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1280<sup>A</sup>

G. Allardyce

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

10 Nov. 1916

R. W. MAC NEICE,

SOLICITOR

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

TELEGRAMS,

"MAC NEICE, DUBLIN 5Y."

TELEPHONE NO. 5Y.

12, WESTMORELAND STREET,

DUBLIN.

5th December 1916.

Compensation Claims 1280<sup>a</sup> - Geo. Allardyce.  
 1586<sup>a</sup> - Adam Carmichael.  
 1575<sup>a</sup> - Ernest Devine.

1335

1280<sup>a</sup> R. W. 10 1/2

1586<sup>a</sup>

1335<sup>a</sup>

do.

do.

Informed accordingly 12/16

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 18th

October, when you stated that these claims were being dealt with and a further communication would be sent me later, I shall be glad to know their present position and as to when the parties may expect to receive settlement.

Yours faithfully,

*R. W. Macneice*

The Secretary,  
 Property Losses (Ir) Comm.  
 51 Stephens Green, E.  
 Dublin.

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

**A** Inspector's Report.

*C/o R. W. Mackenzie*

Claim No. 1280 (Supplemental)

Name of Claimant George Allardyce Occupation Tailor's Cutter.

Situation of Property Scott & Co. Tailors, 2, 1, Southville St. Dublin

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Valuation of Buildings (Commissioner of Valuation)	Inspector's Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies of Insurance
Wearing apparel & Workman's tools &c.	} 38	-		8.14.6	-	-
See also <u>1280</u> <u>1281</u>				21.14.6	8.14.6	
TOTALS, £	38	-		8.14.6	-	-

Interests in the buildings

Remarks

Owing to pressure of work which prevailed in the early stages of my investigations, I considered it safe at this time to consult Messrs Scott & Co, and their Foreman with regard to this claim. In this way, I arrived at my recommendation of £16.5.6 on the 25<sup>th</sup> July last.

I have now had a personal interview with the claimant, and a further discussion with Messrs Scott & Co. relative thereto. The latter still maintain that £30, in respect of Patterns, is a reasonable sum, and now appear to think that an additional payment of £8.14.6 thereunder, making the total compensation £25, should amply recompense claimant, and I concur in this.

Signature

Date

Award of Committee: Contents

Do. Buildings

16.5.6. how called  
8.14.6

£25 in full discharge  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1916.

*W.M.*

GEORGE ALLARDYCE

(Cut) for over 25 years  
to Messrs. W. Scott & Co.  
Ltd., Tailors and Habit  
Specialists, Dublin).

65 GROSVENOR ROAD,

RATHMINES,

DUBLIN.

Block patterns, of over twenty five  
years perfecting, which I cannot  
replace in their perfectness.

3 sets Habit Coats for hunting, side saddle  
do do and astride Coats.

do do. Habit safety skirts for hunting.

do do Ladies hunting & other breeches.

do do Tailors etc, £ 25-

2 sets Capes. Inverness Cape, Raglan Capes  
Driving Coats, Sac Coats, Special set  
of papers for Costumes. £ 5-

£ 30

Received  
31/10/16

R.A.

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DUBLIN.

17th Octr 1916.

Re Claims	1280	Geo Allardyce,
	1586	A. Carmichael.
	1535	Ernest Devine.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter to you of 7th Inst relative to these cases, would you kindly let me know when I may expect to receive a reply with reference to same.

I do not wish to unduly press you if you are not yet in a position to do so, but my clients have been enquiring from me.

Yours faithfully,

*R. W. Mac Neice*

*Probably these cases number is wrong being some major of 11 + 6 figures numbers will be over listed*

*gnd 18/10/16 above with Mr. C.C.B. 18/10/16.*

The Sec,  
Property Losses Com.  
61 Stephens Gr.

*Refer to last suggestion for remarks.*

*gnd 24/10/16*

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7<sup>th</sup> October 1916.

Re Claims 1280 G. Allardyce. *Claim recommended to Govt. 3/8/16.*  
1586 A. Carmichael. *Do Do 15/8/16*  
1335 E. Devine. *Do Do Do*

*Allardyce & Carmichael to be interviewed W.D.G.*

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of 3rd Inst relative to the above cases, and I have submitted same to each of my clients. They are very much disappointed at the attitude taken up by the Committee as they felt certain that when the true facts were brought before them that they would see the injustice that had been done to each of them.

For the purpose of pointing this out to you, I will take each case separately with a view to showing that the parties are not at all compensated for their loss in the manner in which the Government expressed their intention of doing, and as a matter of fact they one and all are heavy losers.

In the first case the principal item in the claim is £30 for a large quantity of Tailors Block Patterns and the balance was made up of apparatus and clothes amounting to £8.

It may be that the Inspector did not understand the peculiar value of these Block Patterns, but perhaps this can be realized when it is stated that they are irreplaceable and practically meant Mr Allardyce's livelihood to him. I should point out that he is considered one of the most expert lady's tailors in the Kingdom having been engaged at this business for over 30 years and had prepared and cut these patterns during this

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period so that the quantity and value thereof can be estimated, when it is explained that they are required for constant use ~~in~~ in this business, and their compilation is only possible by an expert cutter of exceptional ability and vast experience. As admitted by you, the Inspector did not see this party personally and Mr Allardyce wishes me to state that it would be impossible for any body else but himself to explain fully or satisfactorily ~~the~~ quantity or value of these patterns, for which it appears he was allowed <sup>about</sup> ~~but~~ one quarter of the value placed ~~upon~~ upon them by him, and which I have no doubt, from my own knowledge of the Claimant, was not in any way exaggerated or inflated.

Mr Carmichael is chief Cutter in the large establishment of Messrs William Scott & Co, Ltd, one of the leading Dublin High Class Tailors, and the amount allowed to him falls short <sup>by</sup> ~~of~~ £11 - 15 - 0 for the clothes material and apparatus for which ~~this~~ claim was £29, to say nothing of the sum of £10 for a quantity of Tailors block patterns also destroyed and the same remarks as in the former case practically apply to this case.

How could any person but the Claimant say what quantity of clothes etc, had been destroyed or their value?, and with all respect, I cannot agree with your statement that your Inspector was able to get full and reliable information regarding these claims, <sup>from any other person</sup> and I consider that it is most unfair that because this particular Inspector had ~~no~~ time, as stated, to visit the Claimants that the claims should be so disproportionately cut down



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especially having regard to the fact that three other claimants in the same house were treated altogether differently.

With regard to the third case, the Assessor when interviewing the Claimant appreciated the fairness of the claim and was apparently satisfied as to Bona Fides. The claimant was therefore very surprised to find he had been disallowed so much as £10 - 6 - 0. I shall thank you therefore to bring these cases again before the Committee, and if they are not referred back to the Assessors and dealt with more satisfactorily, I shall be obliged to place the facts ~~ix~~ stated in this and my previous letter in the proper quarter, as apart from the figures in the several cases, which speak for themselves, I am aware from Authoritative source that the Assessors have express instructions from your Committee to personally interview Claimants and not to depend upon second hand evidence.

It is admitted that your Inspector did not see or interview two of these Claimants and unless he assumed that because I acted for them that they must be in existence, he would appear to have had no other evidence to prove that fact at all. These cases clearly require reconsideration and my clients go so far as to request that their cases be sent to any one of the three principal Assessors to be dealt with and be satisfied with to abide by results

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51 St Stephens Green, E.,  
Dublin.

*R. W. Mac Neice*

2nd Octr.,

re Claims 1280 G. Allardyce  
1586 A. Carmichael  
1535 E. Devine.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th ultimo regarding the above cases, I am directed by the Committee to inform you that the claim in each instance was most carefully and thoroughly investigated by their Inspector before furnishing his report. Owing to pressure of work the Inspector could not see two of the claimants, but he was able to get full and reliable information regarding all the items claimed, and the Committee are satisfied that the amounts allowed are fair and reasonable.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

R. W. MacNeice, Esq.,  
Solicitor,  
12 Westmoreland Street,  
Dublin.

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12th September 1916.

1280	Claims (1)	George Allardyce,	Amount claimed	£38,	allowed	£16 - 0 - 0
1586	(2)	Adam Carmichael,	£39,	£17 - 5 - 0		
<i>I calc 1535</i>	<i>amend</i>	(3) Ernest Devine,	£25,	£14 - 14 - 0		

*I calc 1535 amend*  
*actual claims*

*Car. called 9/9/16*

*Refer to Mr. Doyle for remarks 9/9/16*

*Cases under as cases*  
*(25/5/16) meeting with 2 others*  
*whole open 9/9/16*

Dear Sir,

*13/9*

The Above claims were prepared and lodged by me with the result stated. The Claimants instruct me that they are disappointed and dissatisfied with the amounts awarded, as their claims were made in perfect good faith and I can say that when preparing them, I went into matters carefully with the Claimants and considered each of the items fully. I am instructed that as regards Nos 1 & 2 above, the Assessors did not see or interview the Claimants at all, neither did they call on me for any particulars or information, as they have done in connection with a number of other claims lodged by me, and as a result of which I furnished further information when required or arranged appointments with the Claimants to suit the convenience of the Assessors, with more satisfactory results.

What these Claimants principally complain of and their reason for asking me to bring the cases before your Committee for re-consideration is the fact of their not being interviewed or given a chance of explanation of their claims and the further fact that other claims lodged by me of an exactly similar nature, have been dealt with in a different manner. One of such as I mention has been paid in full, and two others were not

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12th September 1916.

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unreasonably reduced. These last mentioned Claimants were in the same business house as Nos 1 & 2 above, viz,

My Clients consider that they are entitled to re-consideration of their claims on the grounds stated, being of opinion that they should have been interviewed regarding their claims and having regard to the disproportionate manner in which their claims have been dealt with in comparison with other similar claims mentioned.

It would appear apparent that the Assessors have acted erroneously in ascertaining the amounts awarded, it being evident that they fixed the amounts themselves without making any enquiries as to the items at all, and I would feel obliged if you would bring these cases and the facts stated in connection therewith before your Committee with a view to having them re-considered and dealt with and settled on a more satisfactory basis.

Yours faithfully,

*R. W. Mac Neice*

The Secretary,  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51, Stephens Green, E.  
Dublin.

Dublin, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1916.

James J. Straly, Esq.  
Secretary.

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.  
Dublin.

Sir, Claim 1280 George Alardyce.

At your request, I have reviewed all the facts of this case, with a view to seeing if some re-adjustment, in claimant's favour, could not be made, but I have failed to find any cogent reason which would compel me to advise a reconsideration of the settlement.

As in the case of claim (1586) Carmichael, who happened to be also in the employment of Mr. Scott, Merchant Tailor, late of No 2 Lower Sackville St., I found that pressure of work, and want of time compelled me to arrive at the desired information as speedily as possible, and to attain this object I decided to be guided by what Mr. Scott had to say. In this way, I arrived at my recommendation of £17. 5/-, which I still consider to be fair and reasonable.

With regard to the 3<sup>rd</sup> item in the Claim,

viz: "A large quantity of Fairbro's block Patterns,  
£30, which embraces the bulk of the claim,  
Claimant is quite entitled, from his standpoint,  
to attach importance to the value of the  
Patterns which were no doubt "the product of 30  
years work", but viewing them from the  
Insurance aspect, they would be considered as  
so much waste paper under any ordinary Fire  
Policy, and compensation therefor would be highly  
problematical. I took, what I regarded at the  
time a merciful view, and recommended for  
this item about £10.

your obedient Servant,  
D. Heywood

19, Sandford Terrace,  
Sandford Road,  
Dublin.  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1916.

James J. Staly, Esq.  
Secretary,  
Property Losses (Ireland)  
Committee, 1916.

Sir,

claim n<sup>o</sup> 1280 Allardys.

" 1335 Devine.

" 1586 Carmichael.

" Reported on by Committee."

I return herewith original  
papers in these cases, which I  
regret I inadvertently took away  
with me on Saturday last.

Your obedient Servant,  
B. Nyonsby