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F. C. 1.

Fó-Roinn.

NÁ CUIRTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN GCLÚDACH SO

Tá annso, leis,

*Ex 65.0. File*  
*340 21/18*

An Uimhir

An Gnó

*277*  
*120*

An Uimhir ag Roinn  
Eile

*Property Losses Committee*  
*Report of Committee*

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*Q.A. 91*

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*4/31*



FILES ANNEXED.

NO MINUTES TO BE MADE ON THIS COVER.

Regd. No.	Subject.
34021/18	Constitution of Property Losses Cl. Bulwer Rebellion 1916
Regd. No. (Outside Dept.)	

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

File No. .... 34021/18

MINUTE SHEET.

Both sides of this sheet should be used.

~~The~~

The Constitution, terms of reference and  
Report of the Committee are given at "A"

Ans. It occurs to me that  
these papers might be helpful  
in connection with the setting  
up of the Compensation Commission

Off.  
9/8/22

Jus/H277/120/1

To be read  
to D III

Jus/H277/120/2



Mr Brennan

34021  
18

10782 contains the earlier  
papers of 34021<sup>17</sup>/<sub>18</sub> and may be tied  
up with latter. The other files are  
in order.

Dec. 22/10.

Jus/H244/100/3



CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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Ans.

The earlier pp as  
to app of PL Cttee  
have been detached  
from this file. Will  
you please say if  
you have them.

Boe  
5-5-19

Yes. This file  
should be ✓.

J.H. 5/5

JUS/H277/120/4



Jus/H297/120/5



34021  
18

Regulations.

I should like it to be  
clearly understood that I have not  
these files.

I landed some such files  
in the A. U. S. some months ago, and  
have to take to C. S. regarding  
them.

Since then I have never seen

them.

Ray  
16/1/19

✓  
J. D. I. 8/4

I don't hold?

Asst Under Secy.

Perhaps you know something as to

these files. J.D. 17,

I. Reply as in letter of 14/2/18  
to Secy. New Zealand Govt. Office  
(7024/18. II Re-submit J.D. 17



JUL 11 1297 / 120 / 6

Repr.

The file containing report of Impact  
Losses Committee is not in F.D. and has  
not been here for a long time. As far as I  
remember it was last in use in connection with  
proceedings arising out of the acquisition of the  
equipment of part of the R.C. 28 Lane

Sachinville St.

JD 157  
28077 Mr. Watt  
17917 Mr. Watt 10/28/8  
Mr. Watt - The  
file is not in Registry -  
Perhaps it is with the  
files with you. JH 157



Jus/H277/120/7(1)

Mr Watt

Please let me  
have file 7029/18  
Property losses  
County file sent  
to you 28/8.

J. A. Harnett

24  
x 11

I have not the  
file - Try the G. D.

24/12/18

Rec'd by me 9/1/19.

Repr. Please send me file. J.H.T. 11/1/19.

Mr. Bremman  
The file is not in the Register  
24/12/18



14982

Co. Kerry. Resolution of Tralee

R.D. Council as to cost of extra  
police at Kilmurry. I.G. reports  
that the force does not involve any  
extra charge on the rates.

So inform the  
Council

14788

Dublin City. Rex. v. Reid

and Wilson; housebreaking, larceny,  
&c. C.C.Solicitor submits Writs  
of Habeas Corpus in the case.

Forward Writs  
to Governor  
Mountjoy  
Prison.  
Inform Chief  
Commissioner.

Jus/H277/120/7(2)



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Communications on this subject  
should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following  
Number quoted

60851/1918



19 December, 1918.

7029  
Mr Watt  
28/8

C7

1362  
14 Dec:

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to transmit to you to be laid before His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the accompanying copy of a telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate respecting three copies of the Commissioners report on claims for compensation for damage caused by the Irish disturbances in 1916.

2. There are no copies of this report in this Office and Mr. Long will be glad if he can be furnished with four copies for confidential use in the Colonial Office and for transmission to the East Africa Protectorate.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THE UNDER SECRETARY,

DUBLIN CASTLE.

JUS/H277/120/8



60851/18

Telegram

The Officer Administering the Government of the East  
Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies

(Dated 14th December, received Colonial Office 1.25 p.m.,  
15th December, 1918).

S.1362. December 14th.

Would be glad if you would despatch  
immediately three copies of report commission on  
claims for compensation for damage caused by Irish  
disturbances Easter 1916.

BOWRING.

745/H277/120/9



Jus/H297/120/10 (1)

No. 7029

**Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.****FINANCE DIVISION.****SUBJECT.**Property Losses.Letter from High Commissioner for  
New Zealand.**MINUTE.**

Write to the Secretary,

New Zealand Government Offices:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you for the information of the High Commissioner for New Zealand that the report made by the Committee at the conclusion of its investigations in April, 1917, has not been published.

The following statement sets out in brief outline a record of the results of the labours of the Committee

(1) In all 7001 claims for £2,791,872 were received.

(2) Ex gratia re-building grants were awarded in 212 cases (adjoining houses in the same street and the same occupancy being treated as a single case) in respect of premises totally or in great part destroyed during the rebellion. The total amount of these awards was £742,926, representing the value of the buildings at the time of destruction. In addition,

*Under Secretary.**Submitted for approval.**J.H. 13.3.18**Approved.**W.P.B. 13.3**Typed  
Dec. 14/3/18*



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ex gratia grants amounting to a total of more than one million pounds sterling have been paid, on the recommendation of the Committee, in respect of the stock, fittings, etc., of these premises, chattel losses in respect of a large number of other premises, and minor damage to various buildings.

(3) A number of claims were rejected by the Committee on the ground that the losses sustained were consequential, and as such excluded by their Terms of Reference from being taken into account. Other claims were disallowed on the ground of complicity of the applicants with the outbreak, the absence of proof of loss, liability of Insurance Companies or other parties etc. ]

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13th March, 1918.



14691  
Jus/H244/120/11

**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
"DEPUTY, WESTRAND, LONDON."

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

GERRARD 840  
" 841  
" 842  
" 843

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR NEW ZEALAND.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO  
Case 6225



CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
7029 - 11 MAR 1918  
OFFICE  
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
415, STRAND,  
LONDON, W.C. 2.

7th March 1918.

*Mr Taylor,*  
*Will you kindly deal with this?*

Sir,

*Wf*  
*Amended*  
*1000 3*

I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that he has received a letter from his Government, requesting to be supplied with a copy of each report issued by your Committee since its institution.

The High Commissioner will, therefore, be greatly obliged if you will kindly furnish this Department with copies of any such printed matter for transmission to New Zealand, or inform him of exactly what reports have been issued by your Committee, so that they can be obtained in the usual way through the Parliamentary publishers.

I am,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green,  
Dublin.

*A.R. Skene*  
*for* Secretary to the Department.





*In file.  
S.T. 15/6*

TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.



MILLICENT,

SALLINS,

CO. KILDARE.

13th June 1917

14018.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a gratuity of £300 for Mr J.J. Healy in respect of his services for Property and Losses Committee which I have handed to him.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

*William J. Gontar*

J.J. Taylor Esq  
Under Secretary's Office  
Dublin Castle.



Jus/H297/120/13

Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—  
THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W., 1  
and the following number quoted.



14993  
17

6<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 4th ultimo (9868) and its enclosure relative to the payment of a gratuity to Mr. J.J. Healy, Deputy Accountant at the Board of Works, in respect of his services as Secretary to the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee.

In reply I am to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that My Lords have given careful consideration to the recommendation of the Committee and They are glad to note their testimony to Mr. Healy's work. They regret however that having regard to Mr. Healy's salary as a public official and to the amounts awarded in other cases They do not feel justified, especially at the present time when many public servants are working long hours without extra remuneration, in authorising the payment of a larger gratuity than £300.

An order for the payment of that sum (less Income Tax) is enclosed herewith for transmission to Mr. Healy.

The U.S. has seen  
the Treasury as  
regards this matter  
& they think  
that the allowance  
granted is a  
as compared with the cost  
seems me &  
the matter is  
not open to  
reconsideration.

C. W. J.

7-11-17

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Inform Sir W. Goulding Bart.  
of the substance of this Treasury  
letter, enclosing *minutes* (sent M. J. J. Healy)  
The Under Secretary

Dublin Castle.

REGISTERED

-9 JUN 1917

under cover to Mr. Healy, Board of P. Works  
2041 87. done 8. 11. 17

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TELEPHONE, NAAS 14.  
TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.



10899  
JD



Jus/H277/120/14

MILLICENT,  
SALLINS,  
CO. KILDARE.

23rd April, 1917.

Property Losses Committee  
9181

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 18th April with regard to a gratuity to Mr. J.J. Healy, I have considered the case carefully.

Most of Mr. Healy's work was such that it could not be divided and had to be done by one man, and I think that between night work and Sunday work, which had to be done to get the business through as fast as possible, he had fully as much extra work, and that of a special and technical character, as would have been done in the Office in ten months.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend to His Excellency and the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury that an award of £350. should be made as a special gratuity to Mr. J.J. Healy.

I am,  
Sir,

The Under Secretary,

Your obedient servant,

DUBLIN CASTLE.

*William J. Gouda*

- I. Under Secretary's directions taken
- II. Send copy of this letter to Treasury for consideration
- III. Place with Report of Committee. J.D. 4/5

II. Copy made 15  
II. Done 15.4.17  
113010 9/5/17

REGISTERED  
15 MAY 1917



No.

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## Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

## FINANCE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

Property Losses Committee.

Services of Secy., Mr. Healy.

Under Secretary.

Submitted for approval.

Appr'd J.H. 17/4  
W.P.B. 17.4.17

REGISTERED.

18 APR. 1917

Done  
J.H. 18/4.  
depo 19/4  
J.H.Write to Sir Wm. J. Goulding,  
Bart. D.L.

Referring to the Report of  
the Property Losses Committee, an  
acknowledgment of which will be  
sent to you in the course of a few  
days, I am directed by the L.H. to  
inquire whether you have any  
recommendation to make for the  
consideration of H.E. and the  
Lds. Commrs of H.M. Tr.  
in favour of the award of a gratuity  
to Mr. J. J. Healy for his services.

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Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

as Secretary of the Committee.

12/5

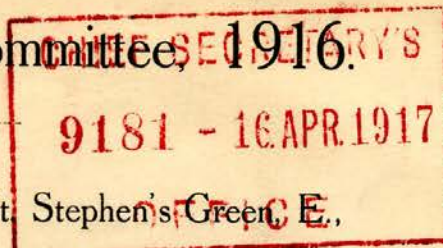
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## Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.



51 St. Stephen's Green, E.

Dublin, 7th April, 1917.

ack'd J. 4. 17  
Put with file  
Submit. W.B.

8586 14  
12 1/4

J.E. 2  
17 1/4

Dear Sir William,

I am sending in Report of Property Losses to-day, which I hope will meet with your approval. I want to draw your special attention to our Secretary, Mr. J. J. Healy of the Board of Works; he is a grand worker and with plenty of sound common sense and ability, and if you can get him promotion to a responsible position in any of your 'shows' you will be doing him a well deserved turn and at the same time benefiting that Department.

Yours sincerely,

William J. Goulson

Sir William P. Byrne, K.C.V.O., C.B.,

Under Secretary's Lodge,

PHOENIX PARK.

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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W., 1.  
and the following number quoted.

12 May, 1917.

14735  
17

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant (8586), transmitting by direction of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant copy of the Report of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

✓  
J27.  
14/5/17

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*D. L. Heath*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*L.P.*



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*D. L. Heath*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*L.P.*



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TELEPHONE, NAAS 14.  
TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.



CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
10899 -- 4 MAY 1917  
OFFICE

MILLICENT,  
SALLINS,  
CO. KILDARE.

2nd May, 1917.

8586.

10782  
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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of April 30th conveying to me His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant's thanks, and that of His Majesty's Government, for the manner in which I carried out the work of the 'Property Losses Committee 1916', for which I am obliged.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary,

DUBLIN CASTLE.

*William J. Gontarney*

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67B  
7.V.17



No.

8586.

FUS/H277/120/20(1)

Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

FINANCE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

Property Losses Committee

Report:-

Under Secretary.

Submitted for approval.

17. 4. 17

W. T. B.

W. 10. 4. 7

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Write accordingly.

I don't 30/4 Jkt 28/4/17

15th Dec.

Π 2211 None 800  $\frac{1}{5}$

II, III 10th 11/5

14 August 25-  
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-1 MAY 1917

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4 MAY 19

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REGISTERED.  
- 2 MAY. 1917

I Draft Letter to Sir William J.  
Goulding, Bart., D.L.

I am directed by the Lk  
to ack. The receipt on the 10th. inst  
of the Report signed by you,  
Messrs. William E. Osborn, and Messrs.  
Samuel J. Pipkin as members  
of the Committee constituted  
by H.E. to investigate claims  
in respect of property losses  
sustained by reason of the  
disturbances in April-May, 1916.

Y.E. desires me to convey



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to you and your colleagues on the  
Committee the expression of his  
thanks, ~~in which the Chief~~  
~~Secretary~~ <sup>for the</sup> ~~Chairman~~ <sup>foremost</sup>  
time and trouble devoted to  
this inquiry and for the  
promptitude with which <sup>the</sup> ~~you~~  
Committee <sup>in</sup> brought <sup>its</sup> ~~your~~ labours to a  
Conclusion.

N.E. is causing a copy of  
this letter to be forwarded to  
Mr. Osborn and Mr. Pipkin

- II. Send copy to Mr. Osborn
- III. " " Mr. Pipkin
- IV. Send copy of Report to Treasury.

J.L.T.  
17.6.17

No. 8586.

Jus/H274/120/21

## Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

## FINANCE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

Property Losses Committee.

This is a brief record of an important work carried out with creditable speed, and, I believe, to the general satisfaction.

I think a letter of warm appreciation should be sent to each member of the Committee.

and  
a copy of the Report to the  
Treasurer.

H.P.B. 12.4.17

L.H. Yes I agree. W.13.4.17

C.S.

W.S. Draft each letter please  
H.E.D.  
12/4/17

Under Secretary.

Submitted, the Report.

of the Committee which has  
Completed its investigations.

J.H.T.

12. IV. 17





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PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

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PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE.  
Destroyed Property Committee.

In connection with the destruction, both in Dublin and elsewhere, of buildings and their contents, the State will assume, as the maximum (except as specified below) of its *ex gratia* grant, the same liability as would have fallen on the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

Accordingly, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee consisting of:—

Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., (Chairman).

Mr. William E. Osborn, of Messrs Selfe and Co., London, and

Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

(a) (i.) To ascertain what were the sums covered, for ordinary fire risks, by insurance policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property ;

(ii.) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by the Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire ; and,

(b) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i.) and (ii.), to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with, and how far, in individual cases of insured persons, exceptional treatment should be allowed in view of special circumstances.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

In no case will any grant be made in respect of the property of persons in complicity with the outbreak.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. James J. Healy, at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

15th June, 1916,

DUBLIN CASTLE.



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CHIEF SECRETARY'S

8586 - 10 APR 1917

OFFICE

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE IVOR CHURCHILL, BARON WIMBORNE,  
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. We, the Committee appointed under Your Excellency's Warrant of 15th June, 1916, have the honour to submit this our Report.

PROCEDURE ADOPTED.

2. At our first meeting, held on 21st June, 1916, the form of procedure to be adopted in dealing with claims for property destroyed or damaged during the disturbances of April-May, 1916, was considered. We decided that the necessary investigation into the larger and more important claims should be carried out by thoroughly-qualified Fire Assessors, who should ascertain and report to us the loss sustained in each case, together with the sum that would have been payable by the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the insurance in force. The practice adopted by Insurance Companies in dealing with claims arising under their fire policies was to be followed, and the assessment was to represent the value of the damage at the date of destruction.

LISTS OF RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS TO BE FOR-  
WARDED PERIODICALLY  
TO GOVERNMENT.

3. It was also decided that our recommendations in respect of claims, with all relevant information, should be embodied in Lists to be forwarded periodically to the Government.



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CHIEF SECRETARY'S

8586 - 10 APR 1917

OFFICE

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS.

4. We appointed as Assessors the following :-  
Messrs. Walter Hume & Company, Dublin, Belfast and Cork,  
and Messrs. William Montgomery & Son, Dublin and Belfast.  
Subsequently Mr R. N. Kennedy, Belfast, was added.

#### DUBLIN FIRE AND PROPERTY LOSSES ASSOCIATION.

5. At our second meeting, on 22nd June, 1916, we received a deputation from the Committee of the Dublin Fire and Property Losses Association - an Association representing the bulk of the property owners who suffered during the disturbances. We explained to the deputation the procedure we had decided to adopt in dealing with claims, and it was arranged that all claims lodged with the Association were to be transferred to us.

#### NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOST.

6. We also arranged for the insertion of a notice in the Dublin daily newspapers, requesting all persons whose property had been destroyed or damaged as a result of the Rebellion, and who had not already sent claims to the Dublin Fire & Property Losses Association, to communicate with our Secretary.

#### FORM OF CLAIM.

7. A form of claim to be filled up in every case was settled. It included a statutory declaration that the several statements made were correct, thus enabling the Government to prosecute in the event of a fraudulent claim being submitted.

#### EMPLOYEES' CLAIMS.

8. We were fully alive to the importance of dealing promptly with all claims, but more especially with those from workmen and other employees, who, owing to the loss of tools or clothing, were in many cases unable to obtain work.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS TO REPORT ON SMALL CLAIMS.

9. In order that reports on such cases might be speedily furnished we appointed as Inspectors a number of insurance officials accustomed to deal with claims





for small losses. In this way we were able to send to Government our recommendations in respect of 740 of these small claims in a little over two months from the date of our first meeting, which number had increased a month later to 1800, and to 3200 by the beginning of November.

#### LARGE CLAIMS.

10. As regards the larger claims, progress in assessing the loss was slower owing to the vast amount of detail involved in these cases, and the necessarily limited number of Assessors at our disposal. The Assessors appointed exhausted all the suitable men available locally, and we considered that, on the whole, it would be inadvisable to bring Assessors over from England. Special efforts to cope with the work were, however, made by the staff employed, and we arranged that they should also be allowed expert assistance where necessary.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT. 11. The more urgent of the large claims were those relating to loss of stock or plant, as the claimants in many instances were unable to resume business pending a settlement. But in each such case we were able, after receiving a preliminary report from our Assessors, to recommend a substantial payment on account pending a full valuation of the loss sustained, and in this way serious hardship was minimised.

REBUILDING CLAIMS. 12. The rebuilding cases, which numbered 210 in all, were not so pressing, as building work could not well be started pending the passing of the Dublin Reconstruction (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916. This Act did not become law till the 22nd December last, and by that date, or very soon afterwards, our recommendations regarding nearly all of these cases had been sent to the Government.



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SUMMARY OF  
RE-BUILDING CASES.

13. The following is a summary of the re-building cases :-

Street.	No.	
Abbey Street, Lower.	16	17
" " Middle.	25	✓
Beresford Place.	1	✓
Bolton Street.	4	✓
Bridge Street, Lower.	4	
Brunswick Street, Great.	1	
Cathedral Street.	1	
Clanwilliam Place.	2	
Cole's Lane.	6	
Crane Lane.	1	
Dame Street.	2	
Dean Street.	1	
Earl Place.	3	
Earl Street, North.	11	12
Eden Quay.	13	
Harbour Court.	3	
Harcourt Street.	3	
Henry Place.	4	
Henry Street.	36	
King Street, North.	1	
Linen Hall.	1	
Marlborough Street.	2	
Moore Street.	10	
Parliament Street.	1	
Prince's Street.	8	
Sackville Place.	5	
" Street, Lower	35	
" " Upper.	6	
Usher's Quay	3	
Yarnhall Street.	1	
Total	210	

BASIS OF OUR RECOM-  
MENDATIONS.

14. Our investigation had not proceeded far when it became clear to us that to limit the loss admissible in insured cases to the amount of the insurance





would not adequately meet the special circumstances. For nearly a week the buildings fired, or that caught fire, were allowed to burn themselves out, as the fire brigade could not venture on duty, the police had been withdrawn, and the owners were prevented from approaching their burning premises. As a result nothing could be done in most cases to check the fires, or to salve any of the property in the buildings affected.

There was the further consideration that in the circumstances mentioned the owners of property lost by fire or by looting would apparently have been entitled, in the absence of special legislation, to recover from the rate-payers full compensation for the damage sustained irrespective of the amount of the insurance, or without regard to the question whether the property was or was not insured; but the right to make such claims was withdrawn by Section 1 (6) of the Law and Procedure (Emergency Provisions) (Ireland) Act, 1916.

We therefore came to the conclusion that the circumstances in all cases of loss coming before us were special ones, justifying exceptional treatment, as warranted by (b) of the terms of reference, and we are pleased to know that this view has also been taken by the Government.

In each case then in which loss was proved we have recommended payment of the sum which an Insurance Company would have allowed if the loss were fully covered by Insurance.

#### MONEY LOSSES.

15. As the basis for dealing with claims laid down by the terms of reference is that adopted by an Insurance Company in connection with claims arising under





a fire policy, we have been unable, following insurance practice, to recommend payment for loss of coin or securities for same.

#### LOSS OF RENT.

16. The question whether claims for loss of rent should be allowed was carefully considered by us, and we came to the conclusion, following a formal declaration of a Minister of the Crown on this point, that while loss of rent is normally a consequential loss which would be excluded under the terms of reference, in view of the fact that it is frequently treated as a building loss covered by an ordinary fire policy, we would be justified in admitting claims for such losses but only when insured against. We have accordingly allowed rent claims, within the limits of the insurance, up to a maximum of one year.

#### LOSS OF PROFITS.

17. A similar question regarding loss of profits' claims also received our anxious consideration. Seeing however that the terms of reference state that "no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account" we were constrained to rule out all claims for loss of profits, whether insured against or not, as such losses - which are never provided for in an ordinary fire policy - are clearly consequential.

#### STANDING CHARGES AND BOOK DEBTS.

18. Claims for standing charges, interest on loans, wages paid, etc., and also claims in respect of loss of book debts, were ruled out for the same reason.

#### GOVERNMENT LOSSES.

19. Acting on Your Excellency's instructions (No.12457-16), we have excluded from consideration claims in respect of Government property destroyed or damaged during the disturbances. This property included the General Post Office and the Linen Hall





Barracks, but no claims were lodged with us in respect of these buildings. Under the decision mentioned the claims made by the Post Office against property owners for the value of telephone instruments lost were withdrawn.

LIABILITY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CERTAIN CASES.

20. In no case in which an Insurance Company was found to be liable to make good the loss sustained did we entertain the claim.

FIREARMS ETC., TAKEN BY MILITARY SEARCH PARTIES.

21. We received some claims for firearms and field glasses taken by military search parties and not subsequently restored, but as such losses did not come within the terms of reference we did not admit them, and they were referred to the Government to deal with. Certain other claims for the hire of, or damage done to, motor cars commandeered by the military were also deemed to be inadmissible.

BURNED OUT SOLICITORS' CLAIMS.


22. Claims were received from nine Solicitors whose offices were completely destroyed, together with all deeds, wills, and other documents deposited in the safes or strong rooms. The claims were in respect of

- (a) Loss of costs, owing to the destruction of the records and vouchers required to prepare bills for taxing.
- (b) Expenses involved in replacing necessary deeds and documents lost.
- (c) Cost of perpetuating testimony where essential deeds were destroyed.

Claims under (a), being clearly of a consequential character, were inadmissible.

Under the Law & Procedure (Emergency Provisions) (Ireland) Act, 1916, the Solicitors concerned were





relieved of liability in respect of deeds or other documents lost while in their custody. The Act also extended the powers of the High Court as regards perpetuation of testimony to cases in which the title deeds etc had been lost or destroyed during the disturbances in April-May 1916. As it will be necessary to replace many of the deeds so lost and to perpetuate testimony in some cases we considered that the expense incurred in such work should be allowed for. As this expense could not be estimated with any degree of accuracy pending an authoritative pronouncement by a Court as to the procedure requisite under the Act, the claimants arranged to have a test case tried. The decision in that case - 'Shanahan v. Shanahan' - was given on 21st December last, but the order could not be made up and the costs taxed for another month. The several Solicitors concerned were unable, therefore, to formulate their claims until very recently.

As the investigation of these claims when received involved many points of law we found it necessary to obtain the assistance of a legal assessor. At the hearing it was made clear to the several Solicitors concerned, and it was agreed to by them, that in view of the provisions of the Act quoted the real claimants were their clients, and that such payments as might be authorised were to be made to these clients when the replacement of deeds etc., was completed. We have suggested a scale of fees for the several classes of work required, and have recommended a time limit of one year within which all the work should be done.



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**LATEST DATE FOR RECEIVING CLAIMS.**

23. The latest date fixed for receiving intimation of claims was the 12th August, 1916, and this was announced in the Dublin daily papers. But in any case subsequently notified in which a satisfactory explanation of the delay was furnished we accepted and dealt with the claim.

**NUMBER OF CLAIMS.**

24. In all 7,001 claims, totalling to £2,791,872, were received. These were disposed of as under, viz:-

	Number.	Amount claimed.	Amount recommended.
ADMITTED.	6,236	£ 2,632,522	£ 1,844,390
DECLINED :-			
Consequential Losses	82	114,853	
Money Losses	20	242	
Insurance Companies liable.	104	7,589	
Other parties liable.	57	1,830	
Claimants implicated in Rebellion.	20	6,368	
Arms, etc., taken by Military Search Parties etc., transferred to the Chief Secretary's Department.	52	677	
No Proof of Loss	56	10,276	
Withdrawn	28	577	
Not proceeded with.	225	8,087	
Government property.	6	7,754	
Claims received too late.	115	1,097	
	765	159,350	
TOTAL	7,001	2,791,872	1,844,390



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ADMITTED CASES.  
PERCENTAGE OF AMOUNT  
CLAIMED RECOMMENDED.

25. In respect of the cases admitted the sums recommended by us represent seventy per cent of the total claimed. Some portion of the reduction made is accounted for by the fact that many of the claims included consequential or money losses - not admissible - or included items for which the Insurance Companies were liable, and which were consequently disallowed.

CLAIMS RECEIVED SIMILAR TO THOSE SENT TO INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CASES OF FIRE LOSS.

26. While in some cases extravagant demands were put forward we are pleased to say that on the whole the claims submitted to us bore about the same relation to the actual loss sustained, and were of much the same character, as those usually received by an Insurance Company in connection with ordinary fire losses.

27. We cannot conclude our Report without specially mentioning our Secretary, Mr James J. Healy. He has acted throughout our inquiry with singular ability, tact and accuracy, and spared no pains to push on the work as fast as possible, and we are much indebted for his valuable assistance to us.

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient servants,

William J. Goulding (Chairman).

William L. Osborn

James J. Healy

(Secretary).

7th April, 1917.



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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W., 1.  
and the following number quoted.

1 May 1917.

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Sir,

(8050)

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 11th ultimo and its enclosures relative to the payment of gratuities to the messenger staff at the Board of Works in view of their services to the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee.

In reply I am to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that They sanction the distribution of £7. <sup>s</sup>10. <sup>d</sup>0. among the messengers and office cleaners concerned, but They think that a gratuity of £5 would be sufficient for the extra services rendered by the resident Office Keeper. The above amounts will no doubt be paid by the Secretary to the Committee out of imprest.

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For copy.

II. Sent copy to Mr. Kealy.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE,

51 St. Stephen's Green, E.,

Dublin. 31st March, 1917.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
8050 - 2 APR 1917  
FILE

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses Committee to refer to the penultimate paragraph of their letter of 22nd June last in which it was suggested that the claim of the messengers and office cleaners of the Board of Works for services rendered to the Committee should be dealt with by the payment of small gratuities on the termination of the Committee's work. As that stage is now at hand I am requested to bring this matter forward for consideration.

The Office-keeper, Mr R. Jameson, has had more work placed on him than had been at first anticipated. Besides supervising the arrangements for dealing with the very large number of callers - claimants or their representatives - the numerous telephone messages, and the frequent despatch of parcels to the Committee's Assessors, Inspectors and others, he had to see to the locking up of the office and the extinguishing of lights on staircases after the departure of the staff, which for a long period was between 9 and 10 o'clock p.m. All these services were excellently performed, and as much work had to be done outside his ordinary hours the Committee recommend for the favourable consideration of the Lord Lieutenant the payment to Mr Jameson of a gratuity of £10.

The messengers - 4 men and 2 boys - had a substantial addition made to their ordinary work by the calls of the Committee, but, except in the case of one man who acted for the Office-keeper when the latter was on leave, it did not necessitate late attendance. The cleaning of the rooms used by the Committee and staff involved some little extra attendance on

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The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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the part of the office cleaners due to the late hours of the staff and the lighting of extra fires. The Committee consider that the claims of the several messengers and office cleaners will be fully met by the distribution between them of a total gratuity of £7. 10. 0, which they recommend should be paid.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*M. Healy*

Secretary.



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CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
11023 -- 5 MAY 1917  
OFFICE

Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—  
THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W., 1.  
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

3 May 1917.

12189  
17.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 11th ultimo (8126.) and its enclosure relative to the payment of a gratuity to Mr. F.W. Taylor, a Second Division Clerk in the office of the Commissioners of Public Works, in respect of his services on the staff of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee.

In reply I am to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that while My Lords note the Committee's testimony to Mr. Taylor's services They would not feel justified in all the circumstances in sanctioning a total gratuity of more than £50 in his case. £15 has already been paid to Mr. Taylor and I am to enclose herewith an Order for £35 for transmission to him.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. J. Ramsey*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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I. Rem  
For copy of this  
letter.

II. Send copy to Secy.  
Pub. Committee  
Board of Works,  
with enclosure.

III. Attach to file.

*J. H.*

*5/5/17*

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No. 8049.

**Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.****FINANCE DIVISION.**

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

Property Losses Committee.

Proposed payment of a  
 further gratuity of £45 to  
 Mr. F. W. Taylor of the  
 Board of Works Dept.

Recommended to Treasury.  
 S.T.B.  
 4.4.17

Ref. for copy of 8049.

J.P.T.  
 Done 8.11.15/4 5/4

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Under Secretary.

Treasury Letter of the  
 3rd. October last sanctioned payment  
 of a gratuity of £15 in respect of  
 his services on the staff of this  
 Committee. May this further  
 proposal of the Committee be  
 recommended to the Treasury?

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PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE,

51 St. Stephen's Green, E.,

Dublin. 31st March, 1917.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Property Losses Committee to refer to their letter of 16th September, 1916, on the subject of a payment to Mr F. W. Taylor of the Board of Works Department on account of his services on the staff of the Committee, and to Mr J.J. Taylor's letter of 5th October last, No. 17288, transmitting Treasury authority for payment of a gratuity of £15. As their work is nearing an end the Committee now beg to submit a recommendation on behalf of Mr Taylor for a further gratuity.

The Chairman of the Board of Works at much personal inconvenience placed a very large part of Mr Taylor's time at the disposal of the Committee, knowing that his experience, capacity and energy would be of material assistance to them in dealing with the many difficult problems likely to arise. Mr Taylor has proved himself fully equal to the tasks imposed on him, and the help he has given to the Secretary, and his work generally, have tended in no small degree to shorten the labours of the Committee. The duties carried out by Mr Taylor are not to be measured by his rank as a Second Division Clerk. They were of a character much superior to those usually assigned to a clerk of his class, and if he had not been available it would have been necessary to appoint an Assistant Secretary at a substantial salary. It is also to be remembered that, in view of the urgency of the claims - numbering over 7,000 - and the need for rapidly disposing of them, everything was done at high pressure, and speed and accuracy - qualifications fully possessed by Mr Taylor - were most essential. The overtime worked by Mr Taylor on this service totalled to about 320 hours. With the further experience since gained the Committee

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

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do not think that the overtime rate of 3/- per hour mentioned in their letter of 16th September, 1916, referred to, would adequately remunerate Mr Taylor, having regard to the valuable services rendered by him, and in any case payment on such a basis would not admit of any allowance being made for the very considerable amount of work done during office hours. In all the circumstances the Committee consider that the total remuneration to Mr Taylor should be not less than £60, and they submit this recommendation for the payment to him of a further gratuity of £45 for the most favourable consideration of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Healy*

Secretary.



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# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916

CHIEF SECRETARY'S

7261 - 24 MAR 1917

51 St. Stephen's Green, E.,

Dublin, 23rd March, 1916/7.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses Committee to transmit herewith for the information of the Lord Lieutenant copy of a letter dated 12th instant received from Mr S. J. Pipkin, intimating that he does not propose to claim a refund of the travelling expenses incurred by him as a member of the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Write Expressing appreciation of J. J. A. O'Keefe's public spirit.*

The Under Secretary,

Secretary.

Dublin Castle.

24.3.17

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26 MAR 1917  
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*Under Secretary.*

*Please see also*

*Sir T. Healy*

*Letter of 25 May, 1916*

*(indicated).*

*J. J. A. O'Keefe 24-3-17*



Jus/H277/120/29

C O P Y.

Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.,  
92 Cheapside,  
London, E.C.

12th March, 1917.

Dear Mr Healy,

Referring to your intimation that the Treasury would like an account of my expenses in connection with my visits to Ireland, I have to state that I have come to the conclusion not to send in any claim at all. It is little that a man of 70 can do in these strenuous times to help his Country, and I will look upon the expenses which I have incurred in my journeys to Ireland as the contribution of my "bit" in the Nation's service.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) SAML. J. PIPKIN.

J. J. Healy, Esq.,  
51 St. Stephen's Green, E,  
Dublin.



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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 8th ultimo (22972) and its enclosed copy of a letter from the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee relative to the employment of Mr. J. Craig F.S.I. as an additional Assessor.

In reply I am to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that in the circumstances described My Lords sanction the employment of Mr. Craig at the rate of £3. 3. 0 per working day as from the middle of August as proposed by the Committee.

An order in favour of Messrs. W. Montgomery and Son for the sum of £252 being the remuneration for Mr. Craig's services up to 31st October last on the basis now approved, is enclosed herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

REGISTERED  
- 6 JAN. 1917

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
22972 - 6 DEC 1916  
OFFICE

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE.

51 St. Stephen's Green, E,  
Dublin.

5th December, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses Committee to refer to Mr Taylor's letter of the 21st October last, No. 18544, enclosing copy of Treasury letter of the 17th October on the subject of additional expert assistance required by the Committee, and to state that some time prior to the receipt of that letter the Committee, in view of the pressure brought to bear on them from all sides to secure the prompt disposal of claims, found it necessary in anticipation of Treasury approval to authorise Messrs. Montgomery & Son to place on the work a fifth man, Mr J. Craig, F.S.I., who was available in their Belfast office. Mr Craig is a fully qualified Assessor, who has specialised in building construction and quantity surveying. The rate of pay at first claimed for him was £6. 6. 0 per day, but Mr Craig, though quite competent, has not had lengthened experience of assessing, and the Committee have succeeded in getting Messrs. Montgomery to agree, subject to Treasury sanction, to accept payment for him at the rate of £3. 3. 0 per day. This accounts for the delay in submitting the matter.

The amount due to Messrs. Montgomery & Son in respect of Mr Craig's services to the end of October is £252. Had Mr Craig not been employed the only alternative would have been the employment for so many days longer at £6. 6. 0 per day, of one or other of the Committee's Assessors, whom the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have already authorised. The result is that by availing of Mr Craig's services the work of assessing claims has been ~~ad-~~ <sup>considerably</sup> expedited, and at the same time a substantial saving has been effected.

In

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

*Under Secretary  
Submitted for  
Authority to  
apply for Treasury  
Sanction.*

*J.H.T.*

*6.11.16*

*W.P.R.*

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In the circumstances the Committee would be glad if His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant would be pleased to move the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for covering authority for the employment of this extra Assessor at £3. 3. 0 per day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. Kebley*

Secretary.



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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S

18544 - 19 OCT. 1916

OFFICE

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

17 October, 1916.

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Sir,

In reply to Mr. Taylor's letter of the 7th ultimo, (15436), I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that They sanction the proposal of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee to employ

(1) two additional part time Inspectors on the terms agreed for the other part time inspectors;

(2) an additional Assessor at a remuneration of £6:6:0 a day on the understanding that this remuneration will as in former cases include the services of any necessary clerks etc.

My Lords are further prepared to agree that where the claim is a large one assessors may be allowed, with the assent of the Committee, in each case, to employ expert assistance in such special matters as in the Committee's opinion would be recognised by the practice of insurance assessors as requiring special assistance. The remuneration to be granted for such assistance should take the form of an inclusive fee to be approved by the Committee and should not exceed say £20 without the specific previous approval of the Committee to the amount proposed. My Lords would be glad if the Committee would consult Them in any case where the fee proposed amounts to any considerable sum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. J. G. Murray*

REGISTERED  
21 OCT. 1916

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—  
THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS

17288 - 4 OCT. 1916

OFFICE

3 October, 1916.

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Sir,

In reply to Mr. J. J. Taylor's letter of the 20th ultimo (16242), I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that They have sanctioned the payment to Mr. F.W. Taylor, of the Board of Works Department, of a gratuity of £15 in respect of his services on the staff of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee.

An order for that amount in favour of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Taylor is enclosed herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. G. Ramsey*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*Send copy to Mr. Healy*

*enclosing order.*

*Order given to Mr. F. Taylor when he called here 24/10*

*copy done 24/10.*

*J. D. T.*

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REGISTERED.  
5 OCT. 1916

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S 16242 - 18 SEP 1916 OFFICE	PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916, 51 St. Stephen's Green, DUBLIN, 16th September, 1916.
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Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, to refer to your letter of the 11th ultimo, No. 13801, and previous correspondence regarding clerical assistance required by them, and to the condition mentioned in Treasury Letter of <sup>30th June</sup> ~~1st July~~ last that Mr Taylor, whose services have been lent by the Chairman of the Board of Works, should not receive payment for overtime, any extra remuneration for this work to take the form of a gratuity to be determined hereafter. In view of this condition the Committee had intended deferring the question of Mr Taylor's remuneration till the enquiry was completed and then recommending the payment to him of a gratuity for the overtime worked estimated on an hourly basis; but as they are not yet in a position to say how long the enquiry will last they ~~decide~~ think that Mr Taylor should receive now a payment on account. Mr Taylor is rendering very valuable service, and his experience, tact, and energy have been of great help to the Committee in their arduous work. They will be glad, therefore, if this application can be put forward by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for favourable consideration.

Up to the end of August, Mr Taylor had worked 140 hours overtime. His rate of remuneration based on salary would be 2/6 per hour, but having regard to the importance of the work Mr Taylor is engaged on - interviewing claimants, supervising the clerical staff, checking accounts, and generally assisting the Secretary in dealing with the large amount of correspondence involved - the Committee would recommend that he be allowed an overtime rate of 3/- per hour, which would represent a total payment for the period to 31st ultimo of £21.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*M. Healy*  
Secretary.

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20 SEP 1916



P. J. NEARY,  
Architect and Surveyor.  
—  
Fire Loss Assessor.



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11 HILL STREET,

Newry, 5th September, 1916.

Sir Robert Chalmers, K.C.B.,  
Under Secretary for Ireland,  
Dublin Castle.

Sir,

I beg to submit to you myself as an applicant for the position of Assessor in connection with the property damaged and destroyed in the Rebellion in Dublin. I have had considerable experience in the business of assessing compensation for fire losses, both for Insurance Companies and Assured. By profession I am an Architect as well as an Assessor; and this combination would be especially advantageous in the appointment which I seek. I hold also the position of Surveyor to the Warrenpoint Urban Council, and can get permission from them to have their work done by a substitute in my absence. As regards my standing and fitness for the position, I beg to refer to J. MacVeagh, Esqr, M.P. for South Down, and J.J. Mooney, Esqr, M.P. for Newry Borough.

If required I shall be glad to go to Dublin for an interview.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. Neary.

*I Ack. & reply that his application should be addressed to the P.C. Committee. I do not see II in Staff file. J.T.*

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
15436 -- 5 SEP. 1916

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

51 St. Stephen's Green, E.,  
Dublin.

4th September, 1916.

Recommend to T.  
AL 5/9/16

Sir,

*Rep.  
For copy  
J.L.  
5/9/16*

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee to refer to your letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 13390, transmitting Treasury authority for the employment of an additional Assessor, and of additional part-time Inspectors to report on claims received, and to state for the information of the Lord Lieutenant that the further assistance thus authorised has assisted materially in disposing of claims.

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The Committee, however, are not satisfied with the progress being made in the case of the larger claims (over £100) which are being dealt with by the Assessors. They are fully alive to the necessity for promptly disposing of all claims, and they have given this matter most careful consideration.

(1) One remedy would be the appointment of additional Assessors. The Committee find that one of the firms already employed - Messrs. Hume - has a fifth fully qualified principal stationed in Cork, and subject to Treasury approval they have arranged that he shall take up duty in Dublin, receiving the same remuneration as the other principals, viz., £6. 6. 0 per day of seven hours. This, on the information at present available, exhausts all the eligible Assessors in Ireland.

(2) As the appointment of one additional Assessor would not help materially in relieving the existing congestion, it became necessary to consider what further assistance could be given. The Committee find that in Insurance cases, where the loss is a large one,

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

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the Assessor is allowed to obtain expert assistance in such matters as building rates, accounting, and machinery claims, the payment being made, as a rule by fee, the amount of which depends on the time occupied in each particular case. In this way the Assessor is relieved of the necessity of going himself into minute details and the assessment of the loss is expedited. The Committee believe that a similar arrangement in the case of their Assessors would materially assist the object in view, and they would accordingly ask that the Assessors be authorised to obtain expert assistance relating to the matters specified at the rates customarily paid in such cases, the out-of-pocket expenses so incurred to be refunded.

(3) The Committee think that there is room for two additional part-time Inspectors, and they beg that authority may be given for their employment on the same terms as in the case of the other Inspectors.

I am to add that while the several proposals now made will not involve any additional expense they will have the effect of accelerating the disposal of the claims received. The Committee trust, therefore, that His Excellency will be pleased to submit them for the favourable consideration of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*P. Healy*

Secretary.



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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.



TREASURY CHAMBERS.

9 August 1916.

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo (13020) I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to convey to the Lords Justices Their Lordships authority for payment of overtime at recognised rates to certain members of the staff of the Commissioners of Public Works who have been lent to the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, involving an increase in the sum allowed to the Committee for clerical assistance from £5.5.0 to not more than £8 per week.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. M. Ramsay*

*Send copy to Mr. Kealy*

*J. L. J.*

*11-8-16*

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The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle

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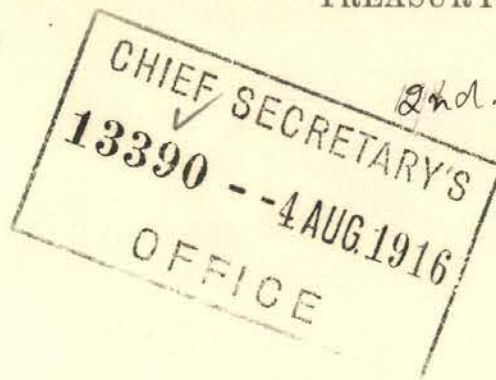
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TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

2nd. August 1916.

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Sir,

In reply to Mr. O'Farrell's letter of the 27th ultimo (12787), I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to convey to the Lords Justices Their Lordships' covering sanction for the employment by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee of the additional assessor at a remuneration of £6.6.0 a day to cover assistants' time and all expenses, and of twelve part-time Inspectors at a rate of not more than 3s. an hour (to include all travelling expenses within the Dublin Police Area).

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Send copy to Secretary  
of Committee.*

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The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

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## Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.



51 St. Stephen's Green, E.,

Dublin, 28th July, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, to refer to your letter of the 1st instant (11206), enclosing copy of Treasury letter of 30th ultimo sanctioning the employment by the Committee of three temporary clerks, and to state for the information of the Lords Justices that as the claims received to date now exceed 4,000, and fresh claims are coming to hand daily, the clerical work of the Committee has greatly increased. The Commissioners of Public Works have been good enough, in addition to the assistance already given, to allow one second Division Clerk, two Assistant Clerks, and a Typist to devote a large part of their time to the work of the Committee, and with this help, which included some overtime, they have been able to prevent the work from falling into arrear, and, until the recent employment of the third temporary clerk, to keep the cost within the total sum (£5. 5. 0 per week) sanctioned by Their Lordships.

The steady increase in the clerical work renders the additional assistance referred to absolutely necessary and the Committee

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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would, therefore, ask that Their Excellencies may be pleased to  
obtain authority for the allowance of overtime <sup>at the recognised rates</sup> to the members of  
the staff lent by the Board of Works, and the consequent increase  
in the total sum sanctioned for clerical assistance to £8 per  
week.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Healy*

Secretary.



*Jus/H277/120/40 (1)*

# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.



51 St. Stephen's Green, E..

Dublin, 25th July, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, to refer to your letter of the 21st instant (12481) transmitting copy of Treasury authority for the employment by the Committee of one whole-time and one part-time Inspector, to report on small claims for losses, and to state for the information of the Lords Justices that the Committee have found it necessary, in order to secure the prompt disposal of claims, to employ a number of Insurance officials - twelve in all - to report on such cases in their spare time.

These officials are all experienced men and are in most instances quite competent to deal with claims up to £50. In the circumstances the Committee would ask that Treasury authority be obtained for payment to each of a rate not exceeding 3/- per hour while engaged on this work - such rate to include all travelling expenses within the Dublin Metropolitan Police Area.

The Committee have also employed an additional Assessor, Mr R. N. Kennedy, Ocean Buildings, Belfast, to

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Dublin Castle.

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officials will tend  
in the opinion of the Committee  
to secure the prompt  
disposal of claims  
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Their Lordships to  
sanction their employment  
where known proposed.*

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assist in dealing with the numerous large claims received. Mr Kennedy is a capable and experienced Assessor, and <sup>he</sup> has opened an office in Dublin. His remuneration will be at the same rate as that authorised (11345) in the case of Messrs. Hume and Messrs. Montgomery, viz., £6. 6. 0 per day to cover assistants' time and all expenses.

I am to ask that the Lords Justices may be pleased to obtain the covering sanction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for Mr Kennedy's employment at the rate named.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. H. Kealy*

Secretary.



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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to

THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.  
and the following number quoted.

CHIEF SECRETARY TREASURY CHAMBERS.  
12481 - 21 JUL 1916  
OFFICE

19 July 1916.

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant (11681) I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to inform the Lords Justices that They sanction the employment by the Property Losses, Ireland, Committee, 1916, of an insurance company inspector (whole time) at a salary of five guineas a week to include travelling expenses inside the Dublin Police area with subsistence allowance of 12s.6d. per night and second class railway fare outside that area. My Lords also sanction the part time employment of Mr. A.M. Brown with remuneration at the rate of 2s.0d. per hour to cover all travelling and incidental expenses within the Dublin Metropolitan Police area.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. J. M. M. M.*

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The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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Committee.

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# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S

11681 - - 8 JUL 1916 St. Stephen's Green, E.,

OFFICE

Dublin, 7th July, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, No. 11345, transmitting copy of Treasury letter of 1st instant sanctioning payment at the inclusive rate of £6. 6. 0 a day to each of the principals of the two firms employed by the Committee as Assessors to report on claims received by them, and to state for the information of the Lords Justices that the Committee have also had under consideration the question of dealing specially with the numerous small claims that have come to hand. Serious delay in reporting on such claims as those due to the loss of workmen's tools, and the personal effects of domestic servants and other employes, would involve much hardship on the parties affected, and the Committee think that these cases can be more expeditiously and economically dealt with by an officer corresponding to an Inspector of an Insurance Company than by one of the Assessors. There is also a considerable number of claims for comparatively trivial damage to buildings, glass or furni-

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The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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II. Recommend  
to Treasury.

J. E. T.

8-7-16

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II Done  
25/7/16

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furniture, caused by bullets, where little difficulty will arise in ascertaining the loss sustained.

The claims received notified to date total to about 3,000, and this number is being added to daily. A large proportion of them consists of the small claims in question. To deal with the more urgent ones the Committee have, subject to Treasury approval, appointed Mr A.M. Brown, an Inspector of the Royal Insurance Company, who will devote all his spare time to the work. His remuneration at the rate of 2/- per hour is to cover all travelling and incidental expenses within the Dublin Metropolitan Police area.

The Committee find that at least one whole time Inspector will also be needed for this work, and they propose for this appointment a salary of £5. 5. 0 per week, which will include travelling expenses inside the Dublin Police area. In addition second class rail fare and subsistence allowance at 12s.6d. per night is to be paid to the Inspector when outside that District.

I am accordingly to ask that the Lords Justices may be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for payment to two Inspectors of the rates named.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

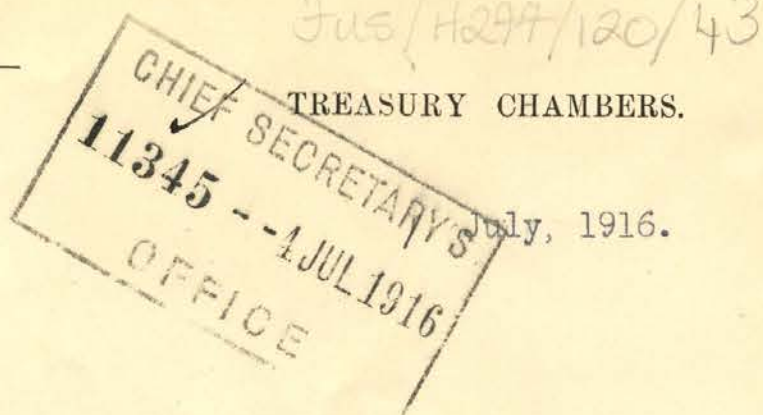
J. H. Healy  
Secretary.

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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 23rd ultimo and its enclosed copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, applying for authority for payment at the inclusive rate of £6.6.0. a day to each of the principals of two firms proposed to be employed by the Committee as Assessors for the purpose of scrutinising and reporting on the claims received by the Committee.

In reply I am to state, for the information of the Lords Justices, that My Lords sanction payment, as a charge to the Temporary Commissions Vote, to the principals of the two firms in question at the rate proposed, which will They note cover assistants' time and all expenses.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. J. M. M. M.*

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

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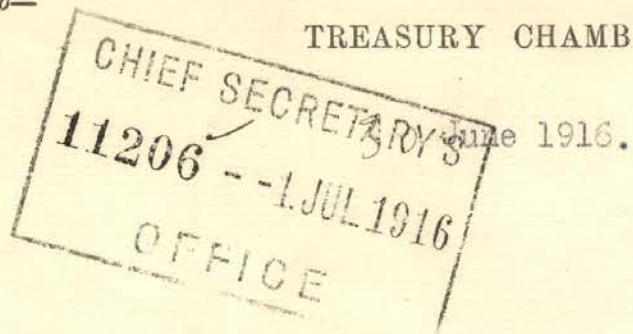
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THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.



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(herein)

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 23rd instant (10599) and its accompanying copy of a letter dated the 22nd idem from the Secretary of the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, relative to the clerical assistance required by the Committee.

In reply I am to request you to inform the Lords Justices that My Lords sanction the arrangements proposed in regard to Mr. Taylor and the Female Typist and Shorthandwriter belonging to the Board of Public Works, subject to the condition that Mr. Taylor should not receive any payment for overtime, any extra remuneration for this work to take the form of a gratuity to be determined hereafter. My Lords further sanction the employment of three temporary clerks at salaries not exceeding 35s a week in one case and 30s a week in the other two, if the clerks are men. If women are employed the rates should be 30s and 25s respectively.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. H. Murray*

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The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

I. Copy to Secy.  
of Committee.

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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—  
THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.



TREASURY CHAMBERS.

June, 1916.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Sir E. O'Farrell's letter of the 16th instant, and its enclosed print, setting forth the terms of reference to the Committee which has been appointed at the instance of His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland.

In reply I am to state, for the information of the Lords Justices, that My Lords sanction the charge to the Vote for Temporary Commissions of the necessary expenses of the Committee in conducting its investigations, including remuneration at a rate not exceeding £10.10.0 a day (in addition to expenses at the usual rates allowed to Royal Commissioners) to Mr. W.E. Osborn.

My Lords have instructed the Contröller of the Stationery Office to supply the necessary stationery and printing on the requisition of the Secretary, but They would be glad if the demands of the Committee for printing, &c., could be kept within the narrowest possible limits and They would suggest that for such matter as evidence, of which only a few copies are required, use should be made of the cheaper processes of duplication at the disposal of the Stationery Office.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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The Secretary should communicate direct with the Treasury as to clerical &c. assistance if required, and generally for instructions.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. Heath



Jus/H277/120/46 (1)



Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 St. Stephen's Green, East,

Dublin.

22nd June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, to submit for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the following report regarding the clerical assistance required by the Committee.

The claims in respect of the destruction of property received so far number upwards of 2,000, and the clerical work involved will be heavy, especially as it is of paramount importance that the claims should be disposed of promptly. The Chairman of the Board of Works has kindly allowed his Private Secretary, Mr Taylor, to devote a large part of his time to the work of the Committee, and Mr Taylor will be of great assistance in interviewing claimants and generally representing the Secretary when the latter is otherwise engaged, besides supervising the secretarial work. The Commissioners of Public Works have, too, lent a Lady Typist and Shorthand Writer, who will also be available for clerical work, for which she has already proved herself well-fitted. The Department will continue to pay the salaries in both cases, but any overtime work is, within the usual limits, to be paid for by the Committee at the authorised rates. This will represent about 30/- per week while the pressure of work is heavy.

In addition, so far as can at present be foreseen, three other assistants will be required and authority is now requested for the employment of three clerks, at salaries, in the one case not exceeding 35/- per week, and in the other two of 30/- per week. These will be gradually dispensed with as soon as the work shows signs of falling off.

The Committee is housed in the Office of Public Works

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

and

I. Rep.

For copy of this letter.

II. Forward to

Treasury & apply for T.D. sanction for the

proposed expenditure

to be charged to

the Vote for

Temporary

Commissioners.

III. Attach to

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and a special messenger or office cleaner will not be needed. A good deal of extra work will, however, fall on the messengers and office cleaners of that Department in view of the numerous callers in connection with claims etc. Their cases can, however, be disposed of by payment of small gratuities when the work of the Committee has terminated.

The payments for which authority is now sought total to £6. 5. 0 weekly, and as the matter is very urgent the Committee will be glad to have an early reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

JUS/H277/120/47



Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 St. Stephen's Green, East,

Dublin.

22nd June, 1916.

10214

Sir,

I am directed to state for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that the Committee appointed by His Excellency to deal with claims arising out of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Dublin and elsewhere, held its first meeting on yesterday the 21st instant. At that meeting the Committee considered the question of appointing Assessors to scrutinise and report to them on the several claims. In view of the necessity for dealing as speedily as possible with these claims and for securing the services of the most competent Assessors while they were yet available, the Committee decided to appoint as their Assessors the two following Firms, namely :-

Messrs. W. Hume & Co., 16 College Green, Dublin, -and-  
Messrs. William Montgomery & Son, 1 & 2 Foster Place, Dublin,

and the remuneration was fixed at £6. 6. 0 per day for each of the principals of these Firms, such rate to include assistants' time and all expenses.

Both the Firms named are of the highest repute, and in the opinion of the Committee the terms are fair and reasonable.

Having regard to the urgency of the case the Committee beg that His Excellency will be pleased to obtain the covering sanction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to the arrangements made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. Hume*

Secretary.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*Seen by H. Secretary*

*I. Rep.  
In reply of this  
letter.*

*II. Forward to*

*Treasury recommending*

*for favourable*

*consideration.*

*J.H.T.*

*23.6.16*

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*H. Donegan 23/6*

*Edwards 24/6*



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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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Mr. Taylor

You may be  
interested to read the terms  
of reference.

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J. J. T.

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## Destroyed Property Committee.

In connection with the destruction, both in Dublin and elsewhere, of buildings and their contents, the State will assume, as the maximum (except as specified below) of its *ex gratia* grant, the same liability as would have fallen on the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

Accordingly, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee consisting of:—

Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., (Chairman).

Mr. William E. Osborn, of Messrs Selfe and Co., London, and

Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

- (a) (i.) To ascertain what were the sums covered, for ordinary fire risks, by insurance policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property ;
- (ii.) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by the Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire ; and,
- (b) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i.) and (ii.), to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with, and how far, in individual cases of insured persons, exceptional treatment should be allowed in view of special circumstances.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

In no case will any grant be made in respect of the property of persons in complicity with the outbreak.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. James J. Healy, at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

15th June, 1916,

DUBLIN CASTLE.



CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
10214 - 17 JUN 1916  
OFFICE

Jus/H277/120/50

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to transmit for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury the enclosed <sup>print</sup> setting forth the terms of reference to the Committee which, as Their Lordships will be aware, has been appointed at the instance of His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Their Excellencies have caused letters to be addressed to-day to the three members of the Committee acquainting them with these terms of reference.

I am now to request that Their Lordships will be so good as to sanction the charge against the Vote for Temporary Commissions (i) of any remuneration which has been arranged by Their Lordships for Mr Osborn and (ii) of the expenses of the Committee in conducting their investigations, and to direct that the facilities usual in such cases may be granted by H.M. Stationery Office. I am to add that no expense will be incurred in providing accommodation for the Committee as offices will be made available for them on the premises of the Board of Public Works.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, has been appointed Secretary of the Committee.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) E. O'Farrell

7us/H277/120/51

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to state that Their Excellencies have learned with satisfaction that you have consented to act on a Committee appointed by His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., will be the Chairman of the Committee and the third member will be Mr William E. Osborn of Messrs Selfe and Co., London. The terms of reference to the Committee are those set forth in the print of which a copy is enclosed.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, will act as Secretary of the Committee, which will be accommodated in offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) *Robert Chalmers*

Samuel J. Pipkin, Esq.,



Jus/H297/120/52

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to state that Their Excellencies have learned with satisfaction that you have consented to act on a Committee appointed by His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., will be the Chairman of the Committee and the third member will be Mr Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Limited. The terms of reference to the Committee are those set forth in the print of which a copy is enclosed.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, will act as Secretary of the Committee, which will be accommodated in offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) Robert Chalmers

William E. Osborn, Esq.,

Jus/H277/120/53

S T A T E M E N T

of

Mr. Patrick Rooney Solicitor on  
behalf of the Burnt out Solicitors  
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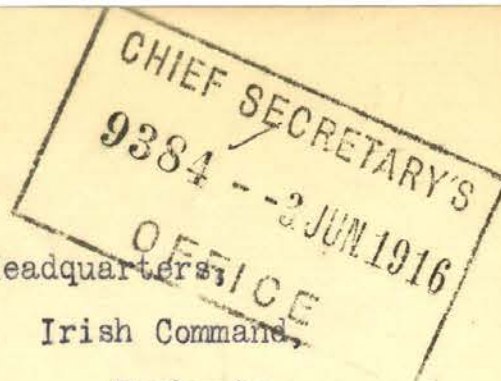
The Right Honourable the Home Secy.

*Wm. J. H. J.*  
*Wm. J. H. J.*



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Jus/H277/120/54



Headquarters,  
Irish Command,

Parkgate,

Dublin 2nd June 1916.



Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.8656 dated 26th May, 1916, and to thank you for the accompanying copy of the terms of Reference to the Committee which it is proposed to appoint to inquire into the destruction of property during the recent outbreak.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*L. B. Friend*

Major General,

i/c Administration, Irish Command.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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No. 8656

**Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland**

CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
8999 - 27 MAY 1916  
OFFICE

FINANCE DIVISION.

745/H277/120/55

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

Rebellion.

Compensation for losses.

Under Secretary.

Submitted for approval.

J.L.T.

25. V. 16

Typed  
R.K. 26/5.

Despatched  
26/5  
V.C.

Write to the Major General

1/c Administration

Irish Command

I am directed by the L.D. to ack. the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. (64153 Q) and to transmit for your information a copy of the terms of Reference to the Committee which it is proposed to appoint to inquire into the destruction of property during the recent outbreak.

J.L.T.

25. V. 16.

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M<sup>r</sup> Taylor JUS/HO 77/120/56  
Please aft. w<sup>th</sup> sending for Gen. F's inf.,  
a copy of the CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.  
terms of ref<sup>e</sup> for DUBLIN CASTLE.  
proposed C<sup>o</sup> on destruction  
of property.

23/5/16  $\frac{23}{5}$

Dear Brennan

I have seen no papers  
connected with the Rebellion  
other than those annexed, which  
are concerned with claims. Will  
you please take the Under  
Secretary's instructions on Major  
General Fane's Lett. of 20th. inst  
for. J.L.T.

Jus/H277/120/57

In connection with the destruction, both in Dublin and elsewhere, of buildings and their contents, the State will assume, as the maximum of its ex gratia grant, the same liability as would have fallen on the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

Accordingly, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee —

- (a)(i) to ascertain what were the sums covered, for ordinary fire risks, by insurance policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property;
- (ii) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by the Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire; and,
- (b) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i) and (ii), to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

In no case will any grant be made in respect of the property of persons in complicity with the outbreak.



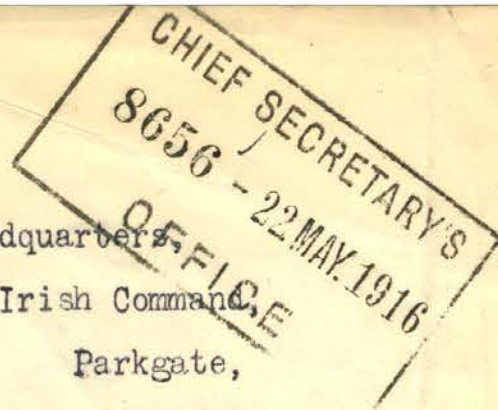
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Headquarters  
Irish Command  
Parkgate,

Dublin 20th May, 1916.



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Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.64153 (Q) dated 4th May, 1916. As a large number of claims are now being received, in some cases involving considerable sums of money, an early inspection of the premises concerned and of the damage alleged would appear to be advisable in order to verify the allegations made.

I venture to suggest therefore for your consideration that it might be advisable for the Civil Authorities to initiate steps to carry out such inspection by appointing properly qualified persons for the purpose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*L.B. Friend*

Major General

i/c Administration, Irish Command.

Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

JWS/H277/120/59

Any reply to this communication should  
be addressed to :—

THE UNDER SECRETARY,  
DUBLIN CASTLE.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

DUBLIN CASTLE,

, 1911.

SIR,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith  
an Order for payment of the sum of £.....in respect  
of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the year ended 31st  
March 1910, in the.....District Lunatic Asylum.

Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under Section 58 of  
the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to the Local Taxation (Ireland)  
Account in the current financial year to meet the sums payable thereout  
in the same period under the Section as amended by the Local Government  
(Ireland) Act 1902, His Excellency, as previously pointed out, deemed it  
necessary in pursuance of the provisions of Sub-section (5) of Section 58  
to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard  
to the said insufficiency.

The balance in the Account is insufficient to pay a larger proportion  
than.....per cent. of the residue of all the sums ascertained to  
be so payable from the Account in the present financial year, and the  
amount included in the accompanying Order represents the proportion,  
calculated on this basis, of the amount certified by the Auditor to be  
payable to the Asylum for the year ended March 1910, namely,  
£....., less the sums of £.....  
and £.....already advanced.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
County Council of.....



740/H277/120/60

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.  
~~Destroyed Property~~ Committee.

In connection with the destruction, both in Dublin and elsewhere, of buildings and their contents, the State will assume, as the maximum (except as specified below) of its *ex gratia* grant, the same liability as would have fallen on the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

Accordingly, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee consisting of:—

Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., (Chairman).

Mr. William E. Osborn, of Messrs Selfe and Co., London, and

Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

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- (ii.) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by the Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire ; and,
- (b) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i.) and (ii.), to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with, and how far, in individual cases of insured persons, exceptional treatment should be allowed in view of special circumstances.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

In no case will any grant be made in respect of the property of persons in complicity with the outbreak.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. James J. Healy, at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

15th June, 1916,

DUBLIN CASTLE.

Jus/H277/120/61(1)

DUBLIN RECONSTRUCTION (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) BILL .

DEPUTATION.

from the

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.

DEPUTATION RECEIVED AT DUBLIN CASTLE ON 5th JUNE, 1916,

BY THE HOME SECRETARY. (Mr. HERBERT SAMUEL).



*Complete copy*

*Jus/H277/120/61(2)*

The Home Secretary received at 11 o'clock on the 5th June, 1916, a deputation from the Corporation of Dublin headed by the Lord Mayor. He was accompanied by the Attorney General (Rt. Hon. J. H. Campbell, K.C., M.P.); the Under Secretary (Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Chalmers, G.C.B.); Sir Henry Robinson (Local Government Board); Sir John Barran, Bart., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Secretary; and Mr. A. P. Magill.

The Deputation was composed as follows:-

The Lord Mayor of Dublin,  
Mr. John Redmond, M.P.,  
Mr. Clancy, M.P.,  
Mr. Brady, M.P.,  
Mr. Field, M.P.,  
Mr. Nugent, M.P.,  
Alderman Byrne, M.P.,  
.. Moran,  
.. Delahunt,  
.. Dr. McWalter,  
Sir Patrick Shortall,  
Councillor Ryan,  
.. Scully,  
The High Sheriff,  
The Town Clerk,  
The Law Agent, and  
The Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Redmond, in introducing the Deputation, called upon the Lord Mayor to put the various points before the Home Secretary so that he would understand the views of the Corporation in the matter.

The Lord Mayor said that he thought the Home Secretary knew pretty well already what had brought them there. This terrible insurrection had blown the most prosperous portion of their City to bits, and it was not for them to say who was responsible, but looking at it to-day it looked to them like a Louvain by the Liffey, and he did not think that the Municipal Council of the second City of the Empire, and the seat of your Government, should stand by and see that city left as it is. They came there to-day to ask him to do what he considered the duty of the Government and that was to help them to rebuild that portion



portion of Sackville Street, Henry Street, and Earl Street, which had been blown down and burned down, to rebuild it in a manner which would be worthy of the second city of the Empire. There was a glorious opportunity to his mind, if the Government could see their way, to give the Municipal body power to widen some of the streets that were heretofore congested and narrow. Now they did not want the Government to help them in that way to widen the streets. They could do that themselves if they could get the power. They did suggest that the Government should make a grant for the purpose of rebuilding Sackville Street, and if that grant was given they could delegate the duty to a Committee formed by representatives from the Corporation and some other members selected by the Lord Lieutenant or the Treasury. That was their idea. They believed that if men who might get the ex gratia grant started to build they might put up houses that would be unsuitable to the surrounding that would be built by wealthy men. In order to avoid that terrible catastrophe they asked him and the gentlemen associated with him to help them by giving a grant for the purpose of that laudable object. The danger would be that some of those gentlemen who got the grant would not build at all but might put the money in their pockets and retire into private life and retire into some smaller street where they could get other premises. Now that would itself be a calamity and he believed that if the Government would make it a condition that people who got the grant should put up proper houses, houses that would be in consonance with the surrounding buildings and houses, that would fulfil the wishes of the Municipal Authority. He also thought that apart altogether from the grant that a loan might be given to the Corporation at a reasonable rate of interest in order to purchase a house or houses which would enable them to start street widening. He thought that if these things were carried



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carried out the Home Secretary would be able to say to the world at large that he had done the right thing by Dublin. He believed that if the Government treated Dublin well they would make friends in places where they sought them sometimes without finding them. He believed that if Dublin was not well treated a feeling would arise in another part of the world that would not be good for us or for the British Empire. He did not say this as a threat. The Municipal Authority lose very heavily by this devastation and destruction. Their rates would be some £16,000 short in this financial year. Our footpaths are ruined and they did not know what it would cost to replace them. Probably it would take between £7,000 and £10,000. How were they, as a poor city, struggling with bad housing conditions and other troubles, how were they to face this catastrophe that had fallen on them. They had nothing to do with it. In his mind it was the act of a Government. It was not for him to blame them, but they have had an inquiry in the city, which spoke for itself. They asked the Government to treat them properly; they were at their very door; they were their neighbours so to speak; and they thought it would be a good thing to be very friendly with each other. These were his remarks and he thought the Home Secretary knew what the Dublin Corporation were looking for and he hoped that they will not be appealing in vain.

Mr. Clancy said he had been asked on behalf of the Corporation to say a few words. The statement of the Lord Mayor, short though it had been was pretty full and put very plainly the points he desired to put before you. There was one or two points upon which he would like to enlarge. The first was to distinguish between claims made by this deputation and the deputation which was to wait upon the Home Secretary at 12 o'clock with regard to compensation. The other deputation was going to ask him to grant them compensation on a better scale than that suggested by the Under Secretary for property which they owned and had lost. And he need not go into that at all. It was quite



quite distinct from the claim of the Corporation. The owners of the destroyed property in O'Connell or Sackville Street were claiming compensation. They may choose to build only such a house as they have lost and if that be so, some houses will be high, some will be low, some will be narrow, some will be wide, and he thought it <sup>would</sup> be an almost ridiculous result after all this disturbance and turmoil if that result should happen. The only way in which it can be prevented is by giving powers to the Corporation, which they have not yet got, of controlling and regulating the building of houses in the city. The only power they have got is to put back the frontage of a house a yard or two in order to widen the street, and they have to pay compensation to the owner of the premises for doing so, which compensation is assessed by a public tribunal. Now much more power than that is required. It would, he thought, be absolutely ridiculous to have one of the finest streets in the whole world composed as to a great part of it of big houses and small houses. Now they want these powers, and they have suggested a Bill to confer them. That is the first thing, and then supposing that these powers are exercised, the owners who are going to rebuilt may say, and he thought, very naturally, we had only such and such a house and such and such a sort of a house, and it would be rather hard lines to compel us to pay for a bigger house or a finer house which would cost more money; and we think that if we are to be compelled to do that we ought to be compensated for the addition to our expenditure; we do not like to put the cost upon our fellow citizens whose rates already are nearly 12/- in the £ and we ourselves cannot do it. The only thing is that the Government should step in and supply the money that is required for that additional purpose. Now He thought that he had made it quite clear what the Corporation wanted the money for. He went on to say that The Lord Mayor alluded to the question of control of the expenditure. Now we are not unreasonable on that point. If the Government make a grant, and if they say - well, we really cannot give this money unless we have a considerable share in



the expenditure, as far as he knew, the Corporation were willing to agree to it. But at the same time any Commission that may be appointed of that sort ought to contain representatives of the Corporation as such, not merely as individuals, but as representatives of the Corporation; because he thought that for his part he could not tolerate the idea of the Local Authority being entirely ignored in the matter and passed over as if they had committed some crime. Now these are really the two important points and he thought he had stated them correctly. He would like to emphasise the Lord Mayor's statement that the loss to the Corporation in money and material has been and will be very serious. He did not know whether Sir Henry Robinson who was present would contradict him or not or confirm him, but he understood buildings to the assessable value of £33,000 have been lost and ~~will be lost~~ until these buildings are restored £16,000 or £17,000 in rates per annum will be lost and the per annum really means over 2 or 3 years. It will take some time to rebuild, it will take some time to revalue, and it will take some time to put them in condition for use, and therefore really in addition to the special loss to which the Lord Mayor alluded as regards the footpaths, there will be a perennial loss, a yearly loss which, he fancied, would amount to nearly £20,000 a year. Certainly, if the Government are responsible, or feel themselves responsible for compensation for any loss of property that loss of property for which they ought to be really responsible was the destruction of the houses. He did not think he should take up any more time, in stating the essential points.

Dr. McWalter said he thought everything necessary had been said. The Government had decided to give a grant to persons whose premises had been ruined, but they of the Corporation knew that these persons would not use the money to build up the city even as it was before. Many of these have lost very heavily. The amount of the ex gratia grant will certainly not be sufficient to enable them to build up their premises as they were before. It was feared that the person in a small shop would satisfy himself by setting up a kind of a shed and seek to carry on business in

that



that way. <sup>not only</sup> We feel that our city would become a bye-word and a reproach to the Corporation of Dublin, but also, he spoke simply as an Alderman of the Corporation, it would be a reproach to the Government under whom it occurred. They thought that they had a claim not only for powers to regulate the building of houses but it was absolutely necessary that there should be a money grant; because the position of the Corporation is this that they would exercise no powers against persons who sought to rebuild unless at the same time they could give them a grant or loan of money on favourable terms. They were determined to do their best, and as the Corporation was not responsible they looked to the Government for help.

The High Sheriff pointed out that there had been a deficit this year on the lighting undertaking of £7,000 or £8,000. This was a very serious loss, and he presumed that the rates would have to be taxed next year to find that amount. That would press very heavily on the citizens, indeed.

The Home Secretary, in reply, said:-



Mr Redmond, Lord Mayor, and Gentlemen,

Let me in the first place express my thanks for the words of welcome which Mr Redmond was good enough to speak in introducing this deputation. As he knows, and as his colleagues in the House of Commons know, for many years past I have taken a very close interest in Irish questions, and it would be a great pleasure and satisfaction to me if by the chance of my holding the office of Home Secretary while the office of Chief Secretary is vacant I can be of service to Ireland and to Dublin. Let me say at the outset that I entirely share your views that it would be a calamity if this devastation to a part of the City of Dublin were to result in unworthy buildings being erected spoiling your fine street, Sackville or O'Connell Street, and I would go further and say that it would be greatly to be regretted if this opportunity were not seized to make Dublin even a finer City than it was before. (hear,hear). I had the privilege of being for about a year President of the Local Government Board in England in which capacity I took a very close interest in the question of Town Planning generally, and I formed the opinion that looking to the interests of future generations there is nothing more important at the present time than to see that our urban conditions are improved; (hear hear), that the bad housing, squalid streets, and miserable inadequacy of many of our towns should be improved in the future, and that we should reform existing conditions when the opportunity arises where new buildings are being erected. Above all let us not repeat the errors of the past. Let us see that things are put upon a better footing in the future.

You have mentioned here to-day - one or two of the  
speakers



speakers - the plans for rebuilding the ruined cities of Belgium. Strangely enough only a few months ago I took part in a Conference in London with Belgian and British architects with that very object, of securing that the ruined cities of Belgium should rise again and rise in a better and fairer form than they had before they fell. Although I am happy to think that Dublin has not suffered so great and complete a devastation as the towns of Belgium, the same considerations present themselves in some degree here now. I am entirely at one with you in desiring that it should not be left merely to the individual, to decide what sort of building he is to put up. We want to secure that the streets should be rebuilt with dignity and with good taste (hear hear) You are as a Corporation here to-day charged with the interests of your constituents and looking at this matter from the point of view of the community. The property owner, however public spirited he may be, nevertheless looks at the problem very largely from the point of view of his own interest and the two may not always coincide. It may be to the interest of the property owner to put up mean buildings with poor facades which might serve his commercial purpose but which would certainly not add to the dignity of your city. I have been considering very carefully with Sir Robert Chalmers and others this problem. It has been suggested that the ex gratia grant should be made to property owners on condition that they should rebuild in a certain style, but the promise has already been given by the Prime Minister that the state will undertake the burden in respect of these properties of paying such sums, subject to certain conditions, as an Insurance Company would have paid had it been a loss in respect of a risk for which an Insurance Company would have been liable, and it is late now to suggest that we should go back upon that promise which had been publicly given. I have been considering whether in some minor ways it might not be possible to bring pressure to bear on the property owners to meet the legitimate desires



desires of the community here in Dublin. The grant is given not merely in order to compensate the individual for what he has lost but also in order to help Dublin to get rebuilt, and if there are any means, and I think there may be some means, of giving these grants in such a way as to act as a deterrent to people who will merely put money in their pockets and go elsewhere or take some existing house in another street and not rebuild at all, and on the other hand if means can be devised to act as an inducement to the property owners to rebuild in a worthy fashion on the site where their premises formerly were. I think it would be very advisable to adopt that plan. I am not in a position to-day to describe them but as at present advised I do not think it impossible to deal with the financial aspects of this question so far as they relate to the ex gratia grant. I wish to make the property owner feel that if he does rebuild and does not merely put the money in his pocket it will be on the whole to his advantage. That I think will be entirely in accordance with your wishes. But after all that will not be nearly enough. There is the need of effective control on the part of the community. You have drafted a Bill to enable you to obtain that control and to exercise it in a certain manner. I would venture to submit for your consideration the terms of the Housing and Town Planning Act of 1909, an Act which does not apply to Ireland, but which does apply to England, Wales, and Scotland. The terms of this Act were most carefully considered and it contains in its second part an elaborate series of provisions with respect to Town Planning. It has been in operation now for some years in England. It has been adopted by many of the chief cities in England, who have prepared town planning schemes and have established an effective control over the new developing parts of their suburbs, and a number of schemes have been submitted to the Local Government Board in England which have been sanctioned,

and



and a number of others are under report. These schemes give really effective control to the Local Authority with the approval of the Local Government Board on general lines which have been laid down after much study. They not only secure that the streets should be properly planned but also determine what should be the character of the buildings to face on these streets. The Act deals not only with sanitary questions but also with questions of amenity and suitability of the designs of the buildings, and when the Town Planning Act has been adopted and has been applied to a certain locality nobody may build in that locality except in accordance with the provisions of the town planning scheme applicable to that area. This legislation was devised with great care and elaboration. It gave the right to appeal to the property owner. It works in England quite smoothly and few difficulties may have arisen. It has served its purpose and I would suggest for your consideration whether it might not be possible to take the whole of the Town Planning Act of 1909 as it stands, with possibly some small alterations and to apply it to Dublin and to its devastated areas. I do not ask you to come to any conclusion at the moment. The Law Officers are looking into it also but I suggest that as a subject which deserves your consideration. One further point arises in the same connection. The Town Planning Act provides that when a scheme is in contemplation for a locality no one may build within that area except at his own risk and except in accordance with the requirements of the Town Planning scheme. It will necessarily take time. You will need an Act of Parliament. You will have to frame schemes and it may be a good many weeks, it may possibly even run into two or three months, before the thing gets into proper operation. Meantime there is much danger that outside interests may be established; that new unworthy buildings may be set up; or that buildings may be erected across the line of streets which you may contemplate,



or transgressing the frontage line which you will ultimately establish. I would suggest that it is very desirable if you approve of that general idea of applying the Town Planning Act to Dublin that the first step should be to give public notice in Dublin to the effect that this measure is in contemplation, that when enacted it will be retrospective applying as from the date of the outbreak and the conflagration, and that anybody who starts to build must clearly understand that he does so at his own risk. I think that will deal with the dangers of the immediate situation and prevent you from being blocked when you come to set the machine into operation.

With regard to finance that was a topic of conversation which not seldom arose when members of the Imperial Government met an Irish deputation. There are two suggestions that have been made to-day. One that there should be a second grant in addition to the grant made to compensate people for the losses they have suffered, the other that there should be a loan. With regard to the first, with regard to a gift of money to enable Dublin to rebuild herself, I think that I should be treating you unfairly and without proper frankness and candour if I should say that it was likely that any such gift would be made. And after all although it may be true that it may sometimes be difficult for a property owner to rebuild his house in proper style, if the money is found from some quarter or other the investment should be a remunerative one. If a £10,000 building should be put on a particular site and if the property owner has only £6,000 compensation for the house that was burned, and £4,000 had to be found from somewhere, I do not see why he should have that £4,000 as a gift. He will build a £10,000 house which will have its commercial value, and why should the taxpayer be called upon to make up the difference? If it is an investment it should stand upon that footing, and I am sure that you as business men will realise that it is not sound finance to



make a gift for a purpose that will ultimately be remunerative. The Prime Minister has already considered the question of making a grant, a free gift, to the City and his view is also adverse. When we come to the question of a loan, that I should necessarily have to consult with my colleagues upon. The Government have not yet considered it but I should certainly be very ready to bring the matter to their attention. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has a voice in this question. There may be difficulties in providing money during the currency of the war, but there also would be difficulties in rebuilding while the war lasts on account of the shortage of labour and material, and so you would not need much actual cash until you are able to start rebuilding after the war. In any case it will be a matter of some months before the plans can be made out and workmen can get to their operations on the sites. If it is your desire that the Government should be asked to make a loan on equitable terms to the Corporation of Dublin in order to assist in financing this rebuilding scheme and to assist in Town Planning I should be prepared to bring that to the notice of my colleagues, but I am not prepared to make any definite statement in regard to it to-day. Let me say lastly in this connection that I am sure that you have very clearly in mind that the greatness of Dublin depends not only on noble thoroughfares and palatial public buildings but also in no less degree on the provision of comfortable sanitary homes for the population, and so far as money is available - I know that you have large schemes in prospect - you would not I am sure wish to spend great sums on too magnificent schemes of town planning while leaving this question of rebuilding slums in the background. It is of the first importance to provide for the health and comfort of the people; it is an important, but only a secondary object to make a noble and architecturally fine city. I hope it may be possible that Dublin will rise in a form which is worthy  
not



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not only of her ancient traditions but also of the still  
greater future which we hope for her as the Capital of a self  
governing Ireland (applause)

The deputation before withdrawing thanked the Home  
Secretary for receiving them.

The Lord Mayor said the only thing he would like to mention is whether their Law Agent would agree that the terms of this Town Planning Act would meet the conditions in Dublin or not. And after they had considered it they would write to Sir Robert Chalmers officially. The Home Secretary said that they could not start rebuilding for two or three years, but he thought that they would find the means to start the rebuilding at once, as there was a good deal of local labour available, and plenty of Irish stone suitable for building could be procured.

Mr. Clancy said that the Home Secretary had made one remark which interested him very much as to the housing of the working classes. He had something to do with that and his remarks just now greatly encouraged him. They had failed to get a grant up to the present of any imperial money. They have a small grant derived from Irish funds. He was speaking of the grant to finance schemes under the <sup>Housing</sup> ~~Marketing~~ of the Working Classes Act of 1908. This is a small grant, but it is sufficient, nevertheless to finance several schemes. We have brought this matter before the House of Commons. Indeed, he thought the Home Secretary had helped them on one occasion to bring it to the notice of the Government of the day. We have never been able to get a grant out of imperial money and the search he had made for Irish funds proved absolutely fruitless. The Home Secretary's remarks struck him as of great importance, and he hoped that he would recommend a grant in aid of the Irish Housing Fund established by the Act of 1908 in which the interest on loans would have to be very high if the income from the fund, when increased, would not enable further housing schemes to be carried out. He was sure he had the concurrence of everybody present in suggesting to the Home Secretary that his observation might bear fruit.

Mr. Field speaking in support of Mr Clancy said that like him he had taken a great interest in this housing question which he thought was the most pressing question of the present time. As Mr. Clancy had stated they had received no grant from



imperial funds. He thought with the Lord Mayor that a 2 or 3 years' delay in rebuilding the streets of Dublin that had been blown down. If there is anything to be done, let it be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Samuel said: Allow me to speak on these two points. I do not think the words 2 or 3 years passed my lips. I believe I said 2 or 3 months. I am not so pessimistic to think that the war will continue for that period. In any case it would take some time to get your town planning schemes and architectural designs ready. As to a grant, a gift of money for housing in Dublin, if that were given, what would all the towns in England say, many of which have got very bad housing conditions. In the House of Commons I have had to resist again and again very strong demands for gifts of money for housing purposes in England and Wales. I have always refused them. You in Ireland have been more fortunate in the Labourers Acts, but so far as urban housing is concerned only loans may be given when money is available, but no subsidies.

The Town Clerk said that in his opinion, and it was the opinion shared not only by the intelligent members of the Corporation but by every good citizen, the Government ought to come forward handsomely in this matter. That was the opinion of the Corporation, it was the opinion of the citizens of Dublin and it was the general opinion. The Home Secretary spoke of a loan. He thought that the Lord Mayor and the members of the Corporation would be prepared to take the loan on generous terms. The Home Secretary had compared Dublin with regard to money advances with several cities in England, but there was no basis of comparison. This city had been the Seat of Government since the Act of Union and long before it. Meantime the Government have beautified London. They have built palatial offices to his knowledge and under his eyes. He had been for many years a member of Parliament and during the 4 and 20 years he had been a frequent visitor to London. The money for these purposes had come from somewhere. They have probably come from the pockets of  
of



of the ratepayers and taxpayers of the three kingdoms. During the 100 years that had elapsed since the Act of Union the Government had built no building in Dublin. That is the truth - with the reservation that they had built a concrete structure behind the Four Courts, a Police Office, and they had done a little over at Kildare Street and College Green. He humbly submitted that it was up to the Government to come forward handsomely and adequately in this matter and if it was to be a loan to rebuild the City of Dublin, then it should be a loan on the most advantageous terms that the Treasury and Government could grant and there ought to be no compliment about it. He was not speaking offensively but was speaking with feeling for the citizens, not only for the citizens who had lost their business premises in the conflagration but he was also speaking for the hundreds and hundreds of employees who had been cast out without a penny, who lived in little houses paying rates to the Corporation. He shared the views of the Lord Mayor and others that the work of rebuilding should not be delayed. Lord Kitchener had stated that it would be a five years war. It would certainly be two years, even with the help of God, before peace would be concluded and terms arranged. Meantime, the City of Dublin was in cinders. The Corporation were anxious & ready to do everything they could to take it out of that condition. The Town Planning Act was very fine but he did not see that it was at all applicable in this instance. There are only 2 or 3 little parts of the city they could widen. In his opinion, the great need was to get the rebuilding of the City under way even at the great expense of material. The Home Secretary had given all the more greater reason for an adequate, immediate and generous treatment of the question.

The Law Agent said he took it that the Corporation was asking for a loan to the Corporation, to be repaid by the Corporation and to be spent by the Corporation and nobody else.

Mr.



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Mr Redmond said the Deputation were very grateful for the courtesy with which the Home Secretary had received them and they all felt that he would do his best in this matter to relieve them.

The Deputation then withdrew.

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**IRISH OFFICE, LONDON.**

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21. 11. 16

Dear Sir,

As requested - per letter of yesterday to Sir  
W. O. Farrell, I return herewith the letters from Messrs.  
Osborn & Phipps which accompanied Sir W. O. Farrell's note  
(1 third copy is also enclosed) of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. to Sir  
A. Charles. No arrangement as to fee has been made  
with Messrs. Osborn by this Office.

Yours faithfully  
Joseph Foreman

A. Lawrence



Jus/H277/120/64



20th June, 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Irish Office official letter on the Committee to enquire into payments for damage to property in Dublin, I understand that some correspondence passed between Sir T. Heath and Sir R. Chalmers with regard to the remuneration of Mr. Osborne, the upshot of which was that Mr. Osborne was to be promised not more than 10 guineas a day and expenses. Sir T. Heath would be obliged if the correspondence could be returned to the Treasury and if you would say what arrangement was finally made by the Irish Office with Mr. Osborne.

Yours faithfully,

*OT Niemeyer*

Sir E. O'Farrell, C.B.

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TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.

19 June 1916

MILLICENT,

SALLINS,

CO. KILDARE.



My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> June as directed by the Lords Justices, together with the Terms of reference, & have called a meeting of the Committee for Wednesday next 21<sup>st</sup> when we shall at once proceed with the investigation

Yours Faithfully

The R<sup>t</sup> Hon

The Under Secretary (William) Goulding  
Dublin Castle



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*92, Cheapside,*  
*London,* 19th June 1916.  
E.C.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 16th inst advising me of the satisfaction of the Lords Justices at my acceptance of the appointment to the Committee in respect of the damages in Dublin, as set out in your letter.

I have heard from Sir William Goulding and we hope to hold our first meeting in Dublin on Wednesday morning next, of which I am advising him, and the Secretary, Mr. Healy.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Sam J. Pipkin*

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34, Old Jewry,  
London, E.C.

June 17th. 1916.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.  
Dublin.

Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 16th inst., and confirmation of my appointment as a member of the Committee to advise on the distribution of a State Ex.Gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland.

I have arranged with Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, on the invitation of Sir. William J. Goulding Bart. to proceed to Dublin on Tuesday, arriving there at 5-30 p.m.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*W.E. Osborn*

*Mr. Healy informed  
15.18/6*

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

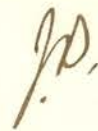
16th June, 1916.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I am desired by Sir Robert Chalmers to send you the enclosed copy of a letter which has to-day been addressed to Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., who is to act as Chairman of the Destroyed Property Committee, and also a copy of the print setting forth the terms of reference.

We have written to-day to the Treasury asking them to make the usual provision for the Committee's expenses, and you will no doubt receive the printed "Instructions to Secretaries" in the course of a few days.

Yours very truly,



James J. Healy, Esq.,  
Board of Public Works,  
Stephen's Green,  
DUBLIN.

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## Destroyed Property Committee.

In connection with the destruction, both in Dublin and elsewhere, of buildings and their contents, the State will assume, as the maximum (except as specified below) of its *ex gratiâ* grant, the same liability as would have fallen on the Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

Accordingly, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee consisting of:—

Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., (Chairman).  
Mr. William E. Osborn, of Messrs Selfe and Co., London, and  
Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

- (a) (i.) To ascertain what were the sums covered, for ordinary fire risks, by insurance policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property ;
- (ii.) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by the Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire ; and,
- (b) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i.) and (ii.), to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with, and how far, in individual cases of insured persons, exceptional treatment should be allowed in view of special circumstances.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

In no case will any grant be made in respect of the property of persons in complicity with the outbreak.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. James J. Healy, at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

15th June, 1916,  
DUBLIN CASTLE.



Jus/H277/120/40

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to transmit for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury the enclosed <sup>part</sup> setting forth the terms of reference to the Committee which, as Their Lordships will be aware, has been appointed at the instance of His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Their Excellencies have caused letters to be addressed to-day to the three members of the Committee acquainting them with these terms of reference.

I am now to request that Their Lordships will be so good as to sanction the charge against the Vote for Temporary Commissions (i) of any remuneration which has been arranged by Their Lordships for Mr Osborn and (ii) of the expenses of the Committee in conducting their investigations, and to direct that the facilities usual in such cases may be granted by H.M. Stationery Office. I am to add that no expense will be incurred in providing accommodation for the Committee as offices will be made available for them on the premises of the Board of Public Works.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, has been appointed Secretary of the Committee.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) E. O'Farrell

Jus/H277/120/71

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to state that it is with satisfaction that Their Excellencies have learned that, at the request of His Majesty's Government, you have consented to act as Chairman of the Committee to advise on the distribution of a state ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. The other members of the Committee will be Mr William E. Osborn of Messrs Selfe and Co. London, and Mr Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company Limited. The terms of reference to the Committee are those set forth in the print of which a copy is enclosed and of which copies are also being sent to Messrs Osborn and Pipkin.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, will act as Secretary of the Committee, which will be accommodated in offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) Robert Charles

Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L.,



Jus/H297/120/42

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to state that Their Excellencies have learned with satisfaction that you have consented to act on a Committee appointed by His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., will be the Chairman of the Committee and the third member will be Mr William E. Osborn of Messrs Selfe and Co., London. The terms of reference to the Committee are those set forth in the print of which a copy is enclosed.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, will act as Secretary of the Committee, which will be accommodated in offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) Robert Chalmers

Samuel J. Pipkin, Esq.,

Jus/H277/120/73

16th June, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to state that Their Excellencies have learned with satisfaction that you have consented to act on a Committee appointed by His Majesty's Government to advise on the distribution of a State ex gratia grant in respect of the destruction of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances in Ireland. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., D.L., will be the Chairman of the Committee and the third member will be Mr Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager of the Atlas Assurance Company, Limited. The terms of reference to the Committee are those set forth in the print of which a copy is enclosed.

Mr James J. Healy, of the Office of Public Works, will act as Secretary of the Committee, which will be accommodated in offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) Robert Charles

William E. Osborn, Esq.,



Personal

JUS/H277/120/74

9 June 1916

TELEPHONE, NAAS 14.  
TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.



MILLICENT,

SALLINS,

CO. KILDARE.

Dear Sir Robert

Thanks for yours & I  
note you approve re Hume  
& Montgomery & I shall act  
when I hear from you.

If Wimborne's resignation  
is not yet accepted I still  
think his appointment <sup>of Committee</sup> would  
be better rec'd by sufferers than  
the Lords Justices.

Yours sincerely,  
William J. Goulding

the Committee.

I made enquiries yesterday as you suggested about Assessors & find that the pay is from one to two Guineas a day, but that in a big case a bargain can be made. I find that there are only two big firms in Dublin, the head of one being Mr. Hume & the other Mr. Montgomery, I think it would be wise before others engage them, that it should be conveyed by you or by me to them that the Committee would desire to retain their services, & terms could be fixed when my colleagues arrive.

Yours Sincerely

William J. Goulding

Personal

TELEGRAMS, SALLINS.



JUS/H277/120/95(1)

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1916

MILLICENT,

SALLINS,

CO. KILDARE.

Dear Sir Robert Chalmers

You were good enough to say yesterday that you would get a letter written to me by the Treasury or the Lord Justices appointing the Committee, but I do not think it would be wise in the Public interest to have any Departmental Nomination.

In your communique of May 17<sup>th</sup> you stated that "The Lord Lieutenant has decided to appoint a Committee" if there is no Lord Lieutenant.

I think the Prime Minister should certainly sign the letter appointing



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8/6/16.

60p

Private

Dear Sir William,

Wimborne is still Lord Lieutenant, so I suppose that, in his absence, the Lord Justice ought to be the appointing authority. Tell me if you still see objection.

I like your idea about Hume & Montgomery. As soon as even I hear from Ministers (& I had hoped to hear today) I will let you know, in order that you might secure the repeal of their service for your Committee.

Yours sincerely

Robert Chalmers

for your info<sup>n</sup> JUS/H277/120/46 (1)  
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DUBLIN.

1 Breefi Terrace, Kingston

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1916

Dear Mr Bonham Carter

I have shown your letter to  
<sup>Dublin</sup> my Parliamentary colleagues, for, though  
it was marked "Confidential," I assumed  
that it was intended for them <sup>well as</sup> for me.

In reply I desire to state on ~~my~~  
their behalf and for myself that we  
must decline to accept any responsi-  
bility for any of the names and that we  
think that all three persons to sit on  
the proposed assessing tribunal should  
be Irish. We also think that it would



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be highly desirable, if it were possible,  
to consult and ascertain the opinions  
of heads of the various associations re-  
presenting the sufferers, at least on the  
question of what character, class, and  
business the members of the Tribunal  
are to be composed and, with this view,  
we would respectfully suggest that time  
ought to be taken to consider the whole  
matter fully before a final decision is  
reached.

Thanking the Prime Minister  
for his communication, I am,  
yours faithfully  
J. H. Laundy

Jus/H277/120/77

10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall, S.W.

25/5/16

Sir R. Chelms.

I have received your telegram  
as to Maxwell's change of view  
with regard to the A.O.H  
meeting. The Prime Minister approves the  
course to which you both now agree.

Corporation of Dublin Bill.

I am consulting Bradbury on  
this.

ABC  
I have written to Lang to  
inform him of the composition  
of the Compensation Committee.



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Treasury Chambers,  
Whitehall, S.W.

25 May 1916

My dear Chalmer.

Committee on Compensation

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Here are letters from Pipkin & Osborn. The former will serve without pay, but Osborn, as you see, will have to be paid. There are a fair number of cases of engineers &c. who have served on Imp<sup>t</sup> Com<sup>ns</sup> and have got £10. 10/- a day & six hours plus expenses, and I do not see how you can very well try and beat down Mr. Osborn. The solution seems

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to be to have as few meetings  
of the Committee itself as  
possible, and to use local  
sub-assessors to do the  
detailed valuing. The Comm<sup>ee</sup>  
itself, in that case, ought only  
to have to hold sittings for a  
week or so to decide course  
of procedure, reference to  
Assessors &c. and then to  
meet again, when the Assessors  
have done their part, to consider  
& adjudicate on their reports.

The P.M. is communicating  
with the Irish about the names.  
Do not therefore make any  
announcement of them till  
you hear from him.

Yours sincerely

J. L. Heath



Ans H277/120/49

Copy.

Bath Spa Hotel,

Bath, 23rd May, 1916.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your favour of the 18th instant, I have much pleasure in stating that my Directors readily consent to my accepting a seat on the Committee for reporting to the Government on the damages resulting from the recent rising in Ireland. I need hardly say the offer of the Prime Minister affords me much gratification and I trust my services may be helpful.

I shall be in London on Friday next and if you desire to see me I will be happy to call at the Treasury at any hour you may fix.

I am, &c.,

Saml. J. Pipkin,

Sir T.L. Heath, K.C.B., F.R.S.,  
Treasury.

Jus /H277/120/80

Copy.

34 Old Jewry,

London, E.C.,

May 23rd 1916.

M. Bonham Carter, Esq.,  
10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall, S.W.

Dear Sir,

Dublin disturbances.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant asking me if I am prepared to serve on a Committee to enquire into and advise as to the damage through the Dublin disturbances.

I shall be pleased to undertake the work and place myself at your disposal.

As to remuneration, with due regard for my partners, I should be obliged to charge the usual fees which will not exceed £10.10.0 per day and expenses.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM E. OSBORN.



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## POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

## MESSAGE RECEIVED IN THE IRISH OFFICE.

Date May 18<sup>th</sup> 1916.Handed in at Dublin Castle. at \_\_\_\_\_ Received here at \_\_\_\_\_From GrennanTo Power

Please send to Sir Thomas Heath at Treasury following message from Sir Robert Chalmers "your letter yesterday Stevenson. He will not be chairman Committee for reasons known Bonham Carter. I prefer <sup>already proposed to</sup> Phipps and Osborn with Lawyers for Consultation when needed. Please submit their names Asquith forthwith with Sir William Goulding as Chairman. He is willing to serve and recommended by both Law Officers and myself. I desire to announce all three names together when approved but am uncertain how far Asquith is committed to Consult before hand Clancy and Dublin members as to personnel. When I saw them Clancy urged business man as Chairman but appeared acquiesce fire assessors" (Ends)



Ans/H277/120/82 (1)

PHOENIX HOUSE,  
KING WILLIAM STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.

18th May 1916.

Dear Sir Thomas,

In accordance with your wish I have much pleasure in  
appending the names of two Fire Managers of experience and two Fire  
Assessors of good standing for your consideration in the formation of  
a Committee to consider and assess the loss of property occasioned by  
and during the late rebellion:

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Fire Managers

Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager,

Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

(Address for immediate communications Bath Spey Hotel,  
BATH.)

F. W. P. Rutter, General Manager,

London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.

Dale Street, Liverpool.

Assessors

W. E. Osborn (Messrs Selfe & Co.) 34, Old Jewry, E.C.

John Brooks (Messrs Howell & Brooks)  
Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria St.  
E.C.

Either of the Fire Managers with either of the Fire  
Assessors would make a good working combination and would inspire  
respect.

You may remember that a precedent, in some respects  
similar

*W.H.*



18th May 1916.

Yours very truly,

Whitehall. S.W.

Montmorency Belfast & Dublin

Jus/H277/120/83

PHOENIX HOUSE,  
KING WILLIAM STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.

19th May 1916.

Dear Sir Thomas,

With reference to our interview last night, I write to give you the names of the two Irish firms of Assessors who are largely employed by the leading British Fire Offices.

Walter Hume & Co.

16, College Green, Dublin, &

2, Donegall Square East, Belfast, and

Wm. Montgomery & Son,

1, Foster Place, Dublin, &

2, Wellington Place, Belfast.

I do not wish to suggest that a Representative of either of these firms should be placed upon the Committee; but rather that the Committee, when first formed, might like to consider their names, with those of the London Assessors mentioned in my letter of yesterday, and decide whether it would be better to co-opt a London or Irish member of this class.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,



Sir Thomas Heath, K.C.B.  
Treasury.  
Whitehall. S.W.



Please make  
one copy (with 2 carbons)  
of each of these letters

VICE REGAL LODGE,  
DUBLIN

82 St.  
18/5

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May 14 1916

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Dear Bradley.

I enclose a copy of a letter  
addressed by Chalmer to the Dublin  
Fire Property Losses Association.

It sets out the measure of the compensa-  
-tion which the Fire Minister has  
decided should be granted for loss in  
the recent disturbances.

He has decided to set up ~~of~~ a  
Committee of three consisting of Sir  
George Stevenson & two fire assessors -  
with the reference given in the letter.  
Will you forthwith take steps to  
select two suitable men to serve  
on the Committee.

Chalmer suggests that you should

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consult Sir Gerald Ryan as to  
names; if he will himself serve  
no doubt there could be no better  
appointment.

Please settle their terms with the  
two men selected and arrange for  
them to come over as soon as  
possible

Yours

Edinburgh Clerk

Sir Gerald Ryan will come at 4pm.  
He could not manage this morning,

SAS



Jus/H277/120/85

Also in "The Times", 17 May  
p. 8

May, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant in which, on behalf of the Dublin Fire and Property Losses Association (1916), you state that the Committee adopt the suggestion therein referred to, viz., that all claims should be dealt with upon the basis of the Insurance Policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property.

In reply, I am to request that you will inform the Association that, in connection with the destruction both in Dublin and elsewhere of buildings and their contents during the recent disturbances, the State will assume the same liability as would have fallen on Insurance Companies if the risk had been covered by the Policies.

Accordingly, His Excellency has decided to appoint a Committee (under the chairmanship of Sir George Stevenson, K.C.B., C.V.O.)-

- (1) to ascertain what, as the maximum compensation by the State, were the sums covered, for ordinary fire risks, by insurance policies in force at the time of the destruction of the property;
- (ii) to advise what part of such sums would normally have been paid by Insurance Companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire; and
- (iii) having regard to the information obtained under the foregoing heads (i) and (ii) to advise how, on analogy, the several claims of uninsured persons could fairly be dealt with.

For the foregoing purposes looting may be deemed to be burning, but no consequential damages of any kind are to be taken into account.

All communications should be addressed to Mr. James Healy, at 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Robert J. Kidney, Esq.,  
Dublin Fire & Property Losses

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Treasury Chambers,  
Whitehall, S.W.

19 May 1916

My dear Chalmer,

Telegram  
received. I have handed it  
to Bonham Carter who will  
take the P.M.'s pleasure  
at once. I had already  
written to Pipkin on my  
own & B.C. says that  
is quite all right. I shall  
probably hear from him tomorrow.

If P.M. approves Osborn  
B.C. will write and ask him  
to serve. I presume he will  
also write to Sir W. Girdling

Yours sincerely  
D.L. Heath



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Wire Admiral to have

Please send to Sir Thomas Heath at Treasury  
following message from Sir Robert Chalmers (begin)

[ ] (end)

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Telegraph to

Heath, Treasury

[Your letter yesterday Stevenson. He will not be  
Committee  
Chairman for reasons known Bonham Carter.  
I prefer Pipkin & Osborn with lawyer for  
consultation when needed. ~~by Committee~~ Please. Submit  
their names Asquith forthwith with ~~name known~~  
to ~~him~~ of Sir William Jowling as Chairman. He  
is willing to serve & recommended by both Law  
Officers & myself. I desire to announce all  
three names together when approved, but am  
uncertain how far Asquith is committed to consult ~~beforehand~~  
Clancy & Dublin Members as to personnel.  
When I saw them, ~~they~~ Clancy urged business man  
as Chairman but appeared acquiesce <sup>for</sup> Assessors.]

Chalmers



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Treasury Chambers,  
Whitehall, S.W.

18 May 1916

My dear Stevenson

On receipt of Bonham Carter's letter (copy herewith) about your Compensation Committee, Broadbent and I saw Sir Gerald Ryan here yesterday, and he suggested that probably it would be better to have on the Committee instead of "two Fire Assessors" one Fire Manager & one Assessor, and he kindly sent me two pairs of names to choose from, in letter of which I also enclose a copy. I have written to ask Mr. Pipkin if he will serve.

Before writing to one of the Assessors we thought that you ought to be consulted as to the suggestion at the end of his letter that you should have a lawyer on the Committee (in which case presumably you would have to suggest an Irish lawyer). Ryan said that on his Aircraft Risks Committee so many questions are apt to come up as to the relation between landlord and tenant, which of the two is liable for insurance

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in a particular case & so on that they found it  
very convenient to have a lawyer on it (Mackenzie  
Chalmers) - Similarly with the Scarborough Rents  
Committee (Parnood) On second thoughts  
therefore Ryan suggested that, if you were in  
favour of having a lawyer on the Committee  
(which would mean three without the Assessor)  
the three of you might bring in a high class  
Assessor when you actually wanted him. (He  
mentioned one Montmurency of Belfast & Dublin  
who would do, & he promises to send me  
another name or two). I suppose you will  
in fact have to employ a large-ish number  
of small Assessors to go through individual  
cases in detail & submit their valuations  
to the Committee. Then the Committee would  
consider and adjudicate on these - at  
which adjudication no doubt a super-  
Assessor would very usefully be added to  
the Committee.

Will you let me know your views before  
I go further? If you wish to adhere to the  
suggestion \* (1) Two Managers (2) Assessor and  
no Lawyer, I will write to Mr Osborn on  
getting a letter or wire from you: but there  
is this further in favour of (1) Two Managers  
(2) lawyer and no Assessor at first that,  
while the Managers will no doubt be willing



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Treasury Chambers,  
Whitehall, S.W.

to serve without remuneration, this is more  
doubtful with an Assessor, who would  
probably be losing money by coming to  
Dublin & therefore it would seem to  
be a pity to pay a man for a considerable  
period when he might not really be wanted

Yours sincerely  
J. L. Heath

Jus/H277/120/90

VICE REGAL LODGE,  
DUBLIN.

May 14th 1916.

Dear Bradbury,

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed by Chalmers to the Dublin Fire and Property Losses Association. It sets out the measure of the compensation which the Prime Minister has decided should be granted for loss in the recent disturbances.

He has decided to set up a Committee of three consisting of Sir George Stevenson and two fire assessors with the reference given in the letter. Will you forthwith take steps to select two suitable men to serve on the Committee.

Chalmers suggests that you should consult Sir Gerald Ryan as to names; if he will himself serve no doubt there could be no better appointment.

Please settle their terms with the two men selected and arrange for them to come over as soon as possible.

Yours

(Sd) M. BONHAM CARTER.



COPY

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PHOENIX HOUSE,  
KING WILLIAM STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.  
18th May 1916.

Dear Sir Thomas,

In accordance with your wish I have much pleasure in appending the names of two Fire Managers of experience and two Fire Assessors of good standing for your consideration in the formation of a Committee to consider and assess the loss of property occasioned by and during the late rebellion:

✓ Samuel J. Pipkin, General Manager,

Atlas Assurance Company, Ltd.

(Address for immediate communications Bath Spey }  
Hotel, BATH. }

F.W.P. Rutter, General Manager,

London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.

Dale Street, Liverpool.

✓ W.E. Osborn (Messrs Selfe & Co.) 34, Old Jewry, E.C.

John Brooks (Messrs Howell & Brooks)  
Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria  
St. E.C.

Either of the Fire Managers with either of the Fire Assessors would make a good working combination and would inspire respect.

You may remember that a precedent, in some respects similar, exists in the constitution of the Committee to enquire into the loss through bombardment by the enemy occurring in Scarborough and adjacent places in December 1914. The Committee on this occasion consisted of Lord Parmoor, Mr. Robert Lewis, General Manager of the Alliance Assurance Company and Mr Ram, K.C.

My

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My own experience as a Member of the Government Aircraft Insurance Committee is that it has been found of considerable help to have one Member of a Committee of this kind with legal experience and qualifications. I mention this point in case you may think to increase the proposed number of your Committee from three to four by the inclusion of a legal member.

I am at your service if you should wish for any other information.

Yours very truly,

(Sd) G.H.RYAN.

Sir Thomas Heath, K.C.B.,

Treasury,

Whitehall,

S.W.



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12<sup>36</sup>pm



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Wm. Dorman to Power

Please tell Sir John Bradbury that  
the Under Secretary would be glad to hear  
from him regarding the selection of Five  
Answers