscribed over the door of the tower, through which the church is entered.) The loan funds were held and the construction costs disbursed by the minister, Edward Mahon. The school house was never built, and already by 1828 repairs to the church were needed. That year, the church wardens threatened to sue Mr Mahon if he did not hand over the £150 he had remaining from the building loans, and £80 from the unspent Militia cess of 1813, which had later been earmarked for the school house. Whether he did, or they did, does not appear from the records.

Payment of instalments on the tower loan, at £60 a year, first became due for 1818, and a further £90 a year for the church loan from 1819. The terms of the loans seem to have been restructured in 1822, as the £150 total repayment was reduced to £89 a year thereafter. The church wardens' balance of £89 for 1823, otherwise unaccounted for, may have been used to pay the loan instalment for 1822, which is not recorded in the church wardens' accounts for that year. The outstanding loans were remitted in 1833, under the Church Temporalities Act.

A dispute with the architect of the church, John Lynn, resulted in the church wardens being sued by him, incurring considerable legal costs in 1826 and 1827, and entailing an increase in the cess per acre, which reached its highest level of 8d in 1827, though falling back to 5d the next year.

It is notable that the rate of cess per acre fluctuated considerably, rising from 2d $\frac{1}{4}$ in 1811 and 1812 to 4d $\frac{1}{2}$ from 1813, when a fund to build the tower was started, to 6d $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1819 to 1822, then declining to 4d $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1829 to 1831, though with the spike to 8d in 1827. The M. P.

for Dundalk, Sir Robert Inglis, said in 1826 that the rate of parish cess in Ireland seldom exceeded 8d an acre, and was more often 3d; and that the amount, in a country where land was often let at 20 or 30 shillings an acre, could not be a great grievance.⁸ But, apart from objections to the principle, and to abuses in practice, the parish cess was additional to the tithes, grand jury cess, crown and quit rents, which cumulated to a much greater burden of taxes on occupiers of land than the cess alone. That the parish cess was not negligible was recognised by the Strokestown vestry itself in 1816 and 1817, when the original levy of 4d ½ was reduced to 2d ½ per acre, "in consequence of the great pressure of the times".

The amount of uncollected cess was apparently quite low, most years showing no deficit on the sum levied. This may, however, understate the true position, due to the piecemeal remittance of the cess for a given year by the collector over an extended period, and the absence of accruals accounting.

The charges for the sacramental elements of "fine White Bread, and good and wholesome Wine" indicate that Holy Communion was celebrated four times a year, at Christmas, Easter, Whitsun and the Harvest festival.

The parish clerk was instructed in 1820 to keep a school for the education of children of every religious denomination, but he proved unsatisfactory, and a parish school master was appointed in 1823, at a salary initially of £12, of which £4 was paid by the vicar. The Easter vestry agreed in 1830 to recruit three additional schoolmasters, at £5 a year each, the individuals to be appointed by a Catholic priest, Fr. Dolan, but a few weeks later this part of the levy was cancelled, the Catholic parishioners having changed their minds. Nevertheless, in 1831 the vestry resolved again to appoint the three schoolmasters, who were named, and paid, but perhaps for that year only - this being at the time when the state-sponsored national education system was getting off the ground, to objections from both Catholic and Protestant adherents of denominational education.

Finally, the quirky effects of the assimilation of the Irish and British currencies can be observed in the accounts for 1827. The Currency Act 1825 declared that from 5 January 1826, the British currency would also become the currency of Ireland; prior to this the value of the Irish pound was fixed at one-thirteenth less than the British. Current receipts and payments in Ireland thenceforward would be transacted in the same nominal amount of British currency, as in Irish currency before that, but any debts or liabilities which existed in Irish currency before the commencement date would be settled in British currency at the former exchange rate. Thus, the salary of the parish school master, for instance, which was £10 Irish previously, was now £10 British, a revaluation of 8% (though as all local costs were revalued by a similar amount, the school master was unlikely to feel the benefit), whereas the Irish pound balance owed to the former church wardens (£65) was now paid to them in the lower nominal amount of £59 British pounds at the former exchange rate. This explains

⁸ HC Deb 21 April 1826 vol 15 cc544-58

the reduction in the annual building loan repayment to the Board of First Fruits from £89 Irish to £82.13.0 British. Similarly, the cess collector's salary, which was originally denominated as 6 guineas, or £6.6.0 British, had been worth £6.16.6 in Irish money (there were no Irish guineas), but under the Currency Act the cost was reduced to £6.6.0 in the new currency, rather than remaining at the nominal value of £6.16.6 in British. As the cess, being current income, had risen in value from the currency assimilation, there was a net benefit to the parish finances from the asymmetrical treatment of the currency conversion, which reduced its outgoings under the building loans and the guinea-denominated collector's salary.

The Applotments

The vestry book contains two full applotments of the parishes, for 1829 and 1831, setting out the occupiers of land subject to the cess, and the size of their holdings in each townland. These are invaluable as such, and as a record of place names shortly before the Ordnance Survey fixed these definitively on the map. They merit detailed study, and only a few observations will be made here.

The land areas are given in Irish acres, which were 1.62 times larger than the statute or English acres used and established by the Ordnance Survey.

The land applotted did not amount to the total area of the parishes: bog and mountain were excluded. There were (are) extensive bogs in Lissonuffly parish.

There were considerable differences between the 1829 and 1831 applotments, and between them and other contemporary applotments, namely that used by the Grand Jury to levy the county cess, and tithe composition applotment carried out in 1825. The total figures applotted for the three parishes are:

	<u>Irish Acres</u>
1829 Vestry Applotment	7,501
1831 Vestry Applotment	9,735
1825 Tithe Composition Act	8,822
1832 County Cess Book	7,748 (or 7,979)

The Ordnance Survey measured the total area of the united parishes as 24,588 statute acres, or 15,178 Irish.

The vestry applotments were revised only at long intervals. The figure used to calculate the cess remained at 6,900 acres from 1812 to 1816, and then at 7,255 acres from 1817 to 1828. The 1829 applotment produced a similar figure of 7,501 acres, but this must have been found unsatisfactory, as the vestry resolved to have another "fair and regular" applotment made in 1831, and to pay £8 for it. Why the new applotment showed an overall increase of 30%, to 9,735 acres, is not mentioned. It could be expected that at a time of rapidly increasing population, there would be an increase in the amount of land in production, as marginal areas were reclaimed; perhaps the 1831 applotment was the first to recognise this, and involved a large catch-up. The increase in Lissonuffly, with the most bog, was highest, at 47%.

1831 was perhaps not the best time to choose to extend the tax net, with the tithe agitation in full swing, but maybe that was the very reason it was decided to make the cess applotment "fair and regular". The question of fairness in the applotment had come up several times. In 1813 the vestry stated that assessments were to be based on the number of acres held, that they would not pay more than their fair share, and that an applotment of the land occupied by each inhabitant was required; in 1816 that the applotment presented did not appear correct, and that the cess should be levied according to the number of acres in the County Book; in 1826 that the cess in future should be levied according to the survey under the Tithe Composition Act for each parish in the union; and in 1832, the parishioners demanded that the cess be levied according to the County Book figure of 7,748 acres, rather than the 1831 applotment of 9,235. Why they preferred the lower figure is not clear. As the amount of cess levied was fixed, it should have benefitted individual land-holders to have it spread over a greater area at a lower rate per acre. Perhaps they worried that the larger area might become the basis for the county cess also, and that the Grand Jury would take the opportunity to raise and spend more money.

At the back of the vestry book is a copy of a legal opinion on the method of conducting the applotment. Francis Blackburne, then a King's Counsel, later Lord Chancellor, advised that under the 1826 Vestry Act, the applotment should have regard not only to the quantity but also to the quality of land held – as had been done for the tithe composition survey, and which was the principle of the later general valuations of Ireland carried out for the government. The opinion was disregarded by the Strokestown vestry.

The population of the united parishes in the 1831 census was just over 11,500, of which 1,500 lived in the town of Strokestown, leaving 10,000 people on the land. With an average household size of five, that was 2,000 rural households, far more than are evident in the applotment for that year. Even assuming that every sole occupier listed was a different person, which patently was not the case, and that every "& Co" partnership holding involved three households, gives only 582 land-holding, cess-paying households. The remaining 1,400 households must have been largely composed of sub-tenants, cottiers and landless conacre takers, who were not directly liable for the cess.

The Mahon Charity

Bartholomew Mahon, only son and heir of the former incumbent of the union of Bumlin, the Reverend Maurice Mahon, of the Clonfree branch of the Mahons of Strokestown, on his death in October 1815, at Hotwells spa, near Bristol, in his early thirties, bequeathed £800 and the yearly interest thereon in trust to the minister and church wardens of Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lissonuffy, and their successors for ever, to be applied by them "for the relief of the poor of said parishes, without any distinction as to religion".

At a vestry meeting on 2 July 1832, at a time when there appears to have been some tension between the vestry and the vicar, who did not attend, it was resolved "That it appears to the Parishioners of this Union that the Interest of £800 late Irish Currency, of which the Revd Edwd Mahon and the Church Wardens for the time being were appointed Trustees for the use of the Poor of said Union has not been accounted for, and that a Commission be now appointed, consisting of Mulloy McDermott Esqr Mr Willm Ginty and Mr Denis Egan, to enquire how said Interest has been applied, and that the particular attention of the joint Trustees be directed to its application in future".

At the Easter Vestry of 1845, it was " Resolved, that the Clergymen and Church Wardens of this Union are hereby desired each and every year to furnish an Account of the different Sums expended out of the Bequest of the late Barthw Mahon Esqr and the names of the several persons relieved therefrom, and that the same be entered in the Vestry Book... And that said Clergymen and Church Wardens be required within a reasonable time to produce an Account of the different Sums expended by them out of said Bequest for the last ten or twelve years and the names of the persons relieved therefrom, and that same be entered in the Vestry Book, and that a fair Copy thereof be transmitted to the Board of Charitable Donations, attested as before stated by their respective Signatures"

The pages following this minute list the donations paid out of the charity funds for the years 1833 to 1837. 1833 is in summary form only, but for the other four years there is compelling detail of the names and circumstances of the persons assisted - widows, sick, lame, blind, orphans, foundlings - some only once, others repeatedly. For a moment, the obscurity that usually hides the poor of the past from us as individuals in a particular time and place is lifted.

The Mahon Charity continued in existence down to the 1970s, in its latter years distributing blankets in Strokestown at Christmas.

Conclusion

Much can be learned from the Strokestown vestry book that is of local and some of more than local interest, and this introduction is far from a complete investigation of its contents. The Strokestown book has many features in common with that of Killoughter, Co Cavan, for example, though with important differences also, and systematic comparison of vestry books of the period would no doubt enhance our understanding of matters that are common to them. It is to be hoped that as more Irish vestry books, across a range of time periods and locations, are published and studied, their value as historical documents will be fully realised.

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Notes on the Transcription

The vestry minutes were mostly written by three hands: the vicar Edward Mahon from 1811 to 1827; George McAdams, the parish and vestry clerk, from 1828 to 1846 (both he and Edward Mahon died the next year); and then by the new vicar Joseph Morton from 1847 until 1870. None is difficult to read.

Fidelity. My aim has been to reproduce as nearly as practicable the spelling, punctuation, capitalisation, abbreviations and date formats used in the original, subject to some conventions as noted below. Apparent errors or slips have not been corrected, nor indicated by *sic*. A few words and names which I could not make out with certainty are put in italics, or replaced by a question mark. Any editorial interventions within the transcribed text are in square brackets, or in the page headers.

Pagination and Sequence. The contents of each page of text in the vestry book correspond to the contents under a page header in the transcription. The right hand vestry book pages were numbered by hand, in the top right corner, from 1 to 141, using the odd numbers only. Most of the left hand pages were used, but some are blank. These page numbers 1 to 141 are shown in the page header boxes. Subsequent pages of the vestry book are not numbered, and many are blank.

The vestry minutes are entered in date order in the vestry book, with the exception of the minutes of 2, 16 and 24 July 1832 which are entered towards the end of the book, after the vestry minute of 1870. In the transcription, these have been placed in the correct date sequence.

Tables. The format (but not the content) of the tabular accounts and applotments in the vestry book has been slightly modified to standardise their lay-out in the transcription. These are presented as appendices to the text.

Signatures. The original signatures of those who attended the meetings, or made entries in the vestry book, are represented in the transcription by italics. In a few cases, the signatures are not original but were copied into the minutes by the writer.

Abbreviations. Personal first names such as Thomas and William when abbreviated in the vestry book are usually written with the last letter in superscript, eg Tho^s or W^m; and sometimes as Thos. or Wm. In the transcription, such abbreviations are generally shown simply as Thos or Wm; where an abbreviation may be less familiar, or confused with another word, I have used a full stop, e.g. Cathe. for Catherine.

Surnames. Names that we now write with O', such as O'Beirne, were written in various ways, like OBeirne, O.Beirne, or O Beirne. Mac or Mc could be written M' or M. (e.g. M.Causland, M'Causland).

A list of abbreviated first names which occur in the vestry book:

Alex, Alexr	Alexander
Barthw	Bartholomew, Bartholemew
Cathe	Catherine
Chas, Chars	Charles
Danl	Daniel
Dom, Domk	Dominick
Ed, Edw, Edwd	Edward
Geo	George
Hubt	Hubert
Jas, Jams	James
Jno	John
Lare, Laue	Laurence
Marn	Martin
Maue	Maurice
Michl	Michael
Nichs, Nicks	Nicholas
Petr	Peter
Rich, Richd	Richard
Rob, Robt	Robert
Ror	Roger
Saml	Samuel
Stepn	Stephen
Thads	Thaddeus
Thos	Thomas
Walt	Walter
Wm, Willm	William

The Vestry Book of the Union of Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lissonuffy, 1811 to 1870

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This Vestry Book was provided for the above sum by the Revd Ed Mahon who on his presentation to the Union of Bumlin, Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy, found no such thing as a regular Vestry Book, or Registry.

The resolutions of the Easter Vestry of 1811, & of an adjourned Vestry held April 26th 1811, were inserted in single sheets of Paper (there being no regular Vestry Book) which resolutions have been copied in the third page of this Book, agreeable to a resolution to that effect at a Vestry held on Wednesday October 16th 1811, (vide page 6th)

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3 1811

At a Vestry called & held on Easter Tuesday the 16th day of April 1811 in the Parish Church of the United Vicarages of Bumlin, Kiltrustan, and Lissonuffy, for the assessing the said Vicarages, for a maintenance for the Parish Clerk, & Sextoness, & repairs of the Church, & other necessaries, pursuant to an act of Parliament -

We the Minister Church Wardens and protestant Parishioners then & there duly met together, do grant unto the said parish Clerk of the said Vicarages, (who is also to act as Vestry Clerk) the sum of twenty pounds sterl to be raised by an equal acreable Cess, for his salary this year, & the sum of six pounds sterl. for the Sextoness, & the sum of twenty eight pounds sterl. for the repairs of the Church & other necessaries, & the sum of four pounds, eleven shillings, for collecting the same, amounting in the whole to the sum of fifty eight pounds eleven shillings sterl.

We also appoint the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland, & Mr John Holden Church Wardens for this year, & Mr John Fearn, & Mr Thos Martin Sidesmen. We order applotments to be laid before us, as usual, & adjourn this Vestry to the 26th April Inst.

E Mahon, Minister

Church Wardens [not signed]

Parishioners [not signed]

At an adjournment of a Vestry legally called & held in & for the Union of Bumlin, for the purpose of examining the applotment of the cess laid on, on Easter Tuesday, & also for examining the accounts of the right Hon Lord Hartland, on the 26th April 1811, Resolved by the Clergyman & Parishioners then present, that the Rt. Hon Lord Hartland has produced vouchers, & accounted for ninety five pounds, thirteen shillings & six pence halfpenny of the parish Cess in his hands, expended in the repairs of the parish Church.

Resolved that (the applotment not being now ready for inspection & approval) this Vestry be adjourned to the tenth day of June next for that & other purposes.

E Mahon, Minister

Church Warden [not signed]

Parishioners [not signed]

On the 10th day of June 1811, the day on which the Bishop held confirmations in Strokestown Church, there was no Vestry held on that day. *E.M.*

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October 1st, 1811

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy on Tuesday October 1st, 1811

Resolved that Michael Egan & John Lloyd be appointed to make out the applotment of the Cess agreed upon on Tuesday April 16th, 1811, for the union of Bumlin, & that said applotment when made, be returned to the Minister of said Union.

Resolved that the Revd. Ed. Mahon Vicar of union be reimbursed by the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland one of the Church Wardens of said Union & Treasurer thereof in the several sums of money expended by him the said Vicar in providing the Church of said Union with the following articles,

Crimson silk covering for Communion Table

Crimson Dutch Velvet Cushion with silk Tassels for Pulpit

& Crimson Dutch Velvet Hangings for Pulpit & reading Desk, Vestry & Registry Books, & book of common prayer, & two Copper Boxes for collecting the poor money & that the said Vicar doth produce to the said Rt. Hon Lord Hartland previous to the said reimbursement sufficient Vouchers for the several sums expended for the above Articles.

Resolved that the Rt. Hon. Lord Hartland do pay Richd. Hague for the painting of said Church.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider & report the most effectual & readiest & most oeconomical mode of building & erecting a Tower & Steeple for the Parish Church of said Union, & that the Lord Bishop of this Diocese be requested to become one of the Members of said Committee.

Resolved that we do now adjourn.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Hartland, Church Warden

Thos Martin, Rob Craig, Richd Hague, Parishioners

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October 16th

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, on Wednesday October 16th, 1811, for the purpose of examining the applotment of the cess, laid on & agreed upon for said Union at a Vestry held the sixteenth of April last,

Resolved unanimously that the applotment has been now regularly settled and ascertained, & that the sum of two pence farthing per acre amounting in the whole (as appears by said applotment) to the sum of sixty five pounds, thirteen shillings & three halfpence shall be collected & levied with all convenient expedition, by the Church Wardens of said union, & that the same be applied to the uses for which it was ordered.

Resolved that the resolutions of the Easter Vestry of 1811 and of an adjourned Vestry held the 26th April 1811, & which have been written on single sheets of paper (there being then no regular vestry Book) be now inserted in the third page of this Vestry Book.

Resolved that the Committee, for considering the best & most oeconomical mode of building & erecting the tower & steeple for the parish Church of this Union, shall consist of the following persons, The Lord Bishop of Elphin, the Rt. Hon Lord Hartland, & John Holden Esq C Wardens, the Revd E Mahon vicar, and that said Committee do meet for the above purpose on Tuesday next the 22 Inst.

Resolved that a Copy of the applotment, as now agreed upon, be entered on our Vestry Book.

Resolved that the Church Wardens do immediately repair the Wall of the Church yard, & procure some slates for the roof of said Church.

Resolved that this Vestry be now adjourned.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Church Wardens

Jno Lloyd, George Hamilton, Parishioners

[applotment not present]

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1812 Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Easter Monday the 30th day of March, 1812, in the parish Church of the Union of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy -

Resolved, that the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland, & John Holden Esq, be re-elected Church Wardens for the ensuing year, & that Thos. Martin & John Ferns be re-elected Sidesmen or assistants to the said Church Wardens.

Resolved that the sum of twenty pounds sterl. be raised & levied by an equal acreable Cess, for the salary of the parish Clerk of said Union, & that the sd. Clerk, is also to act as Vestry Clerk, whenever he is called upon, and a sum of seven pounds sterl. for the Sextoness, and also a sum of twenty eight pounds sterl. for the repairs of the

Church, & other necessaries, & the sum of four pounds, eleven shillings for collecting said sum, amounting in the whole, to a sum of fifty nine pounds eleven shillings sterl.

Resolved that the above sum of £59-11s shall within ten days be equally & fairly applotted, by John Lloyd, who is now appointed for that purpose, which applotment, when made, shall be returned to the Minister of sd. Union, who, the first Sunday after he shall receive the same, shall after Divine Service in the morning, give public notice thereof, as also of a Vestry to be held in ten days after such notice, in order to have said applotment examined into.

Resolved that the Revd E Mahon Minister of this Union, be hereby authorised to procure a plan & estimate for building & erecting a Vestry room to said parish Church, & that the expences thereof shall be defrayed out of the funds, now in the possession of the Rt Hon Lord Hartland one of the Church Wardens.

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1812

Easter Vestry

Resolved that the Rt Hon. Lord Hartland, has produced sufficient Vouchers, for a sum of eighty one pounds nine shillings & seven pence halfpenny, expended by him as Church Warden, for Painting & repairing the Parish Church of said Union, &c, &c, & that a sum of 118-2-9½ now remains in the hands of Lord Hartland.

Resolved that the Revd. E. Mahon be reimbursed by the Rt. Hon. Lord Hartland, in the several sums of money expended by him (in procuring matting for the floor of sd. Church, & Cushions for Communion & reading Desk, & Books of Common Prayer, &c, &c, & other articles) as soon as the said E. Mahon shall produce sufficient Vouchers for the several sums by him expended.

Resolved that this Vestry be now adjourned.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Church Wardens

John Fearn, - - , Sidesmen

Maurice Henry, George Stokes, P McNeal, Parishioners

Henry Robinson, Damask weaver

N.B. After the above adjournment, it was further resolved, that the Chancel of said Church should be floored or boarded with good & durable materials. *Ed. Mahon*

The parish Cess for the years 1810, & 1811, is not included in the above sum of 118-2-9½ now in the possession of the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland.

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1812

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice, in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, on Wednesday April 25th, 1812 for the purpose of examining the Applotment of the Cess laid on & agreed upon for said Union, at the Easter Vestry, held on the 30th of March last -

Resolved that the Applotment as now laid before us has been regularly settled & ascertained, & that the sum of two pence farthing per Acre, amounting in the whole, as appears by said Applotment to the sum of sixty four pounds, thirteen shillings & nine pence shall be collected & levied with all convenient expedition by the Church Wardens of said Union, & that the same be applied to the uses for which it was ordered, at our last Easter Vestry.

Resolved that this Vestry be now adjourned.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, C Wardens

John Fearn, - - , Sidesmen

Barthw Hemsworth, William Boyd, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd

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1813

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Easter Monday the 19th day of April, 1813, in the parish Church of the Union of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy -

Resolved that the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland, & John Holden Esq, be re-elected Church Wardens for the ensuing year, & that Thos. Martin & John Ferns be re-elected Side-Men or assistants to the said Church Wardens.

Resolved that the sum of twenty pounds sterl. be raised & levied by an equal acreable Cess, for the salary of the Parish Clerk of said Union, & that the said Clerk, is also to act as Vestry Clerk, whenever he is called upon, and a sum of seven pounds sterl. for the Sextoness, and also a sum of twenty eight pounds sterl. for the repairs of the Church, & other necessaries, & the sum of four pounds, eleven shillings for collecting said sums, amounting in the whole, to a sum of fifty nine pounds eleven shillings sterl.

Resolved unanimously that in addition to the above Cess a further sum of sixty four pounds thirteen & nine pence sterl. be levied off the lands of said Union, by an equal acreable cess of two pence farthing per acre, amounting in the whole to four pence halfpenny per acre, & that said additional sum of 64:13:9 be levied for the sole purpose of building or finishing the tower of the parish Church of said Union, & that said additional sum of 64:13:9 be levied yearly, for said purpose, till the expences of building or erecting said Tower be completed, making in the whole the sum of One hundred & twenty nine pounds seven shillings & six pence sterl., for the present year 1813.

Resolved that an additional sum of two pounds five shillings & six pence, be paid John Lloyd for collecting said additional Cess of 64-13-9.

Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to Thursday 6th of May.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, C. Wardens

John Fearn, Barthw Hemsworth, Rob Craig, Richd Hague, Wm Craig, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

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At a Vestry held pursuant to notice, in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, on Thursday May 6th, 1813, for the purpose of examining the Applotment of the Cess laid on & agreed upon for said Union, at the Easter Vestry held on Monday the 19th of April last -

Resolved that the Applotment as now laid before us has been regularly settled & ascertained, & that a sum of four pence halfpenny per acre, amounting in the whole as

appears by said applotment to the sum of one hundred & twenty nine pounds, seven shillings & six pence sterl. shall be collected & levied with all convenient expedition by the Church Wardens of said Union, & that the same be applied to the uses for which it was ordered at our last Easter Vestry.

Edwd Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Church Wardens

John Fearnns, Sidesman

Richd Hague, George Hamilton, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

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Militia Vestry Act.

At a Vestry held, pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin on Thursday the Second of September 1813, for the purpose of ascertaining the Cess necessary to be laid on the lands of said Union in order to provide men to serve in the Roscommon Regiment of Militia, pursuant to the act of Parliament, in that case made and provided -

Resolved that the sum of Ninety three pounds, thirteen shis. & nine pence or $3 \frac{1}{4}$ per acre be forthwith applotted & levied off the lands of said Union, with all convenient expedition by the Church Wardens of said Union, for the aforesaid purpose of providing ten men to serve in the aforesaid Regiment of Militia, being the quota allotted to said Union. The sum of seven Guineas per man, to be paid to each man, who will enlist for said Union, & the sum of four Guineas to be given to the Collectors for their trouble in collecting the above sum.

Resolved that this Vestry be now adjourned to Friday the 17th Sept. 1813.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Churchwardens

John Fearnns, Sidesman Richd Hague

1813 - Militia Vestry Act

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the union of Bumlin on Friday Sepr. 17th. 1813, for the purpose of examining the Applotment of the Cess laid on at our last Vestry,

1st. Resolved that as County and parochial Cesses in Ireland under various Acts of Parliament are chargeable & payable by the Acre & collected off Parishes from Individuals according to the Quantity of Land in the actual possession of each Inhabitant or Occupier, We the Minister Church Wardens and Inhabitants of the Union of the parishes of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissanuffy assembled this day, that is to say Friday the 17th. Day of Septr. 1813 at a Vestry held in the Church of said Union at Strokestown in the County of Roscommon for the purpose of applotting the Sum of £93.13.9 or 3d 1/4 p Acre in order to defray the Expense of procuring ten Men for the Roscommon Regt. do hereby resolve that We will not now, or hereafter, pay any more than our due proportion of such Cesses, and that we conceive every Individual Inhabitant or Occupier of Land in said Union is bound to pay a fair proportion of said Cesses according to the Quantity of Land in his or her actual possession.

2d. Resolved that it appears to this Meeting necessary that two eligible Sworn Applotters should be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the Number of Acres in the actual possession of each Inhabitant paying parochial Cesses, such persons to be named by The Revd. Edwd. Mahon Rector & Church Wardens of said Union the Expense whereof to be paid by the said Union.

3d. Resolved that the said Sum of £93.13.9 or 3d1/4 p. Acre shall be collected as formerly and that all future Applotmts. shall be paid according to the Return of said Union to be hereafter made according to the 2d. Resolution.

Edw Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Church Wardens

Barthw Hemsworth, Barthw Ferrall, Jno Lloyd

1813

At a Vestry held, pursuant to notice, in in the Church of Strokestown, on Monday October 18th. 1813, for the purpose of considering the expediency of applying to the Board of First Fruits for assistance towards erecting a Tower & Steeple to the said Church, & erecting a Gallery therein,

Resolved that we do approve of the Memorial now before us, drawn up by our Vicar the Revd. Ed. Mahon for the purpose of making application to the Board of first fruits, for pecuniary aid towards erecting the Tower & Steeple or our Parish Church, & erecting a Gallery therein, & that we annex our signatures thereto, & that said Memorial be laid before the Board of first fruits with all convenient expedition, & that a Copy of said Memorial be inserted on our Vestry Book.

Resolved that we do now adjourn.

Edwd Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, Church Wardens

Geo Devenish, John Fearnis, Jno Lloyd

[memorial not present]

1814

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy, pursuant to notice, on Monday the eleventh day of April, 1814:

Resolved, that the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland, & John Holden Esq, be reelected Church Wardens for the ensuing year, & that Thos Martin & John Ferns be reelected Side-Men or assistants to the said Church Wardens.

Resolved that the sum of twenty pounds sterl. be raised & levied by an equal acreable Cess, for the salary of the Parish Clerk of said Union, & that said Clerk is also to act as

Vestry Clerk, whenever he is called upon, and a sum of seven pounds for the Sexton - , and also a sum of twenty eight pounds sterl. for the repairs of the Church, & other necessaries, & the sum of four pounds, eleven shillings sterl. for collecting said sums, amounting in the whole to a sum of fifty nine pounds eleven shillings sterl.

Resolved that in addition to the above Cess, & agreeable to a resolution entered into at the Easter Vestry of 1813, a further sum of sixty four pounds thirteen & pence sterl. be levied off the Lands of said Union by an equal acreable Cess of two pence farthing per Acre, & that said additional sum of 64:13:9 be levied for the sole purpose of building or finishing the Tower of the Parish Church of said Union, & that said additional sum be levied yearly for said purpose till the expences of building said Tower be completed, making in the whole the sum of one hundred & twenty nine pounds seven shillings & six pence, for the year 1814, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Acre, & an additional sum of 2:5:6 be paid for collecting said additional Cess.

Resolved that the C. Wardens have not passed or settled their Accts

Resolved that we now adjourn.

E Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, C. Wardens

Maurice Henry, P McNeal, George Hamilton, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

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At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the union of Bumlin on Thursday May 5th. 1814.

Resolved that the Applotment as now laid before us has been regularly settled & ascertained, & that a sum of four pence halfpenny per Acre, shall be collected & levied with all convenient expedition by the Church Wardens of said Union, on every Individual Inhabitant or occupier of Land in said Union, according to the quantity of Land in his or her actual possession, & that the same be applied to the uses for which it was ordered at our last Easter Vestry.

Resolved that agreeable to the Vestry held at Easter 1813, & 1814 a sum of one thousand pounds be raised & levied off the Lands of the Union of Bumlin, by an equal acreable Cess, for the purpose of repaying the Trustees & Commissioners of First Fruits such Loan or grant of money as they have already granted for the purpose of building the Tower & Steeple of the Parish Church of said Union, & erecting a Gallery therein, & that said Union of Bumlin be & stands hereby indebted in the sum of one thousand pounds to the said Trustees, to be repaid them at 60£ per Annum.

Resolved that the above sum of £1000, does not incumber the parish with any additional Cess.

Resolved that the Church Wardens have not passed or settled their Accounts.

Resolved that we do now adjourn.

Edwd Mahon, Minister

Hartland, John Holden, C. Wardens

Maurice Henry, W Fearry, George Hamilton

Resolved that the Lord Bishop of Elphin be hereby appointed & requested to receive the Instalments of the above Loan, or in his absence the Vicar of said Union the Revd. Ed. Mahon.

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1814

Vestry respecting a Parish School

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, on Tuesday 31st of May, 1814, for the purpose of considering the most eligible mode of expending & applying to some Parochial purpose an overplus of money raised on the 2d. Sept. 1813, in order to provide substitutes to serve in the Roscommon Regt. of Militia, & which money now remains unproductive in the hands of the Church Wardens of said Union of Bumlin -

Resolved that it appears to said Vestry that the most eligible mode of disposing of said sum, & the most conducive to the interest of sd. Parish is the application of said sum towards founding & erecting an English Parish School House, in the town of Strokestown, on an acre of ground granted in perpetuity for said School by the Rt Honble. Lord Hartland to the present Incumbent, & his successors the Vicars of Bumlin.

Resolved that the Church Wardens be, & they are hereby impowered to hand over said sum to the Revd. E Mahon, Vicar of said Union, for said purpose, & that the said Vicar be hereby responsible to said Parish for the proper & faithful application of the same.

Resolved that said overplus amounts to eighty nine pounds, two shillings & nine pence sterl.

Resolved that we now adjourn.

E Mahon, Vicar

Hartland, John Holden, C. Wardens

John Fearn, Thos Martin, Sidesmen

Geo Devenish, Richd Heague, Maurice Henry, Wm Craig, George Hamilton, Henry Robinson, P McNeal

N.B. The vicar has got possession of said Acre of ground from Lord Hartland in my presence. *H Mansergh*

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1815

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, Kiltristan & Lissonuffy, pursuant to notice, on Monday the twenty seventh day of March, 1815.

Resolved, that the Rt Hon Lord Hartland & John Holden Esq, be reelected Church Wardens for the ensuing year, & that Thos. Martin & John Ferns be reelected Side-Men or assistants to the said C. Wardens.

Resolved that a sum of four pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of said Union by an equal acreable Cess according to the quantity in the actual possession of each Inhabitant or occupier, for the purposes stated at our last Easter Vestry.

Resolved that the Church Wardens have not settled their Accts.

Resolved that we do now adjourn.

Ed. Mahon, Vicar

John Holden, C. Warden

John Fearn, William Boyd, B Hemsworth, Maurice Henry, James Tyler

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1815

Easter adjourned Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin on Wednesday April 12th 1815.

Resolved that the applotment as now laid before us has been regularly settled & ascertained, & that the sum of four pence halfpenny per Acre shall be collected & levied by the C. Wardens of said Union on every Inhabitant according to the quantity of Land in their possession & that one half of said sum be applied to the erecting a tower to the said Church of Strokestown, & the remaining half, for the purposes stated at the Vestry held in Easter 1814.

Resolved that the Revd. Edwd. Mahon be hereby impowered to build & erect the Tower & Steeple to the Church of Strokestown & that the sum of [blank] now in the hands of the C. Wardens be handed over to the said E. Mahon towards erecting the same & that in case the sum granted or lent by the Board of First Fruits together with the sum of [blank] now in the hands of sd. C. Wardens be insufficient to remunerate the said Revd. Ed. Mahon for building said Tower & Steeple, the Parishioners do hereby engage to indemnify the sd. Ed. Mahon for any additional expence he may be at.

Ed. Mahon, Vicar

Hartland, Church Warden

Rich Hague, William Boyd, John Fearn, Parishioners

1815

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the union of Bumlin on Monday Dec. 18th. 1815 for the purpose electing a Church Warden in the room of the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland resigned.

Resolved that Thos Martin Esq of Strokestown be elected as Church Warden for said Union & that he the said Thos Martin, & John Holden Esqrs are Church Wardens for the ensuing year.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

John Holden, George Hamilton, Jno Lloyd

1816

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Parish Church of the Union of Bumlin, on Monday the fifteenth of April 1816.

Resolved, that John Conry Esq of Cregga, & Mr. Richard Hague of Strokestown be elected Church Wardens, to succeed John Holden, & Thos Martin Esqrs who have resigned.

Resolved that a sum of four pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of said Union by an equal acreable Cess, according to the quantity in the actual possession of each Inhabitant or occupier, for the purposes herein after stated. Clerk's salary, twenty pounds, Sexton's salary seven pounds, twenty eight pounds for the repair of said Church & six pounds sixteen & six pence for collecting said Cess, & that the remainder of said Cess be applied towards erecting & building the Tower & Steeple of said parish Church, agreeable to former acts of Vestry for that purpose.

Resolved that we now adjourn.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Rich Hague, C. Warden

John Holden, George Hamilton, Wm Craig, Edw B Ayres, Peter Cooper, Jno Lloyd,
Parishioners

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1816

Easter adjourned Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Church of Strokestown on Thursday the 30th of May 1816 for the purpose of examining the Applotment of the Cess laid on & agreed upon at the Easter Vestry held on Monday the 15th of April 1816.

Resolved, that the applotment now before us does not appear correct, nor agreeable to the Resolutions entered into at former Vestries, when it was agreed upon that every Individual Inhabitant or occupier of Land in the Union of Bumlin should pay a fair proportion of said Cesses according to the quantity of Land in his or her actual possession.

Resolved that we now adjourn.

Ed. Mahon, Minister

Rich Hague, Cwarden

John Holden, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd

Dec 3d 1816

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Tuesday Dec. 3d 1816 for the purpose of confirming the applotment for Easter last, Resolved that we adjourn said Vestry to friday next the 6th Inst.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Rich Heague, John Alexr Fearn, Jno Lloyd

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on friday 6th Dec. for confirming the last Easter Applotment, Resolved that in consequence of the great pressure of the times, the sum of two pence halfpenny per Acre be deemed sufficient for this years Cess

& that said cess be levied according to the number of acres in the County Book.

Resolved that the late C. Wardens the Rt. Honble Lord Hartland & Mr. Holden have not settled their Accts.

Ed Mahon, Minister

John Conry, Richd Heague, Church Wardens

John Holden, John Alexr Fearnns, Thos OBrien, Jno Lloyd

1817

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Church of Strokestown on Monday the 7th day of April 1817.

Resolved that John Conry Esq of Cregga & Mr. Richard Hague be reelected Church Wardens for the ensuing year.

Resolved that in as much as the late Church Wardens namely Lord Hartland & John Holden have not as yet settled their Account with this Union that they be requested to do so forthwith by furnishing to the present Church Wardens such Account & Vouchers & that when such Acct. shall be furnished the balance if any shall be handed over to the present Church Wardens to be placed to the Credit of the Union

Resolved that four pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the Lands of said Union by an equal acreable Cess according to the Quantity of Land in the actual possession of each Inhabitant or occupier for the purposes mentioned in the Resolution of the year 1816.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Richd Heague, C. Warden

B Hemsworth, John Fearnns, John A Fearnns, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd

We the Undersigned being a Committee appointed at a Vestry assembled at the Parish Church of Strokestown on Tuesday the 16th day of Decemr. 1817 to Inspect the Accts. of the several Church Wardens of said Union having minutely investigated the same do find that they stand as follows and that the sums placed opposite to the respective Names of the said Wardens, represent the Balances in which they stand indebted to the Parishes of Bumblin Kiltrustin & Lisanuffy

Viz	£
Right Hon. L Hartland for the yeares 1813 & 1814	183-15-5
Mr John Holden for " " 1815	79-6-0
Mr Richd Heague for " " 1816	<u>30-16-8</u>
	£293-18-1

Given under our Hands at Strokestown this 29th day of Decr. 1817

John Conry, Thos Conry, John Fearnis, Richd Heague, Thos Martin

12th April 1815 On this day paid to the Revd. Edwd. Mahon by Lord Hartland for erecting a parish School House purst. a resolutn. of 31st May 1814 not yet applied, £85-13-4

8th Janry 1818 - Having met pursuant to adjournment on this day, we find the Balce. of one hundred and eighty three pounds fifteen shillings & five pence as above altered the sum now justly due by Lord Hartland & no more & this by resolution

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of this day.

Resolved that the Church Wardens advertise forthwith for proposals for erecting a Steeple or Tower to the Church of Strokestown & for new roofing the Church & Vestry Room and also for building a parish School House.

Resolved that in consequence of the pressure of the times the sum of two pence halfpenny p. Acre be deemed sufficient for the Cess of the year 1817, to be collected

according to the Quantity of Land in the actual possession of each Inhabitant for the purposes mentioned in the resolution of the year 1813 & several successive years.

[not signed by a minister]

John Conry, Richd Heague, Church Wardens

Maurice Mahon, Thomas Conry, John Fearn, B Hemsworth, John Holden, Jas Tyler, Jno Lloyd

1818

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Tuesday the twenty fourth day of March 1818, it was resolved that the Late Church Wardens namely Jno Conry Esqr of Crega & Mr Richd Hague of Strokestown be reelected Church Wardens of this union for the present year.

Resolved that the sum of four pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of said Union by an equal acreable Cess for the purposes stated at our last Easter Vestry.

Ed Mahon, Minister

John Conry, Richd Heague, Church Wardens

B Hemsworth, Thos Conry, John Fearn, Jas Tyler, George Stokes

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Easter adjourned Vestry

1818

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Thursday April 16th for the purpose of confirming the applotment for the Cess laid on at our last Easter Vestry -

Resolved that the applotment be now confirmed, & that the sum of fourpence halfpenny per Acre be levied off said Union with all reasonable expedition for the purposes stated & required at former Vestries.

Ed Mahon

Richd Hague, Church Warden

B Hemsworth, Jas Tyler, Thos -?

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1819

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Sessions House of Strokestown on Monday April 12th 1819 (The Church being in a state of ruin),

Resolved that John Conry of Cregga Esq, & Mr. Richard Heague be reelected Church Wardens for the ensuing year.

Resolved that six pence half penny per Acre be raised & levied off the united Parishes of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy for the purposes of paying the Instalment money due to the Commissioners of first Fruits & also to pay the Clerks salary & Sexton's.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Richd Heague, Churchwarden

John A Fearnis, ? Morton, James Moorcraft, P O.Beirne, Wm Moorcraft, Jno Lloyd

1819

Easter adjourned Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Sessions House of Strokestown on Thursday June 24 1819 for the purpose of confirming the last Easter Cess,

Resolved that the sum of sixpence half penny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of the united parishes of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissanuffy for the purposes stated at the last Easter Vestry.

Resolved that our C. Wardens be hereby authorised to grant the sum of one half penny per acre out of said Cess towards rebuilding the old Church

Yard wall of Bumlin, & that Messrs. P OBeirne, Thos Holden & John Fearn's be requested to superintend the building of said Wall & to approve of the securities.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Richd Heague, Church Warden

Thos Conry, John A Fearn's, Thos Holden, P OBeirne, ? M.Causland

1820

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Monday the 3d day April for the purpose of electing C. Wardens & laying on the Parish Cess,

Resolved that Thomas Conry Esq & Mr. John Holden be elected Church Wardens for the present year & Mr. Richd. Heague be elected Sides Man or assistant to said C. Wardens.

Resolved that the sum of sixpence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of the united parishes of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy for the purposes of paying the Clerk's & Sexton's Salary & repaying the Commissioners of first fruits the Interest of the Loan, or the instalment due towards paying the contract entered into by the Parishioners for rebuilding the new Church of Strokestown.

Resolved that one half penny per Acre be paid out of said Cess towards rebuilding the C. Yard wall of Bumlin Church.

Resolved that Mr. John Lloyd the Parish Clerk shall undertake from the first day of May next, to keep or have a school in the Town of Strokestown, for the education of the Children of all religious persuasions, & that should he decline doing so a proper person shall be appointed to keep same at a salary of 10£ to be deducted from the Clerks Salary.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Thos Conry, John Holden, C. Wardens

Richd Heague, Sides Man

? Morton, Michl Black, Thos Holden, P O.Beirne, Richd Cowen, Parishioners

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At a vestry held pursuant to notice for the purpose of confirming the applotment for the Cess laid on at our last Easter Vestry for the purpose of repaying the Commissioners of First Fruits the Loan granted by them for building & erecting the Church & Steeple of Strokestown & for other purposes,

Resolved that the applotment of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per Acre be now confirmed & be levied off said Union of Bumlin, Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy with all reasonable expedition for sd. purpose.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

John Holden, Thos Conry, Church Wardens

B Hemsworth, John Fearn, Richd Heague, Rich Cowen, Thos Cowen, Jno Lloyd, George Stokes

Resolved that Mr. Heague the late C. Warden has paid the Revd Mr. Mahon in two payments the sum of £120, & which Mr. Mahon has paid the Board of first Fruits, & that Mr. Heague be now authorised to pay the sd. Mr. Mahon the sums now on his hands for a similar purpose. *E Mahon*

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1821

Easter Vestry

Monday April 23d 1821

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice at the Sessions House Strokestown for the purpose of electing Church Wardens & laying on the Parish Cess,

Resolved that Thomas Conry & John Holden Esqrs be re-elected Church Wardens for this year & John Fearn & Richd. Heague Esq Sides men.

Resolved that the sum of six pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of the united Parishes of Bumlin Kiltrustan & Lissonuffy for the usual purposes of paying the Clerk's & Sexton's salary & repaying the Commissioners of First Fruits the Interest of the Loans or Instalments payable to them for the money granted for rebuilding the new Church of Strokestown.

Resolved that we now adjourn to Saturday the fifth of May at 12 oClock.

Ed Mahon, Minister

Wm Hewson, Curate

John Holden, Church Warden

John A Fearn, Richd Heague, S. Men

Jas Tyler, George Stokes, P OBeirne, Barnaby Heydon, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

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1822

Easter Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice at the parish Church of the Union of Bumlin on Monday the 8th of April 1822,

Resolved that Thomas Conry Esq & John Holden Esq be re-elected Church Wardens for this year & that John Fearn & Richard Heague be elected Sides Men.

Resolved that John Lloyd be continued Parish Clerk at a salary of twelve pounds, & a further salary of eight pounds as Parish school master provided he regularly keeps school, & inasmuch as he has sometime past discontinued keeping sd. school, it is now resolved that in the event of his discontinuing sd. school for more than one week he shall forfeit his schoolmaster's salary altogether.

Resolved that Wm. Higgins be continued Sexton this year, at a salary of seven pounds sterl. provided he regularly airs the Church, & keeps the windows of sd. Church open, & attends regularly to the respective duties of his situation & that in the event of any neglect, he shall forfeit three pounds of sd. Salary.

Resolved that six pence halfpenny per Acre be raised & levied off the lands of sd. Union for the purpose of paying the Clerk & Sexton's salary & also the interest of the Loan to the Commissioners of first fruits, & also for the repairing of the Church Yard Wall, & building a sexton's house to said Church.

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1822, April 8th

Resolved that the Vicar of said union, the C. Wardens & the sidesmen be requested & authorised to build said wall in as sufficient & permanent manner as they consider necessary, & that the money that was voted for building a wall to Bumlin Church, & was never applied to said purpose be now forthwith laid out on the above wall of Strokestown Church.

Resolved that we now adjourn to 6th May this day month for the purpose of settling the Accounts of the Parish.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, John Holden, C. Wardens

John Fearnis, Richd Hague, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd, Wm Lloyd

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May 6th

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice on Monday the sixth of May,

Resolved that the Lead of the Roof of sd. Church as repaired by Thomas Connor is by no means sufficient, or permanent, & that the C. Wardens be authorised to receive proposals for completing the same in a permanent manner forthwith.

Resolved that the expense of sd. repairs be paid by the Revd. E Mahon out of the Balance in his hands of the money granted by the Commissioners of first fruits for rebuilding the Church of Strokestown, & which balance now remains in his hands.

Resolved that after deducting twenty pounds for studding the sd. Church & ten pounds for the Architect of the first fruits for a plan & specification of sd. Church & also the

sum of 10 pounds for O Connor for repairing the lead, & about 10 pounds for furniture for the Vestry room consisting of a table, four Chairs, a Carpet, & a looking glass, there remains now in his hands a balance of one hundred & fifty pounds granted by the Board of first fruits for erecting sd. Church.

Resolved that a Carpet be furnished for the Communion floor to extend as far as the reading Desk, Matting for the Aile of sd. Church,

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Cushions for Communion & reading Desk & Clerk's seat, & velvet or velveteen covering for reading Desk, & Clerk's seat, Pulpit and Ceiling over the Bell, supposed to amount in the whole to thirty pounds, be provided by the Revd. E Mahon out of the sd. Balance now in his hands.

Resolved that the Revd. E Mahon be required in the course of six months to pay into the hands of the Church Wardens the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds the balance that will be then in his hands out of the sum of seventeen hundred pounds granted by the Board of first fruits for rebuilding the sd. Church of Strokestown & in the mean time that he be subject to the legal Interest on sd. Balance of 120£.

Resolved that we now adjourn.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, John Holden, Churchwardens

John Alex Fearnis, Jas Taylor, Rich Cowen, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

Resolved that the acre of ground given by the late Lord Hartland for building a school house on, be after the 1st of Nov. next, rented for the good of the parish to any person chusing to become tenant of it.

E Mahon, Thos Conry, John Holden, John Alex Fearnis

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1822 Sep 18th

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Church of Strokestown on Wednesday the 18th of September 1822 for the purpose of confirming the applotment of the Cess laid at our last Easter Vestry for the union of Bumlin

Resolved that the cess of sixpence halfpenny per acre be now confirmed, & that said sum be levied with all convenient expedition for the purposes stated at said Vestry by the Church Wardens of said Union, namely for repaying the Trustees of First fruits the instalments for the sum of seventeen hundred pounds granted for building said Church, the Clerk & sextons salary, &&, & the instalments for the steeple of said Church.

Resolved that we now adjourn to Wednesday the 25th Inst for the purpose of settling the Parish accounts.

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Richd Hague, Barthw Cullen, William Taner, Jno Lloyd, Wm Holden

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1823 Easter Vestry

At a vestry held pursuant to notice on Monday the 31st March 1823 for the purpose of Electing C. Wardens, & laying on the Parish Cess.

Resolved that Thomas Conry & John Holden Esqrs. be re elected Church Wardens for the present year.

Resolved that John Lloyd be continued Clark & Vestry clerk at a salary of twenty pounds per annum, & Wm. Higgins sexton at a salary of seven pounds.

Resolved that a new bible be provided for the Church & also two surplices, & two table Cloths, & 2 napkins for the communion table of the best quality.

Resolved that John Lloyd & John Smith be appointed to collect the Parish Cess for the years 1822 & 1823 at a salary of six guis. per year.

Resolved that Mr Edwd Hall be appointed Parish school master at a salary of eight pounds from the Parish, & four pounds from the Vicar of this Union.

Resolved that a sum of five pence halfpenny be raised & levied by the Church Wardens for the above purposes & for paying the Board of first fruits the respective instalments

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Easter Vestry

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Resolved that the Church Wardens be authorised to pay for the dilapidations on the Church, which took place on the fifth Decr. 1822

E Mahon, Vicar

Wm Hewson, Curate

Thos Conry, John Holden, Richd Hague, Church Wardens

Thomas Holden, Luke Connor, Richd Cowen, Richd Cullen, Jno Lloyd

Octr. 21st 1823

At a vestry held pursuant to notice at the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday 21st Octr. for the purpose of confirming the applotment of the Cess laid on at the last Easter Vestry.

Resolved that the applotment be now confirmed, & that five pence halfpenny per acre be raised & levied by the Church Wardens of said Union for the purposes stated in sd Act of Vestry.

E Mahon, Minister

Wm Hewson, Curate

Thos Conry, John Holden, Church Wardens

Richd Hague, John Alex Fearnns, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd

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At a Special Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown for the United Parishes of Bumlin Lisinoffey & Kiltrustan on Monday the 22nd of December 1823 under the Provisions of the Tithe Composition Act

Thomas Conry Esqr in the Chair for the Parish of Bumlin

Present -

The Revd Edward Mahon, Vicar

Mr John Holden, Thomas Moreton Esqr, Mr Richard Heague, Mr Michl OBeirne, Mr Owen Sherridan, Patt Carney, Robt Warnick, Patt Cox, Patt Wallace, Edmond Donlon, Thomas MacDermott, Richard Jordan, Patt McManus, Landholders

Resolved, That we are of opinion that the Introduction of said Bill into this Parish would be Beneficial to all Parties, Provided we could come to an amicable Composition with the Persons entitled to Receive the Tithes, as Provided for in the 27th Section of the said act and do Therefor adopt the act entitled an act to provide for the Establishing of Composition for Tithes in Ireland

Resolved, That We appoint Maurice Knox Esquire Commissioner on Behalf of this Parish

Resolved, That the Vicar (the Revd Edward Mahon) be accordingly Requested to make known to the Meeting what sum annually would be required from this Parish in Lieu of the Tithes now Payable to himself and the other Persons entitled to Tithes in said Parish and he having required one week to make

answer to the foregoing Resolution

Resolved, That this Vestry do Adjourn to 12 oClock on Saturday the 27th Instant

Thos Conry, Chairman

Thomas Conry Esqr having left the Chair and the Revd Edward Mahon having been called thereto

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting are hereby given to Thomas Conry Esqr.

Ed. Mahon, Chairman

At an Adjournment of the above Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Saturday the 27th Decr. 1823

Thomas Conry Esquire in the Chair

Resolved, That the Vicar the Revd Edward Mahon having undertaken on behalf of himself and the other Persons entitled to Tithes in this Parish (Bumlin) to accept of the acreable Cess of one shilling and eightpence an acre in Lieu of said Tithes and a further sum of Twopence an acre as Composition for Small dues to which he as Vicar is Solely entitled

We unanimously agree to the above Composition and do hereby return our Thanks to the Revd Edward Mahon for the Candid and Liberal Manner in which he has met the wishes of the Parishioners,

Thos Conry, Chairman

Ed Mahon, Vicar of sd Parish

Thos Morton, Richd Hague, P. McManus, Owen Sheridan, Robert Warnick, Patt Cox, Pat Carney, Richd Jordan, Parishioners

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Vestry for the Parish of Lisinoffey Held on Monday the 22nd Decr. 1823

John Dillon Esqr in the Chair

Present

Thomas Morton Esqr, Mr Barthw Farrell, Mr John Farrell, Mr Michl Farrell, Mr Gerald OFarrell, Mr Hubert Brennan, Mr Thomas Ryan, Mr Jno MacDermott, Mr Owen Sherridan, James Gavican, James Gill, William Carlisk, Luke Carlisk, Landholders

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of the Majority of this Vestry That Having called on the Revd Edward Mahon to name a Particular Sum for the Tithes of this Parish, and he having declined doing so until it should be ascertained whether or not the Vestry would entertain the Bill, We now Adjourn to Saturday Next for further Discussion

John Dillon, Chairman

Jno Dillon Esqr Having left the Chair and Mr Thos Ryan having been called thereto, the Thanks of the Meeting were voted to Mr Dillon.

Thos Ryan, Chairman

At the Adjournment of the above Vestry held on Saturday the 27th Decr, 1823, John Dillon Esqr in the Chair

Resolved, That the Revd Edward Mahon the Vicar, Having on Behalf of Himself and the other Persons entitled to Tithes in this Parish agreed to take an acreable Cess of one shilling and eight pence in discharge of all Tithes and Ecclesiastical Small dues, We unanimously agree to the above Composition, and return the Revd Edward Mahon our thanks for the Gentlemanly and Liberal Manner in which he has met the wishes of the Parishioners, it is understood that the Tithes are to be collected according to the number of acres paying County Rates

John Dillon, Chairman

Ed Mahon, Vicar of Parish

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Lisinoffey Bro ford.

Parishioners Present

Thos Ryan, Gerald OFarrell, Thos Morton, Barthw Ferrall, Hubt Brennan, Owen Sheridan, James Gill, James Gavacan, Martin Grady, Michael M'Dermott

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Easter Vestry 1824

At a Meeting held pursuant to notice on Monday the 10th of April 1824 for the purpose of electing Church Wardens and Laying on the Public Cess

Resolved, That Thomas Morton and John Alexander Fearn's Esqrs be elected Church Wardens for the Present year

Resolved, That John Lloyd be continued Clerke and Vestry Clerke at a salary of Twenty Pounds p. annum and William Higgins Sexton at a salary of Seven pounds

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five pounds be expended in Ceiling over the Belfry of the Church, by our Church Warden John A Fearn's.

Resolved, That a Sum of Thirty Pounds be voted to Mick OBeirne and Patt Carney....for the Purpose of building a Wall to Inclose the Church yard of Lisinuffy and that Fifteen pounds of said sum be paid out of the funds now in Hands for that Purpose.

Resolved, That a salary of Six Guineas be given by the Church Wardens to the Collector for collecting the Cess of the Union.

Resolved, That the Church Wardens be empowered to pay a salary of Eight Pounds a year to a Parish Schoolmaster.

Resolved, That fivepence an acre be raised and levied by the Church Wardens for the above Purposes and for Paying the Board of First Fruits the Respective Instalments.

Ed Mahon, Vicar of sd Union

Wm Hewson, Curate

John a Fearn's

Thos Conry, John Holden, Jas Tyler, Richd Cowen, George Stokes, Jno Lloyd

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December 7th 1824

At a vestry held pursuant to notice at the Church of Strokestown on the 7th day of Decr Inst for the purpose of Confirming the Applotment of the Cess laid on at the last Easter Vestry

Resolved that the Applotment be now Confirmed and that the sum of five pence per acre be raised & levied by the Church Wardens of said union for the purposes stated in said act of Vestry for the year 1824

Ed Mahon, Minister

John A Fearn's, Church Warden

Luke Brennan, Thos his X mark March, Robt X mark Cowen, Glover Lloyd, Jno Lloyd

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At a special Vestry Held in the Church of Strokestown for the united Parish of Lissanuffy on Monday the 22nd of Novr 1824 under the Provisions of the Tithe Composition Act

John Dillon Esqr in the Chair for the parish of Lissanuffy

Present

John Dillon Esqr, Captn OFarrell, Thos Morton Esqr, Mr Michl OFarrell, Hubt Brannan, Owen Sheraden, Roger Brennan, Martin Grady

Resolved that in as much as the Revd Edwd Mahon the Vicar is absent we adjourn this Vestry till Tuesday 28th of Decr next for the purpose of Further Considering said acts.

John Dillon, Chairman

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At a special Vestry Held in the Church of Strokestown for the united Parish of Bumblin Lissanuffy on Monday the 22nd of Novr 1824 under the Provisions of the Tithe Composition Act

Thos Conry Esqr in the Chair for the parish of Bumblin

Present

Thos Conry Esqr, Thos Morton Esqr, Mr Michl OBeirne, Mr Owen Sheraden, Laughlin Cox, Thos McDermott, Martin McDermott, Richd Jorden, Edwd Donnelly, Michl McGuire, Jas Fenerty

Resolved that in as much as the Revd Edwd Mahon the Vicar is absent we adjourn this Vestry till Tuesday 28th of Decr next fro the purpose of further Considering said acts.

Thos Conry, Chairman

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75 1824

At a special Vestry held pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday the 28th day of Decr 1824 for the purpose of Taking into Consideration the provisions of the Tyth Composition act for the parish of Bumblin

Thos Conry Esqr in the Chair

Resolved unannimously that we adopt the act Intituled an act to provide for the Establishing of Compositions for Tyths in Ireland for a limited time

Resolved unannimously that Nicholas Mahon Esqr of the City of Dublin be appointed by the Parishioners as their Commissioner

And the Revd Edwd Mahon has appointed Maurice Knox Esqr of Farn Lodge as his Commissioner

Thos Conry, Chairman

M. O.Beirne, Richd Hague, Owen Sheridan, Laughlin Cox, Bryan Doyle, James Fennerty, John his X mark Connor, Thos Sharwan

Resolved that we now adjourn for the purpose of Conferring with the proprietors of Tyths of this parish till Monday the 3rd of January next

Thos Conry, Chairman

["Nicholas Mahon" should no doubt read "Nicholas Mahon James"]

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At a special Vestry held pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday the 28th day of Decr 1824 for the purpose of Taking into Consideration the provisions of the Tyth Composition act for the parish of Lissanuffy

Mr John O Farrell in the Chair

Resolved that this Vestry is adjourned till Monday the third day of January next in order to take into Consideration the propriety of adopting the above act

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At a special Vestry pursuant to adjournment held in the Church of Strokestown on Monday the seventh of March 1825 for the purpose of Taking into Consideration the provisions of the Tith Composition act for the parish of Lissanuffy

Thos Royan Esqr in the chair

Resolved unanimously that we adopt the act Intituled an act to provide for the Establishing of Compositions for Tiths in Ireland for a limited time

Thos Ryan, Chairman

Gerald OFarrell, Roger Brennan, James Gill, William Berne, Luke his X mark Carlisk,

John his X mark Hughs, Martin Grady, Bryan Lacy

Resolved unanimously that John OFarrell Esqr of Roscommon be appointed the Commissioner on the part of the Parish

And the Revd Edwd Mahon has appointed Nicholas Mahon James Esq of the City of Dublin a Commissioner on his own behalf & that of Doctor Brinkly

E Mahon

Thos Ryan, Chairman

Gerald OFarrell

At a special Vestry held Pursuant to notice on Monday the Eleventh of April 1825 for the purpose of Taking into Consideration the provisions of the Tithe Composition act for the parish of Kiltrustan

John Conry Esqr in Chair

Resolved unanimously that we adopt the Act Intituled an Act for providing for the Establishing of Compositions for Tiths in Ireland for a Limited time

Resolved unanimously that Gilbert Conry Esqr of Ballanafad be appointed Commissioner on the part of the parish & Nicolas Mahon James Esqr on the part of the Revd Edwd Mahon Vicar and the Revd Achdacon Brinckley

Ed Mahon, Vicar of sd Parish on behalf of himself & the Rector Dr Brinkly

John Conry, Chariman

Michl Hughes, Thos Berne, Thos Hughes, James Conry, Barthw Mahon, Luke OConnor, Peter ?, Michl OConnor, James ?, William Kelly, Bartly his X mark Lenaghan, Patt his X mark Naughten, John ?, Jno McLuen, John Printy, John Donely

This Vestry is adjourned to Monday the 25th of April

John Conry, Chairman

April 25th 1825

This Vestry is further adjourned to Monday fortnight the 9th of May next at eleven oClock in the forenoon

E Mahon, Vicar

Easter Vestry 1825

At a Meeting held Pursuant to notice on Monday the 5th day of April 1825 for the purpose of Erecting Church Wardens and laying on the publick Cess

Resolved that Barthw Mahon of Crega Esqr and Mr Thos Cowin of Strokestown be appointed Church Wardens for the Insuing year

Resolved that Jno Lloyd be continued Clark & Vestry Clark at a Sallery of Twenty pound pr annum & Wm Higgins Sexton at a Sallery of Seven pounds and Wm Brennan Parish school master at a salary of Eight pounds per annum

Resolved that a sum of five pence farthing pr acre be laid on said Union for the purpose of paying the interest on the loan granted by the Board of first fruits, Clark & Sextons salary, Collector's fees, School master's salary, also five pounds for sending a foundling to Dublin, also Thirty pounds for Inclosing the Churchyard wall of Kiltristan graveyard

Resolved that Jno Smyth Collector of Church Cess having stated to this Vestry that no church cess has been paid for the Lands of Mr Dillon since the year 1821 be it resolved that our Vestry Clark Jno Lloyd is hereby directed to write to John Dillon Esqr to request that he will discharge the same forthwith

Resolved that Mr Fernes be directed to pay Thos March Mr Carney & John Dockery the sum of 6-1-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ the balance due to him for building the wall to the Church of Lissanuffy, & John Dockery 6s for whitewashing part of Church & that we now adjourn to the fifth of May next to confirm the applotmt

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Thos Cowen, C Warden

Thos Conry, John A Fearnis, Richd Hague, Pat Carney, John Smyth, John Lloyd

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Easter adjourned Vestry

At a Vestry held pursuant to notice in the Church of Strokestown, on Tuesday the 28th of June, for the purpose of confirming the applotment for the Cess laid on at the last Easter Vestry for the Union of Bumlin

Resolved, that the applotment be now confirmed, & that a sum of five pence farthing per acre be laid on, & collected by the Church Wardens on the lands of said Union, for the purposes stated at our last Easter Vestry

Ed Mahon, Vicar of sd Union

Thos Cowen, Church Warden

T Conry, Richd Hamilton, William James Cornwall, John Smyth, Jno Lloyd, Parishioners

1825 Nov 7th half past twelve oClock due notice having been given

A Vestry was this day called by the Church Wardens of the Parish of Bumlin to take into consideration the Certificate of the amount of composition for the Tithes of the Parish of Bumlin, & also to take into consideration the propriety of agreeing & consenting with the Tithe owners that the amount of said Certificate should continue invariable for the term of 21 years. Thos Conry Esq of Strokestown being the only person qualified to vote who attended it was proposed by him & one of the Church Wardens B. Mahon Esq, that the Vestry should be adjourned to three oClock

E Mahon, Vicar

Barthw Mahon, C.W.

1825 Nov 7th 4 oClock

Adjourned Vestry

There being no attendance of persons qualified to vote at the above adjournment, The Vestry is further adjourned to Friday next the 11th Inst at 12 oClock in order to consider the expediency of making the amount of the composition for the Parish of Bumlin invariable or otherwise

E Mahon

Strokestown Church Friday Nov 11th 1825

At an adjourned Special Vestry held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the Certificate of the amount of Composition for the Tithes in the Parish of Bumlin and also for considering how far it might be expedient that the amount of sd Composition for sd Parish should continue invariable for the Term of Twenty one years from the first day of Novr next ensuing the date of sd Certificate, no voters having attended this Vestry is further adjourned to Tuesday next the fifteenth Inst at eleven oClock in the forenoon

Barthw Mahon, C.W.

Strokestown Church Tuesday Novr 15th 1825 due Notice being given

At a special Vestry held this day for the purposes above stated it was further adjourned to the 19th day of Novr 1825

Barthw Mahon, C.W.

At an adjournment of sd Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown for the Parish of Bumblin on this 19th day of November 1825 for the purpose of taking into Consideration the within Certificate for Composition of Tiths under the act of George the Fourth for Establishing of Composition of Tiths in Ireland

Thos Conry Esqr in the Chair

First we do hereby Desent to the within Certificate the amt as stated therein Namely Three hundred and Eight pounds nineteen shillings and one penny appearing to us to be Excessive

Secondly Neither of the Commissioners for said Parish having attended to Explain to us from what Average they Computed the above amount

Thirdly we further object to the above sum of £308.19s.1d in as much as the said sum wd come to two shillings and nine pence per acres on said parish and further the Revd Edwd Mahon the Vicar having undertaken for himself and other persons concerned in the Tiths of sd Parish at a Vestry held for said parish on the 27th day of December 1823 to take and receive the sum of one shilling & ten pence per acre as Composition for said Tiths

Fourthly we do hereby declare our opinion that the Tith Composition Act is much to the advantage of this Country and provided that we could place ourselves under said act on anny just Terms we do hereby agree and consent for ourselves and Parishioners that the said Composition should continue Invariable without increase or Decrease for the space of 21 years.

Thos Conry, Chairman

Richd Hague, Thos Sharwan, Owen Sheridan, Bryan Doyle, Laughlin Cox, Ned Maguire

At an Adjourned Special Vestry for the parish of Lisanuffy held at the Church of Strokestown this 19th day of December 1825 for the purposes of taking into Consideration the Certificate for Composition of Tythes in said parish agreeable to the act of George the Fourth - It is hereby agreed that we assent to said Certificate for a Term of Seven years provided the same Embraces all Claims for Tythes and Small dues which now are or hereafter may be claimed by such persons as are Entitled to Demand the same

Amount of Certificate as returned by Nichs Mahon James & Jno OFarrell Esqrs.

Amount to be paid to the Revd Edwd Mahon as Vicar of said parish £164.0.0

To the Revd Jno Brinkley £116.0.0

£280.0.0

Gerald OFarrell, Chairman

Owen Sheridan, Roger Brennan, Martin Grady, James Gill

In as much as Small Dues are not Tithes, & consequently not provided for by the Tithe Composition Act, I hereby dissent from the clause above stated, namely that Small Dues should be included. The Vicars Claim to small Dues is not given up. *E Mahon*

14th day of August 1826

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14th of August 1826

Pursuant to notice heretofore given for holding a Vestry this day for the purpose of Confirming the Aplotment of the Church rates and other matters the sd. Vestry is further adjourned to Saturday the 26th Instant

E Mahon, Vicar

Thos Cowen, Church Warden; Thos Conry, Maurice Mahon, John Smyth, Jno Lloyd

26th August 1826

Pursuant to notice heretofore given for holding a Vestry this day for the purpose of confirming the applotment of the Cess Laid on at Easter last, Resolved that in future the Church Rates shall be levied according to new survey as adopted under the Tyth Composition act from each Parish in said union

Resolved that the sum of Thirty eight pounds Twelve shillings & four pence halfpenny be raised and levied off said union to reemburst Jno Conry Esqr and Mr Richd Hague for their Trouble and expense in defending a Suit Instituted against them by Mr Lyn Arcutect for the balance due to him by the Vicar for the building of the Church of said Union the above sum being one half the sum claimed by them as Church Wardens

Resolved that the sum of Thirty pounds be Levied to reemburst the Church Wardens for a deficiency in the Cess of the last year

Resolved that the sum of Twenty pounds Ster be levied & paid to Jno Lloyd Clark & Vestry Clark per year and the sum of seven pounds be paid to Wm Higin to act as sexton and the sum of eight pounds be paid to Luke Brenan as Parish School Master the above salaries to be paid in the old Irish Currency also the sum of Six Guineas be allowed to Jno Smyth for Collecting the Church Rates of said union

Resolved that the sum of Two pounds five shillings & sixpence be levied for the purpose of putting an outside door to the Gallary of said Church

Resolved that the Church Wardens are directed not to pay the Vestry Clark till the accounts are finally settled. Resolved that Mr Thos Cowen & Jno Lloyd & Mr Richd Hague be appointed to settle the accounts that have not been settled to last Easter, Resolved that the sum of £89- 11 shillings be levied to pay the board of first fruits for the Interest of the loan

E Mahon, Vicar

B Mahon, Thos Cowen, C.W.

Maurice Mahon, Denis Sweeny, Thos Conry, Richd Hague, Thos OBrien

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Resolved that we now adjourn this Vestry to this day fortnight for the purpose of allowing Mr Thos Hughs a time to produce his account and also to finally settle all accounts unsettled of this union

Augt 26th 1826

E Mahon

Thos Cowen, C.W.

Thos Conry, Maurice Mahon, William Kelly, Jno Lloyd

12th of Septr 1826

Resolved that at this adjourned Vestry there appears a Balance due to Mr Hughs of 13 pounds two shillings & one penny for Building the Church wall of Kiltrustan which sum is to be apploted & levied forthwith

Resolved that the applotment of the Cess is now settled & ascertained & that the sum of six pence per acre be levied & raised off sd union & accounted for by the Church Wardens there appears a Balance of 102 pounds due the parish unaccounted for the years 1822 & 1823 and 1824

E Mahon, Vicar of sd Union

Maurice Mahon

B Mahon, Thos Cawen, C.W.

William Kelly, John Hughes, John Smyth, Henry Robinson, William Jams Cornwall, Jno Lloyd

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Easter Vestry 1827

At a Meeting held pursuant to Notice on Monday the 16th of April 1827 for the purpose of Erecting church Wardens and Laying on the publick or parish Cess for the Union of Bumblin

Resolved that Thos Morton Esqr & Mr Dinnis Egan are appointed Church Wardens for this year & that sd Mr Egan & John Smyth are appointed Applotters for sd Union

Resolved that Jno Lloyd parish Clark be paid a sallary of Ten pounds per annum

Resolved that Ann Higgins be now appointed Sextoness at a sallary of Seven pounds Brittish per annum

Resolved that the sum of Ten pounds Ster be paid to Wm Brannen as parish School Brittish money

Resolved that the sum of £89-11s be raised and Levied of said union to pay the anual Instalment of Interest to the board of first fruits for the building of the Church of this union

Resolved that the sum of Thirty six pounds twelve shillings & four pence be raised for the purpose of reapeying Jno Conry Esqr and Mr Richd Hague said sum being paid by them to defray a Law Suit Instituted by the architect also the sum of six Guineas be paid for Collecting the church Cess.

Resolved that the sum of Ten pounds be levied as a fund for providing for foundlings & Coffins also the sum of two pounds for Elements

Resolved that the sum of fifty nine pounds to Reimburst the church Wardens being so much deficient of the last years Cess

Resolved that the sum of Thirty pounds be raised off sd union and be paid to the church Wardens for the purpose of repairing the church yard or Chappel

Ed Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, Barthw Mahon, Jas Tyler, Thos Holden, Richd Hague, Hugh ?, George Stokes, MI OBeirne, Denis Egan, Pat Carney, Robt Warnock, Thos Cawen

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Easter Vestry 1828

At a meeting held pursuant to Notice on Monday the seventh day of April 1828 for the purpose of Electing Church Wardens and laying on a Cess for the purpose of paying a Clerk and Sextons salary and also for the Instalment due to the commissioners of first Fruits and providing things necessary for the celebration of Divine Service

Resolved that Thomas Conry Esqr is appointed by the parishes as Churchwarden and John Morton Esq is appointed by the Vicar

Resolved that our Clerk receive Salary of Ten pounds per annum

Resolved that William Higgins receive salary of Six pounds per annum

Resolved that the sum of Eighty Two pounds thirteen shillings & 3d be raised and levied of said Union for the payment of the Instalment due to the Board of first Fruits annually

Resolved that the sum of Three pounds be raised for purpose of providing Elements and washing the Church linnen of said Union

E Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, C.W.

John A Fearns, Richd Hague, Thos Holden

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Easter Vestry 1828 Monday the 7th April 1828

A second Vestry in which all persons are intitled to vote for the purpose of laying on a Cess for the parish schoolmaster, Collectors fees &c

Resolved that William Brennan receive Ten pounds per annum as parish schoolmaster

Resolved that the Churchwardens receive a salary of six Guineas per annum for collecting the Church Rates, the said sum to be levyed off said union

Resolved that Ten pounds be also raised and levyed of said union for Foundlings & Coffins

Resolved that the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and six pence be raised and levyd off said Union to reimburse the Churchwardens of last year so much paid & advanced by the Churchwardens in consequence of said sum not being raised agreeable to last years

Resolved that Two pounds be raised and levyd off said Union to pay William Brannon schoolmaster, so much deficient of the Last years salary

Resolved the sum of Two pounds be raised and levyd to pay Carpenter & Glazier &c for repairs done in the church

Resolved that Mr Denis Egan & John Smyth be appointed apploters for said Union

E Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, C W

Barthw Mahon, Denis Egan, William Kelly

April 9th 1828 Eight

We have Examined the foregoing amt of cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at Easter Vestry 1828 and we find that it will require the sum of five pence p. acre to be raised of said Union to meet the above amt of £138.12.8 which sum of five pence p. acre will leave some small redundancy

Denis Egan, John Smyth

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At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on this 19th day of April 1828 for the purpose of confirming the applotment of the cess laid on at last Easter Vestry for the Union of Bumlin &c

Resolved that five pence p. acre be raised and levied of 7255 acres contained in said union as heretofore paying Church rate for the purpose of paying the sum of One Hundred & thirty eight pounds Twelve shillings & Eight pence laid on said Union at sd Easter Vestry for payment of the Board of first fruits for the fifth Instalment of Interest for Building sd Church & Tower and also for Payment of Church Clerk, Sexton,

Schoolmaster, Collector, Elements, Foundlings & Coffins and Sundry small Balances due to the late Church Wardens, Carpenter, Schoolmaster &c, as p. Resolutions entered into as inserted in Vestry Book on the 7th Inst, the above Sums to be raised & Levied with all convenient expedition by the Church Wardens of sd Union

Thos Conry, C W

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At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church this 27th Octr 1828 pursuant to a monition from the Lord Bishop of Elphin bearing date the 4th of Octr 1828 for the purpose of assessing the union of Parishes, viz. Bumlin, Kiltrustan & Lisanuffy with the sum of £92.13.10 for the repairs of said Church of Strokestown agreeable to the estimate to said Monition attached,

Thos Conry Esqr Chairman

Resolved that the said sum of £92.13.10 be forthwith levied and raised off said Union, Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lisanuffy for the purposes of said Monition, according to the Applotment now in force under the Tythe composition Act

Resolved that in as much as we consider the foregoing estimate excessive, the Church Wardens are hereby required to forthwith remonstrate with the Bishop to allow the said Church Wardens to receive further Proposals for the execution of the Work to be done. The Parishioners considering that it can be executed on more moderate terms, an offer having been made by a competent person to execute it for the sum of £50.

Resolved, That in as much as it appears by an Act of Vestry bearing date the 6th of May 1822 there remained a balance of £150 late Currency in the hands of Vicar the Revd Edwd Mahon to the credit of the Union of Parishes being the Balle. of the sum granted by the Board of First Fruits for the Building of sd Church, and also a sum of £80 late Irish currency levied off said Union of Parishes for the purpose of raising men to the Militia of said County, and by a subsequent Vestry voted to the Building of a Parish School, and paid to the sd Vicar the Revd Edwd Mahon, as per his Receipt which said sum was never applied by sd Vicar, We hereby require the Church Wardens forthwith to call upon the sd Revd Edwd Mahon to pay the above sd Sums with interest due thereon, and in default thereof, the Church Wardens are directed to Proceed against the sd Vicar for the recovery thereof, the expense of which is to be defrayed by the Union of Parishes of Bumlin, Kiltrustan Lisanuffy, by an Acreable cess, according to the Parish Applotment under the Vestry Act.

Thos Conry, Chairman

John Morton, Churchwarden

John Alexr Fearn, Maurice Conry, Barthw Mahon, Thomas Holden, John Hague, Thos Cowen, George Stokes, Thos Robinson, Geo Dunn, R Warnock

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Pursuant to the order of Vestry of the 27th of Octr 1828 under a Monition from the Bishop of Elphin, the sum of Fifty pounds on acct has been raised and levied off said Union by me, which sum is now in my hands to be applied to the Repairs of the Steeple of said Church Agreeable to the Specification of Mr Joseph Welland

April the 20th 1829, *Thos Conry C.W.*

April 20th 1829

Be it hereby remembered & recorded, that on this day, the Rt Honble Lord Hartland was nominated and appointed by the Incumbent, to fill the office of Church Warden for the Union of Bumlin, but that in opposition to said Appointment, Mr Jams Tyler of Strokestown, and Mr Tom Holden of Newtown Writing Clerks were both elected by the Parishioners, without the consent or concurrence of the Incumbent, and that said Election is contrary to the usages & custom of said Union; in as much as one of the Church Wardens has been time immemorial nominated and appointed by the Incumbent: And that said Election of the two said C. Wardens took place entirely at the instigation & recommendation of Mr T. Conry, & by & with the advice of a Professional Gentleman, who attended as Law Adviser to Mr Conry, & gave his most decided opinion that the right of Electing both C. Wardens, was then vested exclusively in the Parishioners, & not subject to any control; As in his opinion the late Vestry Act had repealed & abolished all former Acts, Canons, Customs, & Moduses, & the 49th Section of said Act was quoted & relied on by the learned Gentleman, as depriving the Incumbent of all rights or interference in the appointment of a C. Warden, & as authorising the Parishioners exclusively to elect the two, which is contrary to the plain & obvious construction of said Section, in the opinion of the Incumbent. *E Mahon*

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Easter Vestry held at the Church of Strokestown Apr. 20th 1829

At a meeting held pursuant to Notice on Monday the 20th Day of April 1829 for the purpose of Electing Church Wardens and laying on a Cess for the purpose of paying the Clerk and Sexton's Salaries and also for paying the Instalments due to the Commissioners of the Board of first fruits, and providing things necessary for the celebration of Divine Service

Resolved that the Parishioners have objected to the appointment of the Church Warden nominated by the Clergyman; a right which has been invariably exercised by him time immemorial, & that they appoint the two by directions of the late Church Warden Thos Conry Esq

[the paragraph above appears to be in the writing of Revd E Mahon, unlike the rest of the minute]

Resolved that under the Vestry Act the 7th Geo 4th Chap 72 Sec 49 we nominate and appoint Mr James Tyler and Mr Thos Holden to serve the Office of Church Wardens for the present year.

Resolved that George McAdams Parish Clerk be continued at a Salary of £10 a year

Resolved that Wm Higgins be continued as Sexton at a Salary of seven pounds a year

Resolved that the Sum of Eighty two pounds 13 Shillings & 3d be raised and levied off sd Union for the payment of the Instalment due to the Board of first fruits Annually.

Resolved that the sum of three pounds be raised for the purpose of providing Church elements and the Washing of the Church linen

Resolved that Jno Smith and Mr D Eagan be appointed Applotters for proportioning the rate of the Cess p. Acre to be raised for the above purposes.

Resolved that the Church Wardens receive a Salary of six Guineas p. Annum for the purpose of paying the Collector of said Cess

Jas Tyler, Thos Holden, Church Wardens

Thos Conry, John Alexr Fearn, George Stokes, John Hague, Richd Cowen, Geo Dunn

Easter Vestry 1829 Monday the 20th Apr 1829

A second Vestry at which all qualified Inhabitants of whatever religion may vote for the purpose of laying on a Cess for the payment of Parish School Master's Salary &c &c and for providing Coffins for the Interment of the poor of sd Union

Resolved that Wm Brennan be continued as Parish Schoolmaster at a Salary £12 twelve pounds p. Annum

Resolved that Ten pounds be raised and levyed off sd. Union for Foundlings and Coffins

Resolved that the sum of five pounds be raised & levyed off said Union for the purpose of enclosing one Acre of ground adjoining the Church which was given to the Parish by the late Lord Hartland for the purpose of building a School on it, sd. Acre let to Mr Heague for a Rent fifty shillings p. year

Resolved that Geo McAdams be appointed Vestry Clerk with a Salary of five pounds p. Annum

E Mahon, Vicar

Jas Tyler, Thos Holden, Church Wardens

Thos Conry, John Alexr Fearn, Denis Egan, John Smyth, Wm De Courcy, Charles Gannon

At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown this 4th Day of May 1829 for the purpose of confirming the Aplotment of the Cess laid on at the last Easter vestry for the Union of Bumlin &c

Resolved, That in as much as the Aplotment has not been completed from the absence of one of the aplotters Mr Denis Egan, this Vestry is further Adjourned to Saturday the 9th Inst. at the hour of eleven oClock

Saml Wm Mills, Curate

Jas Tyler, Thos Holden, Church Wardens

George McAdams, Vestry Clerk

Thos Conry, John Alexr Fearn, R Warnock, George Stokes

At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Saturday the 9th of May 1829 for the purpose of approving of the Applotment of the Cess laid on at the Easter Vestry for the Union of Bumlin &c

Resolved that the Union of Bumlin consists of 7431 Acres which at the rate of four pence halfpenny p. Acre amount to one hundred and thirty nine pounds six shillings and seven pence $\frac{1}{2}$ which sum is to be accompted for the next Easter Vestry

Resolved that the Church Wardens are hereby empowered to levy and Collect the above sum at the rate of four pence halfpenny per Acre.

Resolved that Thos Golding be employed to repair the Tower and spire &c according to the plan and specification and Monition from the Lord Bishop of Elphin, and that he receive the sum of sixty pounds for the completion of the same. Twenty pounds to be advanced him for the purchase and erecting of Scaffolding, and a further advance of Twenty pounds according as the work is advancing, and when the work shall be compleated and approved of by the Architect of the Board of First Fruits, the Ballance to be paid.

Resolved that Thos. Conry Esqr be requested to purchase the following Articles out of the Ballance remaining in his hands since last year [blank] yds. of Matting, [blank] yds of Carpeting for the Communion a kneeling Cushion for the Communion Table

Saml Wm Mills, Curate

Jas Tyler, Thos Holden, Church Wardens

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

Thos Conry, John Alexr Fearn, John Smyth, Wm Brennan

The sum of Fifty Pounds raised by Act of Vestry of the 27th Octr 1828 for repairing the Steeple of the Church together with the sum of £8-11-11 also paid by John Smyth to Thos Conry Esqr making in the Total £58-11-11 has been paid by him to Thos Golden the Contractor for said work - *Saml Wm Mills, Curate*

109 this incomplete minute is out of date sequence. The full text is on page 115.

Easter Vestry held at the Church of Strokestown April 4th 1831

At a Meeting held pursuant to Notice on Monday the 4th of April 1831 for the purpose of electing Church Wardens, and laying on a Cess for the purpose of paying the Salaries of the Parish Clerk, Sexton &c and also for paying the Instalment due to the Board of First Fruits, and providing things necessary for the celebration of Divine Service -

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Easter Vestry 1830

At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Monday the 12th of April for the purpose of appointing and selecting Church Wardens for the ensuing year, for the Union of Bumlin

Resolved that Mulloy McDermott of Tubberpatrick Esq be appointed by the Incumbent of s. Union as one of the Church Wardens, & that Thos. Mahon of Strokestown Esq be elected by the Parishioners as the other C. Warden for said Union -

Resolved the Geo McAdams be continued as Parish Clerk at a Salary of £10 per Annum, and that the sd. McAdams also receive a further Salary of £5 as Vestry Clerk

Resolved the Wm. Higgins be continued as Sexton at a Salary of seven pounds

Resolved that the sum of Eighty two pounds 13 shillings and 3d. be raised and levied off sd. Union for the payment of the Instalment due to the board of First Fruits Annually

Resolved that the sum of three pounds be raised off sd. Union for the purpose of Providing sacramental elements and Washing the Church Vestments

Resolved that the C. Wardens do receive a Salary of six guineas for collecting the Church Cess.

Resolved that Jno. Smyth and Mr Denis Eagan be appointed applotters for proportioning the rate of the Cess to be raised off the sd. union for the above purposes

E Mahon, Vicar

Jas Tyler, Thos Holden

Thos Conry, Maurice Conry

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

April 26th 1830

Resolved that the above Acts of Vestry be this day approved of & confirmed

E Mahon, Martin Grady, Barthw Mahon, Petr Rush, Gerald O Farrell, Thos Conry

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Easter Vestry, Monday April the 12th 1830

A second Vestry at which all qualified inhabitants of whatever Religion may vote for the purpose of laying on a cess for the payment of Parish School Master's salary &c &c and for providing Coffins for the Interment of the Poor dying in sd. Union

Resolved that Wm. Brennan be continued as School Master for Strokestown at a Salary of £10 per Annum - and that the Acre of ground left by the late Lord Hartland for the purpose of building a School house, and let to Mr. Richd. Heague the last year be given up to Wm. Brennan from the first of May next.

Resolved that the sum of £15- be raised and levied off sd. Union for the purpose of paying three school masters one for Curraghrow, one for Kiltrustan and one for Scramouge to be approved of and appointed by the Revd. Mr. Dolan - and the following Parishners as a Committee for Kiltrustan Mr. Pat. McManus Mr. Wm. Kelly Mr. Michl. Hughes Thos. Hughes Mr. Luke OConnor and Mr. Denis Eagan - for Scramouge Mr. Owen Sheridan Mr. Richd. Jordan, Mr. Thos. Sharvan Mr. Peter Rush Mr. Peter Eagan and Mr. Edw. Donnelly - for Curraghrow Mr. Ror. Brennan Mr. Stepn. Brennan Mr. Patt Cunningham Mr. Marn. Grady Mr. Chars. Gannon Mr. Richd. Lannon -

Resolved that Ten pounds be raised off sd. Union for Foundlings and Coffins, £3.18.10 be raised off sd. Union to reimburse the Church Wardens being so much laid out by them last year more than the collection.

Resolved that Mr. Denis Eagan and Mr. Pat. McManus do inspect the C. Wardens a/c for the last year. Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to the 26th Inst. at 12 oClock at noon -

E Mahon, Thos Conry, Robt Warnock, Denis Egan, M.O.Beirne, William Kelly

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

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At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Monday April the 26th 1830 for the purpose of approving of the Applotment of the Cess laid on at the Easter Vestry for the Union of Bumlin

Resolved that the Fifteen pounds laid on at the Easter Vestry for the payment of three additional School Masters for sd. Union be taken from the Cess. And that all the other cess be confirmed. N.B. the above cess of £15- being objected to by the Roman Catholic Parishioners of the three Parishes of sd. Union -

Resolved that the Union of Bumlin consists of 7501 Acres which at the rate of four pence half penny p. Acre amount to one hundred and Forty pounds, 12 shillings, and Ten pence half penny, being £2.14.- more than the cess laid on at the last Easter Vestry

Resolved that the Applotment made out for this year is exactly the same as the Applotment made out for the year 1829 and entered at the end of the Vestry Book -

E Mahon, Vicar

Thos Conry, Gerald O Farrell, Martin Grady, Barthw Mahon, Petr Rush, John Smyth

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

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Easter Vestry 1831

At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice on Monday the 4th Apr 1831 for the purpose of Electing Church Wardens, and for laying on a Cess for paying the Salaries of the Parish Clerk, Sexton &c and also for paying the Instalmt. due to the Commissioners of the Board of First Fruits, and for providing things necessary for the Celebration of Divine Service -

Resolved, that Mr. John Heague be appointed Church Warden by the Incumbent of the Union, and that Mr. Wm. De Courcy be appointed by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden

Resolved that *Geo McAdams* be continued as Parish Clerk at a Salary of Ten Pounds p. year, and that the sd. *McAdams* be continued at a further Salary of Five pounds p year as Vestry Clerk

Resolved that *Wm. Higgins* be continued as Sexton at a Salary of seven pounds a year.

Resolved that the sum of Eighty two pounds 13 shillings & 3 pence be raised and levied off sd. Union for the paymt. of the Instalmt. due to the Board of First Fruits Annually

Resolved that the sum of Two pounds be raised off sd. Union for the purpose of providing Sacramental Elements

Resolved that the Church Wardens do receive a Salary of six Guineas for the purpose of paying for the collection of the church cess and also the sum of eight pounds for making out a fair and regular Applotment of the Union of Bumlin

Be it Rememberd that *John Smith, Willm. Kelly & Danl. Hughes* be appointed Applotters of sd. Union

Be it Rememberd that the Church Wardens *John Heague & Wm De Courcy* have this day been duly sworn into office agreeably the 46th Sec. of 7th Geo 4th Chap 72 -

Resolved, that the sum of two pounds be levied off sd. Union for the purpose of furnishing the Vestry Room -

Resolved, that in consequence of the storm which took place in Novr. last (the Lead was blown off the Roof of the Church) and the sum of seven Pounds being advanced by the late Church Wardens for repairing sd. Lead, which sum is to be now levied off sd. Union to reimburse them -

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Be it Rememberd that the three Applotters, namely *John Smith, Wm Kelly and Danl Hughes*, have this day been sworn to make a just and true Applotment to the best of their judgment -

E Mahon, Vicar of sd. Union

John Hague, Wm De Courcy, Church Wardens

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

Thos Conry, Richd Hague, M. O. Beirne, Danl Hughes, Gerald OFarrell, William Kelly, Michl OFarrell, Roger Brennan, George Stokes, John Rush, Thos OConnor, Thos McDermott, Denis Egan, Hubt Brennan

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Easter Vestry, Tuesday April 5th 1831

At a second Vestry held pursuant to Notice in Strokestown Church on Tuesday the 5th of April 1831 for the purpose of laying on a Cess for the paymt. of the Parish School Master's Salary, and for providing Coffins for the Interment of Poor persons dying in the Union of Bumlin &c

Resolved, that Willm Brennan be continued as Parish School Master at a Salary of Ten Pounds p. year, together with the Acre of ground he already holds, which was given by the Late Lord Hartland to build a School House on -

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be raised off sd. Union for the purpose of providing Coffins for the Poor dying in sd. Union, and for providing for Foundlings - and a further sum of 14s/2d being so much expended for Coffins more than the £10 laid on for that purpose last year

E Mahon, Vicar

John Hague, Wm De Courcy, Geo McAdams

Denis Egan, John Rush, M OBeirne, Roger Brennan, Thos Mahon, Danl Hughes, Hubt Brennan, Hubt Croghan, Peter Rush, John Lynam, Thos McDermott, Thos Holden, George Stokes, Patt Mcmanus, John Smyth, Thos Golden, Geo Hamilton, John Ganly, William Jackson

Resolved, that a further sum of fifteen pounds be raised off sd. Union for to pay three additional School Masters at 5 Pounds a year each

Resolved, that yesterday's Vestry, and this day's Vestry be both adjourned to 2nd day of May next at the hour of 12 oClock

E Mahon, Wm De Courcy, John Hague

John Rush, Thos McDermott, Roger Brennan, Hubt Brennan, Danl Hughes, Hubt Croghan, John Lynam

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Monday May the 16th 1831

At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Monday May the 16th 1831 for the purpose of approving of the Applotment of the Cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at the last Easter Vestries

Resolved, That it was unanimously agreed that this Vestry be further Adjourned to Tuesday the 24th Inst. at 11 oClock A.M. in consequence of many of the Parishioners being obliged to attend the Election in Roscommon

E Mahon, Vicar

Wm De Courcy, C Warden

James Tyler, John Smyth, Geo Hamilton

Resolved, That Edward Murphy be appointed School Master for the Parish of Lissinuffy, and Patrick Dowd be appointed School Master for the Parish of Kiltrustan, at a Salary of Five pounds a year each - and that Hugh McNeal be appointed School Master for the Parish of Bumlin at a Salary of £5 a year

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Tuesday May the 24th 1831

At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday May the 24th 1831 for the Purpose of approving of the Applotment of the Cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at the last Easter Vestries

Resolved, That the Applotment made out by the Applotters John Smith, Danl Hughes and Wm Kelly (who were appointed & sworn to make out a just & true applotment at the Easter Vestry) be this day received & approved, as follows, Kiltrustan Parish Acres 3140.2.R, Bumlin 2659A.3R.29P and Lissinuffy 3935-2- Making in the whole for the Union of Bumlin a Total number of Acres 9735.3R.29P which at the rate of 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ D per Acre make one hundred & seventy two pounds, seven shillings & nine pence, leaving a ballance of £6.14.4, which sum of £6.14.4 is to be given to the Revd Mr Gibbs for the

purpose of colouring the inside of the Church and sundry other Repairs, as far as the money will go -

E Mahon, Vicar

Wm De Courcy, C W

Thos Conry, George Stokes, Rich Hague, John Ganly, Richd Cowen

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Easter Vestry 1832

At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice in Strokestown Church on Monday the 23rd of April 1832 for the purpose of Electing Church Wardens and for laying on a Cess for the payment of the Instalment due the Board of First Fruits, and the Salaries of the Parish Clerk, Vestry Clerk & Sexton and for providing things necessary for the Celebration of Divine Service &c, the following resolutions were adopted and agreed to:

Resolved, That Mr Geo Stokes be appointed Church Warden by the Incumbent of the Union, and that Mr John Ganly be appointed by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union

Be it Remembered that the Church Wardens Mr Geo Stokes & Mr John Ganly have this day been duly sworn into office agreeably to the 46th Sec. of the 7th of Geo. the 4th Chapter 72,

Resolved, That George McAdams be continued as Parish Clerk at a Salary of Ten pounds a year, and that the said Geo. McAdams be also continued as Vestry Clerk at a further Salary of Five pounds a year.

Resolved, That Willm Higgins be continued as Sexton at a Salary of seven pounds a year, & that he shall receive no Salary without the Officiating Clergyman's Certificate that he did his duty regularly -

Resolved, that the sum of Eighty two pounds 13 shillings & 3 pence be raised and levied off said Union for the payment of the Instalment due to the Board of First Fruits Annually.

Resolved, That the sum of Two pounds be raised off said Union for the purpose of providing Sacramental Elements

Resolved, That the Church Wardens do receive a Salary of 6 Guineas for the purpose of paying for the Collection of the Church Cess.

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to the 14th of May next at 12 o'clock

Resolved, That we highly approve of a Stove being furnished to this Church, and we request of the Revd Mr Mahon to have the same completed by Christmas next, or in his absence the Revd Mr Gibbs

E Mahon, Walt Gibbs

George Stokes, John Ganly, Church Wardens

Thos Conry, John Hague, Thos Holden, Barthw Mahon, M. O.Beirne, Henry St Laurence, Geo McAdams

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Easter Vestry 1832

At a second Vestry held pursuant to Notice in Strokestown Church on Monday the 23rd of April 1832 for the purpose of laying on a Cess for the payment of the Parish School-Masters' Salaries, and for providing Coffins for the Interment of poor persons dying in the Union, and for providing for the support of Foundlings &c The following resolutions were agreed to:

~~Resolved, That Wm Brennan be continued as Parish School Master at a Salary of pounds per year, together with the Acre of ground he already holds, which was given by the Late Lord Hartland to build a School House on~~

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be raised off said Union for the purpose of providing Coffins for poor persons dying in said Union ~~and for the support of Foundlings~~ together with a further sum of seven pounds two shillings & six pence to reimburse Mr Egan & Mr McManus due from last year

Resolved, That Mulloy McDermott Esqr & Mr Wm Ginty and Mr Wm Brennan be appointed Applotters for the Union of Bumlin, viz. Kiltrustan, Bumlin and Lissonuffy without Salary-

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to the 14 of May next at the hour of one oClock

E Mahon, Walt Gibbs

George Stokes, John Ganly, C Wardens

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

M McDermott, Denis Egan, Willm Kelly, Wm Ginty, Hubt Brennan, Patt McManus, Barthw Mahom, M. O.Beirne, Thos Conry, Gerald O Farrell

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Monday May 14th 1832

At an Adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Monday May the 14th 1832 for the Purpose of approving of the Applotment of the Cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at the Last Easter Vestries

Resolved, That Mulloy McDermott Esqr and Mr William Ginty are approved of and are hereby appointed to Collect the Church Cess of the Union of Bumlin viz the Parishes of Lissonuffy, Bumlin and Kiltrustan, which they have kindly undertaken of their own will to Collect the same free of all expense

Resolved, That we confirm the grant of £5 as the Vestry Clerk's Salary, laid on and granted at the last Easter Vestry.

Resolved, That we confirm the grant of £7 as the Sexton's Salary, laid on and granted at the last Easter Vestry.

Resolved, That the several sums to be raised and levied off the Union of Bumlin, viz Lissonuffy, Bumlin and Kiltrustan for the present year are, for the Instalment due the Board of First Fruits £82-13-3, the Parish Clerk's Salary 10£ Vestry Clerk £5 Sexton's Salary £7 for Sacramental Elements £2 - and for providing Coffins for the Interment of the Poor £10- which make a total sum of one hundred and Sixteen pounds, 13 Shillings and three pence - and a sum of £7.2.6 due to Mr Egan & Mr McManus for a former year - making in the whole £123.15.9

Resolved, That Mulloy McDermott Esqr & Mr Willm Ginty and Mr Denis Egan be appointed a Committee to inspect and settle all accts. belonging to the Union of Bumlin, up to the present day, and that the Church Wardens and Collectors furnish them with

all necessary information - and the late Church Wardens are required to attend said Committee on Monday the 21st Inst.

Resolved, That the Acre of ground granted by the Late [Lord] Hartland to build a School House be set to Mr Richd Heague for this year at a Rent of £2- until Easter Vestry next, which sum is to be deducted out of the Church Cess.

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Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the 28th Inst. when the Applotment is to be submitted for approval - to be held at the hour of 12 oClock.

E Mahon

George H. Stokes, John Ganly, Church Wardens

Geo McAdams, Vestry Clerk

Thos Conry, M McDermott, Denis Egan, Wm Ginty, Barthw Mahon, Gerald OFarrell, William Kelly, Roger Brennan

[no minute for 28th May]

Monday June 18th 1832

At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown pursuant to Notice on Monday the 18th day of June 1832 for the Purpose of Considering the Applotment of the Cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at the last Easter Vestry it was Resolved - Resolved, That we adjourn this Vestry to the Court house

Walt Gibbs, Curate

George Stokes, John Ganly, Thos Conry, Thos Holden

Resolved, That some errors appearing in the Applotment now laid before us by the Applotters, they are requested to reconsider and revise their Applotment, and to produce said Applotment at a Vestry to be held for Considering the same on Monday the 2nd of July next

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of July next to be held in Strokestown Church at the hour of 11 oClock A.M.

Walt Gibbs, Curate

George Stokes, John Ganly, Thos Conry

NB: The vestry minutes of 2, 16 and 24 July 1832 (below) are out of sequence in the vestry book, on two unnumbered pages towards the end, after the vestry minute of 1870. The signatures are not originals but copies by the vestry clerk.

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Monday July 2nd 1832

At an adjourned Vestry to be held in the Church of Strokestown, Pursuant to a Resolution entered into at the last Vestry, for the Purpose of Considering the Applotment of the Cess for the Union of Bumlin, the Parishioners assembled at the Church door and having demanded admittance from the Church Wardens and Parish Clerk, and they having refused same, alledging that they had no authority so to do, It was

Resolved, that this Vestry be adjourned to the Court House

Willm Taaffe, Chairman

At a Vestry held in the Court House of Strokestown on Monday July 2nd 1832 for the Purpose of Considering the Applotment of the Cess for the Union of Bumlin for the present year it was

Resolved, That not having the Vestry Book (it being in the possession of the Revd Mr Mahon) the several Resolutions entered into at this Vestry be entered by the Vestry Clerk on a Sheet of Paper.

Resolved, That the Cess laid on the Union of Bumlin at the last Easter Vestry shall be raised and levied off sd Union according to the Applotment made in the County Book, and in the same proportion as the Contingent Cess is and has been levied off the several Town lands in said Union.

Resolved, That the Union of Bumlin Contains according to the County Book 7748 Acres which at the Rate of four pence per Acre make £129.2.8 leaving a Ballance of £7.6.8 over the amount of Cess laid on at Easter.

Resolved, That the Report of the Book Committee be received and examined on the next Vestry day.

Resolved, That it appears to the Parishioners of this Union that the Interest of £800 late Irish Currency, of which the Revd Edwd Mahon and the Church Wardens for the

time being were appointed Trustees for the use of the Poor of said Union has not been accounted for, and that a Commission be now appointed, consisting of Mulloy McDermott Esqr Mr Willm Ginty and Mr Denis Egan, to enquire how said Interest has been applied, and that the particular attention of the joint Trustees be directed to its application in future.

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the 16th Inst at the hour of eleven oClock A.M.

Wm Taaffe, Chairman

Mulloy McDermott, Wm Ginty, John Ganly, Owen Sheridan, Roger Brennan, Hubert Brennan, Thos McDermott, Hubt Croghan

At a Vestry held on Monday July 16th 1832 in the Strokestown Court House, pursuant to a Resolution of Adjournment entered into at the last Vestry held on the 2nd Inst it was

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Resolved, that this Vestry be further adjourned to Tuesday the 24th Inst at the hour of Eleven OClock A.M. in consequence of the Vestry Book being in the possession of the Revd Mr Mahon who is at present in Dublin, and also in consequence of the absence of the late Church Wardens who were to produce their annual Accts and the Vestry Clerk is hereby instructed to give them Notice to attend on the above mentioned day.

Mulloy McDermott, Chairman

John Moran, Thos McDermott, Wm Ginty, Thos Brennan, Hubert Brennan

At a Vestry held in the Court House on Tuesday the 24th of July 1832 (Called by Public Notice to be held in the Church) and adjourned from that to the Court House, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Applotment of the Cess for the Union of Bumlin, and also according to a Resolution of adjournment entered into at a Vestry held in the Court House on July the 16th Inst for the above purpose, and also for considering the Report of the Book Committee,

Resolved, That the Applotment made for said Union, and confirmed by the 2nd Resolution of a Vestry held on Monday the 2nd of July Inst be now confirmed.

Resolved, That Mulloy McDermott Esqr Mr Willm Ginty Mr Denis Egan and Mr Martin Grady be appointed a Committee to employ Law Agents to sue for the several Sums which appear due to the Union of Bumlin according to the Report of the Book Committee, the expense incurred to be defrayed by the Parishioners of said Union.

Resolved, That Mr John Ganly be added to the Collectors appointed by the last Easter Vestry, and the said John Ganly to collect the Cess of the Parish of Bumlin, the fraction above the Cess of said Parish to be allowed him for his trouble.

Resolved, That the Vestry Clerk be ordered by this Vestry to enter the several Resolutions of this and former Vestries on the Vestry Book.

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned sine die.

Mulloy McDermott, Chairman

Michl Henery, Daniel Nary, John Moran, Wm Ginty, Martin Grady, James Lenahan

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Tuesday Augt 21st 1832

At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday Augt 21st 1832 for the Purpose of making some alterations in the Pulpit and Reading Desks

Resolved, That in Consequence of the Parishioners not attending we adjourn to Tuesday 28th Inst at the hour of eleven oClock A.M.

E Mahon

George Stokes, John Ganly, Wm Ginty, William James Cornwall

Resolved, That the late Church Wardens are required to attend the Vestry to be held on the 28 Inst and to produce their Accts and to pay up such Ballcs. as be still due -

E Mahon

George Stokes, John Ganly, Wm Ginty, William James Cornwall

At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday Augt 28th 1832 for the Purpose of making some alterations in the Pulpit and Reading Desks, and also for the purpose of examining the late Church Wardens Accts -

Resolved, That we approve of changing the Pulpit and Reading Desks from their present situation, to either side of the Communion Table as it now stands, Barthw Mahon Esqr

of Strokestown undertaking at his own expense to make the alteration, on condition of his getting the seat where the Pulpit and Desks now stand for the use of his family - The change to be approved of by the Revd Mr Mahon, Thos Conry Esqr and Mr Wm Ginty

Resolved, That the late Church Wardens be requested to furnish their Acct for the last year to the Vestry Clerk, on or before this day week - and he be required to enter the same on the Vestry Book - And that this Vestry be now adjourned to the above named day, viz the 4th of Sept next

E Mahon

George Stokes, C. Warden

Wm Ginty, Wm Kelly, John Hague, Thos Conry, Michl OFarrell

[no minute for 4th September]

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Easter Vestry 1834

At a Vestry held pursuant to Notice in Strokestown Church on Monday March 31st 1834 for the Purpose of Electing Church Wardens, &c

Resolved, That Thos Conry Esqr be appointed by the Incumbent as one of the Church Wardens, and Mr Robt Warnick be Elected by the Parishioners as the second Church Warden for the Union of Bumlin for the Present Year -

Resolved, That the Acre of ground granted by the Late Lord Hartland for a School, and formerly held by the late Willm Brennan Parish School Master deceased, be now given to Geo McAdams in his capacity as Parochial School Master - and that the sum of two pounds being the rent of said Acre for the last year be given Geo McAdams for the time he has taught school

E Mahon, Vicar

Walt Gibbs, Curate

John Hague, George H Stokes, Robt Warnock, Thos Holden

At a second Vestry held at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 oClock same day and in same place according to Notice for the Purpose of laying on a Cess on said Union to provide Coffins for the Poor dying in said Union -

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings be raised off said Union to pay Mr Egan being so much Coffins supplied by him for the year 1832

E Mahon, Vicar

Walt Gibbs, Curate

George H Stokes

Adjourned to the 21st of April 1834

Be it hereby Remember that in the event of Mr Conry declining or unwilling to act as Church Warden Mr Wm De Courcy of Strokestown is hereby appointed by the Incumbent as Church Warden for the ensuing year

E Mahon, Geo McAdams

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Be it remembered, that Mr William De Courcy has been this day duly sworn into the office of Church Warden agreeably to the 46th sec. of 7th Geo 4th Cap 72 -

April 30th 1834 *Wm De Courcy*

Easter Vestry 1835

At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Easter Monday April the 20th 1835 Pursuant to Notice for the Purpose of Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Mr John Ganly be elected Church Warden by the Parishioners, and Mr Robt Warnick be appointed the other Church Warden by the Incumbent for the ensuing year.

E Mahon, John Ganly, Robt Warnock, Thos Conry, Maurice Conry, Geo McAdams

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Easter Vestry 1836

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Monday April the 4th 1836 Pursuant to Notice for the Purpose of Appointing and Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year, it was Resolved

Resolved That Mr Robert Warnick be Appointed By the Incumbent the Revd Edwd Mahon as one of the Church Wardens for sd. Union, and Mr John Ganly be elected by the Parishioners as the other C. Warden for sd. Union for the ensuing year.

E Mahon, Vicar

Richd Cowen, Curate Assistant

Robt Warnock, John Ganly, C. Wardens

George McAdams, Thomas McGann

Resolved That this Vestry be adjourned to Monday the 11th Inst. at 12 oClock

E Mahon

At an adjourned Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Monday April the 11th 1836 for the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment and Election of the Church Wardens for the present year, it was

Resolved That we confirm the Appointment and Election of Messrs Robt Warnick & John Ganly for the said year -

E Mahon

Richd Cowen, Curate Assistant

Robt Warnock, Church Warden

George McAdams

Easter Vestry 1837

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Monday March the 27th 1837 pursuant to Notice for the purpose of Appointing and Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year it was

Resolved, That Mr Robt Warnick by appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Mr Mahon as one of the Church Wardens and that Mr Geo. Hamilton is elected by the Parishioners as the second Church Warden for the said Union -

Resolved this Vestry be adjourned to this day three weeks viz the 17th of April next

E Mahon, Vicar

Richd Cowen, Curate Assistant

Robt Warnock, Geo Hamilton, Geo McAdams, Thomas McGann

[no minute for 17th April]

Tuesday April 25th 1837

At an adjourned Vestry held pursuant to Notice in the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday April 25th 1837 for the purpose of confirming the Appointment of Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the present year, and also for the purpose of disposing of the Acre of ground left by the late Right Hon. Maue. Lord Hartland for the purpose of supporting a Male School in the manner most conducive to the Interest of said Male School of Strokestown

Resolved that the Appointment of Messrs Robt Warnick & Geo Hamilton as the Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the present year be hereby confirmed.

Resolved that the Church Wardens are hereby desired and Authorized to Notice Mr Charles Hauge to give up the Acre of land he holds belonging to the Male School of Strokestown to the Master of said School on the first day of November next -

Resolved That every person bringing a Corpse into this Church for the purpose of having the Burial Service read in the Church pay to the Sexton Ten Shillings

Richd Cowen, Curate

Robt Warnock, Geo Hamilton, John Sutton, Geo McAdams Vestry Clerk, Thos Conry

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Easter Vestry 1839

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Tuesday April 2nd 1839 pursuant to Notice for the purpose of appointing and electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing Year, it was

Resolved that Mr James De Courcy and Mr William Cowan be elected Church Wardens for this Union for this ensuing year

Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to Tuesday the 9th Inst. at the hour of 12 oClock

Richard Cowen, Curate Assistant

George McAdams, Charles Maguire, Denis Dowd

[no minute for 9th April 1839]

138 1840

Easter Vestry 1840

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Easter Monday April 20th 1840 Pursuant to Notice, for the Purpose of appointing and electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing Year, it was

Resolved, That Major Mahon of Strokestown House be appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Edwd Mahon as one of the Church Wardens, and Thos Conry Esqr be elected by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the Fourth day of May next at the hour of 12 oClock -

Richard Cowen, Curate

George McAdams, Denis Dowd, Thomas Higgins, John Ganly, ? Cowen

[no minute for 4th May]

139 1841

Easter Vestry 1841

At a vestry held in Strokestown Church on Easter Monday April 12th 1841 Pursuant to notice for the purpose of appointing and electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year, it was -

Resolved, that Major Mahon of Strokestown-House be appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Edwd Mahon as one of the Church Wardens, and Thos Conry Esqr be elected by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union -

Resolved, that this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the 26th of April at 12 oClock

Richard Cowen, Curate

Thomas McMahon, Thomas Higgins, Denis Dowd

[no minute for 26th April]

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August the 17th 1841

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of the United Parishes of Kiltrustan, Bumlin and Lissanuffy on the 17th day of August 1841, Pursuant to public Notice, for the purpose of nominating a proper person or persons to the recommended to the Lord Lieutenant, to applot the Tithe Rent Charge of said Parish of Kiltrustan, under the provisions of the Act of 3rd & 4th Victoria, Chap. 101

Resolved, That Denis Mahon, of Strokestown House, Esqr, do take the Chair, and preside at this Vestry.

Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to Tuesday the 31st Inst. to give the Parishioners further time to obtain information respecting the Law in this case -

Denis Mahon, Chairman

[no minute for 31st August 1841]

Tuesday Sept 14th 1841

Tithe Applotment of the Parish of Kiltrustan

Notice of Vestry

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned, that a Vestry will be held in Strokestown, in the Parish Church of the United Parishes of Kiltrustan, Bumlin & Lissonuffy on Tuesday the 17th day of August 1841 at the hour of 12 oClock at Noon, to nominate a proper person or persons, to be recommended to the Lord Lieut. in Council, to be by him appointed (if he shall so think fit) to Applot the Tithe Rent Charge of said Parish of Kiltrustan, under the Provisions of the Act of 3rd & 4th of Victoria Chap. 101.

In pursuance of the above Notice a Vestry was held in the said Church when it was unanimously Resolved to Adjourn the said Vestry to Tuesday the 31st day of Augt. 1841. On which latter day it was again Adjourned to Tuesday the 14th of Sept. 1841

At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Tuesday the 14th of Sept. 1841 for the aforesaid Purpose, and in Pursuance of the above Notice and Adjournment, Major Denis Mahon, Chairman

Thomas Conry Esqr and Mr Daniel Hughes were Proposed by P. P. Taaffe Esqr and seconded by Mr John Heague, as fit and proper persons to Applot the Tithe Rent Charge of said Parish of Kiltrustan

Alonzo Lawder Esqr was Proposed by Thos Chars McDermott Esqr and seconded by Michl Henery. Mr William Kelly was proposed by

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Patrick Tighe and seconded by John Conry as fit and proper persons to Applot the Tithe Rent Charge of said Parish of Kiltrustan

The vote of each Parishioner having been counted there appeared

for	Thos Conry Esqr	308
	Mr Danl Hughes	245
	Alonzo Lawder Esqr	139
	Mr Wm Kelly	79

The Chairman then declared that Thos Conry Esqr and Mr Danl Hughes were duly elected, it being the unanimous wish of the Parishioners that there should be two Applotters appointed.

Denis Mahon, Chairman

(A Copy)

Proposed by Thos Chars McDermott Esqr seconded by Thos Conry Esqr That Major Mahon do leave the Chair, and that Thos Dillon Esqr be called thereto, It was

Proposed by Thos Chars McDermott Esqr seconded by Thos Conry Esqr That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Major Mahon for his impartial and dignified conduct in the Chair

Thos Dillon, Chairman

(A Copy)

N.B. The original documents of these vestries are lodged with Denis Mahon Esqr

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At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Thursday the 25th of Novr 1841 for the United Parishes of Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lissonuffy, Pursuant to Public Notice, for the Purpose of taking the Valuation of said Parishes into consideration, and of Appealing against said Valuation, It was

Resolved That Major Denis Mahon do take the Chair and preside at said Vestry.

Resolved That this Vestry be Adjourned to Monday the 29th Inst. at the hour of 12 oClock for the purpose of obtaining further information with respect to the valuation of the above mentioned Parishes

Denis Mahon, Chairman

Monday Novr 29th 1841

At a vestry which assembled this day in pursuance of adjournment which took place on 25th Novr 1841, It was Resolved, in consequence of the smallness of the Vestry Room, and the impossibility to accommodate the large assembly of Persons present to adjourn forthwith to the Court House.

At the adjourned Vestry held in the Court House at the hour of one o'clock afternoon on Monday 29th of November 1841, It was

Resolved, That Appeals be made from the Parishes of Kiltrustan and Bumlin against the General Valuation of Lands &c made in pursuance of the Act 6th & 7th Wm 4th Chap. 84.

Resolved, That those Appeals be entered in the Vestry Book and Copies of them be forwarded by the Chairman of this Vestry to Richd Griffith Esqr Commissioner of Valuation for the County of Roscommon. Here followeth the two Appeals

County of Roscommon, Barony of Roscommon & Parish of Kiltrustan

At a Vestry for the Parish of Kiltrustan held in the Court House of Strokestown on Monday the 29th day of Novr 1841 for the Purpose of taking the valuation of said Parish into consideration. We the undersigned occupants of the greater portion in extent and value of the Lands and Houses

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Comprised within the limits of said Parish of Kiltrustan, appeal against the valuation of said Parish generally as compared with the Parish of Elphin in said Barony, Pursuant to the Act 6th & 7th Wm 4th Chap. 84, Section 23.

Now, We the undersigned Promise and Agree to support this Appeal before the Committee (appointed by the Grand Jury of this County at the last Summer Assizes) at the Court House of Strokestown on the 13th day of Decr next, and we generally object to the Survey of several Townlands in said Parish.

Denis Mahon, Chairman of the Vestry

William Taaffe, Patt Taafe, Patt. P. Taaffe, Danl Hughes

County of Roscommon, Barony of Roscommon, & Parish of Bumlin

At a Vestry for the Parish of Bumlin held in the Court House of Strokestown on Monday the 29th day of November 1841 for the Purpose of taking the Valuation of said Parish in consideration, We the undersigned occupants of the greater portion in extent and Value of the Lands and Houses comprised within the limits of said Parish of Bumlin, appeal against the Valuation generally of said Parish as compared with the Parish of Killukin in said Barony Pursuant to the Act Act 6th & 7th Wm 4th Chap. 84, Sec. 23.

Now, We the undersigned Promise and Agree to support this appeal before the Committee (appointed by the Grand Jury of this County at the last Summer Assizes for this Barony) at the Court House of Strokestown on the 13th day of December next. And further We Appeal against the Survey of the Townland of Killenordanbeg, as compared to the Townland of Mahana in said Parish of Bumlin.

Denis Mahon, Chairman of the Vestry

Thos Morton, M. OBeirne, Terence Shanly, Peter Keary

N.B. The original documents of these Vestries are lodged with the Chairman

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Easter Vestry 1842

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Easter Monday March 27th 1842 pursuant to Notice for the Purpose of Appointing and Electing Church Wardens for the union of Bumlin for the ensuing year, It was

Resolved, That Mr Robert Warnock be appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Edwd Mahon as one of the Church Wardens for said Union, and Philip Brabazon Esqr be elected by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union.

Resolved, That this Vestry be now adjourned to Monday the 10th day of April next.

Richard Cowen, Curate of Bumlin

Geo McAdams, Saml Beatty, Henry St Laurence, Barthw Dowd, Thomas Higgins

[no minute for 10th April 1842]

1843

Easter Vestry 1843

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Easter Monday April 17th 1843, pursuant to Notice, for the purpose of appointing & electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year

Resolved that Mr Robert Warnick of Strokestown by appointed by the Vicar the Revd E. Mahon, as one of the Church Wardens, & that John Devonish Esqr be elected by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union

Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to 8th of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon -

Richard Cowen, Curate of Bumlin

Joshua Cooper, P Brabazon, Robt Warnock, James De Courcy, George McAdams, Vestry Clerk

[no minute for 8th May 1843]

1844

Easter Vestry 1844

At a Vestry held in the Church of Strokestown on Monday April the 8th Pursuant to Notice for the purpose of Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year,

Resolved That Mr James D'Courcy be appointed by the Incumbent as one of the Church Wardens, and that Mr William Mahon be Elected by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union

Resolved That this Vestry be Adjourned to Monday the sixth day of May next -

Richard Cowen, Curate of Bumlin

Denis Mahon, Thos Holden, George McAdams, Robt Warnock

[no minute for 6th May 1844]

1845

Easter Vestry 1845.

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church according to Public Notice, on Monday, March the 24th 1845, for the Purpose of Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that Mr Robert Warnock of Strokestown be appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Edward Mahon as one of the Church Wardens, and Thos Morton Esqr of Castlenode be appointed on the part of the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union for the ensuing year

Resolved, that the Clergymen and Church Wardens of this Union are hereby desired each and every year to furnish an Account of the different Sums expended out of the Bequest of the late Barthw Mahon Esqr and the names of the several persons relieved therefrom, and that the same be entered in the Vestry Book, attested by their respective Signatures, and that a certain portion of said Bequest be left in their hands for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed poor persons as circumstances may arise. And that said Clergymen and Church Wardens be required within a reasonable time to produce an Account of the different Sums expended by them out of said Bequest for the last ten or twelve years and the names of the persons relieved therefrom, and that same be entered in the Vestry Book, and that a fair Copy thereof be transmitted to the Board of Charitable Donations, attested as before stated by their respective Signatures.

Resolved, That this Vestry be adjourned to Monday the 21st of April next, at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon.

[no names or signatures of those present, no minute for 21st April 1845]

Account of sums donated from the Mahon bequest, 1833-37, 9 pages – [Appendix D](#)

1846

Easter Monday 1846

At a Vestry held in Strokestown Church on Monday the 13th day of April 1846, Pursuant to Notice, for the Purpose of Electing Church Wardens for the Union of Bumlin for the ensuing year,

Resolved that Major Mahon of Strokestown House be appointed by the Incumbent the Revd Mr Mahon as one of the Church Wardens, and Mr Thos Holden be appointed by the Parishioners as the other Church Warden for said Union

E Mahon, Vicar of said Union

Richard Cowen, Curate

1847

Easter - 1847

At an adjourned Vestry held in the Vestry Room of Strokestown Church of which due notice had been given according to the Statutes made therein and provided, on Monday the 26th day of April 1847 for the purpose of electing the Church-wardens for this year for the Union of Bumlin, Kiltrustan and Lissonuffy

Resolved that Major Mahon be appointed by the incumbent the Revd Joseph Morton and Bartholomew Mahon Esqr be appointed by the parishioners as the Churchwardens for said Union for the year commencing Easter 1847

Joseph Morton, Incumbent of said Union of Bumlin

Thomas Higgins, Wm Smyth

N.B. on receiving this Vestry Book from the representatives of the Revd E Mahon, I found five leaves next preceding this leaf blank - *Joseph Morton*, Incumbent April 1847

From 1848 on, the only business recorded is the election of the church wardens, and whether the accounts were examined. These are noted here in summary form only.

1848

Easter 1848 - Monday 26th April 1848 - Churchwardens Robert Devenish Esqr and Mr Robt Stokes

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; *Cornelius Gaff; Richd Cowen; Thomas Higgins*

1849

Easter 1849 - Tuesday 10th April 1849 - Churchwardens John Devenish Esqr and Thomas Holden Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; *John Ross Mahon; Thomas Roberts; Joseph Robinson; Walter McAdams*

1850

Easter 1850 - Monday 1st April 1850 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and Mr Stephen Mahon

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; *Thomas Roberts; Charles Maguire; Thomas Higgins*

1851

Easter 1851 - Tuesday 22nd April 1851 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and William Mahon Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Charles Maguire; James Warnock; Thomas Higgins

1852

Easter Monday 1852 - Monday 12th April 1852 - Churchwardens John Conry Esqr M.D. and William Mahon Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; W Mahon; Chas Maguire; Arthur Conry

1853

Easter Monday 1853 - Monday 28th March 1853 - Churchwardens John Conry Esqr M.D. and Bartholomew Mahon Esq

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; W Mahon; Thomas Roberts; Arthur Conry; Thomas Higgins

1854

Easter 1854 - Easter Monday April 1854 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and Bartholomew Mahon Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Cornelius Gaff; Thomas Higgins; Barthw Dowd

1855

Easter Monday 9th April 1855 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and John Devenish Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Barthw Dowd; Thomas Higgins

1856

Easter Monday 24th March 1856 - Churchwardens William Mahon Esqr (I) and Henry Sandford Pakenham Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Thos Holden; Henry St Laurence; Thomas Roberts; Richd Black; Val. L. Trenor; Robert Devenish; J O West; Thos Lloyd; William Darker; Cornelius Gaff; Barthw Dowd; Mathew Nixon

Having been deputed by the Vestry assembled at Strokestown Church this day to examine into the Accounts of the monies collected in that Church, and distribution of same, we have scrutinised the receipts and distribution for the year ending Easter 1856, and have found them justly distributed and correctly accounted for - Signed this 24th March 1856 *Thomas Roberts; Thomas Holden*

1857

Easter Monday 13th April 1857 - Churchwardens Bartholomew Mahon Esqr and James Ormsby West Esqr

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Thomas Roberts; Robt Devenish; V L Trenor; James Ormsby West

1858

Easter Monday 5th April 1858 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and Dr Trenor

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct.

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Thomas Roberts; George Walpole; Thomas Higgins; Barthw Dowd

1859

Easter Monday 25th April 1859 - Churchwardens Mr Edward West and Mr William Darker

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct.

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; V L Trenor; Wm Darker; Edward West; Thomas Higgins; Mathew Nixon

1860

Easter Monday 9th April 1860 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon and John Hamilton Esquires

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 9th of April 1860

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; Edwd West; Robert Browne; Thomas Higgins

1861

Easter Monday 1st April 1861 - Churchwardens Dr Trenor and Alonzo Lawder Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 1st^h of April 1861

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; V L Trenor MD; W Darker

1862

Easter Monday 21st April 1862 - Churchwardens Capt B Mahon and Capt John Hamilton

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 21st^h of April 1862

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; V L Trenor MD; Thos Lloyd; Richd Black

1863

Easter Monday 6th April 1863 - Churchwardens V L Trenor Esqr MD and William Darker Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 6th of April 1863

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; V L Trenor; George Rea; Wm Wilson

1864

Easter Monday 28th March 1864 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and Robert Devenish Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 28 March 1864

Joseph Morton, Incumbent; V L Trenor; Richd Black; Thos Higgins; Thos Lloyd

1865

Easter Monday 17th April 1865 - Churchwardens H S Pakenham Mahon Esqr and V L Trenor Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 17 of April 1865

Joseph Morton, Chairman

1866

Easter Monday 2nd April 1866 - Churchwardens Warren Meade Esqr MD and William Darker Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 2 of April 1866

Joseph Morton, Chairman

1867

Easter Monday 22nd April 1867 - Churchwardens Robert Devenish Esqr and Robert Browne Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 22 of April 1867

Joseph Morton, Chairman

1868

Easter Monday 13th April 1868 - Churchwardens H S Pakenham Mahon Esqr and William Darker Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 13 of April 1868

Joseph Morton, Chairman

1869

Easter Tuesday 30th March 1869 - Churchwardens John Ross Mahon Esqr and Thomas Roberts Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 30 March 1869

Joseph Morton, Chairman

1870

Easter Monday 18th April 1870 - Churchwardens H S Pakenham Mahon Esqr and Digby De B. Brooke West Esqr

The accounts of the monies collected in the Church for the past year and the distribution thereof were examined and found correct. Dated this 18 April 1870

Joseph Morton, Chairman

Opinion of Francis Blackburne, K.C., on the legality of levying parish cess on the quantity of land only, as was the custom in the Union of Bumlin. It must have been given between 1827, when the Church Rates (Ireland) Act came into effect, and before such rates were abolished by the Church Temporalities Act of 1833. This entry, in the writing of George McAdams, parish clerk, is at the end of the Vestry Book.

I think the present mode of Applotment is not legal - The applotments of all kinds of Parochial Charges ought to be exactly conformable to the provisions of the 13th Section of the 7th of Geo. 4th Chap. 72. The duty of the Applotters is thereby prescribed to be "duly to applot the Sums assessed according to the respective values of the lands and tenements of the Inhabitants". And by the 15th Section they are to Applot the rate impartially and fairly - I cannot doubt that these Enactments abolished all previous modes of Applotment in any manner inconsistent with them - and it appears to me, that the Custom, that an Inhabitant shall be assessed according to the quantity, and not according to the quantity and quality of his land are plainly repugnant to the Statute, which makes the new value, that is, the true actual and relative values of the lands and tenements the Rule of assessment -

Even tho' the Applotters were not sworn, and have but imperfect means of forming an accurate judgment, they must do the best they can, to conform to the Statute, and if they err the Statute provides by the power of Appeal, the means of correction.

F Blackburne

Note inside the back cover of the vestry book

Acres according to the County Book

Bumlin 2273

Kiltrustan 3007

Lysonuffy 2699

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