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*Jno. Shekleton*

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

7 NOV. 1916



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2799 } R to Post 7<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>, WD 10<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
2799 A } (6th inst)  
in accordance with WD 10<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
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NATHANIEL TUGHAN,  
SOLICITOR.  
TELEPHONE NO. 890.

10, Donegall Street,  
Belfast.

Ninth  
November,  
Nineteen sixteen.

Dear Sir,

re JOHN SHEKLETON.  
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I have been expecting to hear from you as to the decision of the Committee in the above case.

My client has called, and as he requires to get compensated for the serious loss he has sustained, I shall be glad if you will let me hear fully from you as to the result.

Yours faithfully,

*Nathaniel Tughan*

J.J.Healy, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Dublin Property Losses Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green East,  
D u b l i n .....



PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

Inspector's Report.

Claim No. 2799.

Name of Claimant John Skelton Occupation Gardener.

Situation of Property c/o Daniel Tynan, Solr. 10 Donegal St. Belfast.  
 Lady Ardilaun's Estate, Moyode, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

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
Fowl Personal effects Hay Vegetables &c.	21.10/-	-		17.10/-	-	-
Consequential i.e. Loss of employment	100	-		-	-	-
Loss on auction of effects	48.1/-	-		-	-	-
TOTALS, £	169.11/-			17.10/-	-	-

Interests in the buildings I had an interview today at Belfast with claimant and his wife, in the office of Mr. Daniel Tynan, Solr., and, as the result, consider £17.10/- reasonable compensation.

Remarks I have disallowed the 8<sup>th</sup> item in claim viz: - £3 for vegetables &c., as claimant is not in order in seeking compensation therefor. The property belongs to the estate.  
 Signature P. Boydby  
 Date 18<sup>th</sup> October 1916.

Award of Committee: Contents 17.10.0 W.M.  
 Do. Buildings

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE



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4th September,

re Claim No. 2799.  
John Shackleton.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and to say in reply that owing to the number and urgency of the claims in the Dublin area the Committee have not yet been able to arrange for an examination of the claims received from outlying districts. It is hoped, however, to have the necessary investigation made soon in this and other similar cases.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Nathaniel Tughan, Esq.,  
10 Donegall Street,  
Belfast.



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NATHANIEL TUGHAN,

SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE NO. 890.

10. Donegall Street.  
Belfast.

1st Sept., 1916.

Dear Sir,

Claim of :- John Shackleton,  
No. 2799.

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Referring to the claim for Loss sustained by my client Mr. Shackleton, and to your letter of the 24th July last, acknowledging receipt of same, I shall thank you to let me know, when my client may expect a settlement as he is in poor circumstances and badly requires to be compensated for the losses he has sustained.

Yours faithfully,

*Nathaniel Tughan*

*Before their owing to the number surpluses of the claim in the Dublin area the Commission has not yet been able to arrange for an estimate of the claims from adjoining districts. It is hoped you know, to have the necessary investigations made in this district.*

J. J. Healy, Esqre.,  
Secretary, *Number Losses*  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green, E, *4/9*  
D u b l i n .



*Copies*

re. Claim of JOHN SHAKLETON. No. 2799.

Particulars of further losses sustained owing to having to sell his effects at a loss so that he could leave the district as it was dangerous for him to continue to reside there.

Particulars of effects	sold for			value for		
Furniture	9	8	9	13	5	9
Piano	7	5	0	15	0	0
Ladys Bicycle	2	10	0	3	0	0
Pony Trap	6	15	0	10	0	0
Trap	2	0	0	8	0	0
Harness	1	6	0	3	0	0
Calf No. 1.	9	15	0	11	15	0
Calf No. 2	8	5	0	11	15	0
Calf No. 3	7	10	0	10	0	0
Horse	26	0	0	35	0	0
Cow	18	0	0	26	0	0
	98	14	9	146	15	9
LOSS SUSTAINED	48	1	0			
	146	15	9	146	15	9



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16th Septr.

Claim No.2799.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th instant, and to say that the further items referred to will be added to the claim already forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Nathaniel Tughan, Esq.,  
Solicitor,  
10 Donegall St.,  
Belfast.



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2799.

NATHANIEL TUGHAN,  
SOLICITOR.  
TELEPHONE NO. 890.

E

10, Donegall Street,  
Belfast.  
15th September, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re John Shackleton's Claim. No. 2799.  
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Referring to previous correspondence, I now enclose particulars of a further claim of my client Mr. John Shackleton amounting to £48.1/-.

This claim is in respect of losses sustained by him in the sale of his furniture and effects which had to be sold by him at a sacrifice as owing to fear he could not continue to reside in the district and the auction was not attended by many persons as Mr. Shackleton owing to attending in Dublin, at the Commission, to give evidence, became obnoxious in the district.

He has suffered considerably in the matter and I hope that your Committee will entertain his claim favourably.

Should your committee require Mr. Shackleton to make a declaration, please send me the necessary form and I shall have same made and sent to you.

Yours faithfully,

Nathaniel Tughan

J.J. Healy, Esqre.,  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green,  
Dublin.

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cell report +  
some other  
further claim  
referred to will  
be added to the  
already found  
II  
note in Reg. +  
in cl.  
III  
attached to  
cl.

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NATHANIEL TUGHAN,  
SOLICITOR.  
TELEPHONE NO. 890.

*How far further claim for £28*

10, Donegall Street,

Belfast.

17th July, 1916.

*Herewith 27/7/16*

Dear Sir,

re Claim of John Shekleton.

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I am much obliged for your letter of the 15th inst. and in reply desire to inform you that in addition to the claim for £121.10/- sent in by him to you on behalf of my client Mr. Shekleton he also claims £28 for loss of additional property which he states was taken possession of and destroyed by the Military and Police when they re-took possession of Moyode Castle from the Sinn Feiners. I enclose you copy of the particulars furnished to the Military Authorities.

I have been in communication with the Under Secretary Dublin Castle with reference to this claim and he has written me to communicate with you.

If you require an additional Declaration to be made with regard to the claim for the £28, my client will make same, if you send me the necessary form.

Yours faithfully,

*Nathaniel Tughan*

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

*Large ltr.  
copy receipt + send no forms of claim.  
Par and ltr (cl for £121.10.0)*

*ackd + 2 forms sent  
20/7/16*

*Co. form to. Tughan to Under Secy.  
(11944) returned to U.S. by return.*

*Under Secy will send out loss of property  
cl. No 2 cl. for £21.10.0 + £28  
to be dealt with by Council  
25/7/16*

*JMS 18/7/16*





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*With*  
*The Under Secretary's Compliments.*

*Dublin Castle.*



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10 Donegall Street,

Belfast, 14th July, 1916.

re John Shekleton's claim 11944.

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Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 13th instant the contents of which I note, but, I desire to inform you that the claim sent in by my client to the Military Authorities for the value of his property taken possession of by the Military when they re-took possession of the castle from the Sinn Feiners and amounting to £28 is quite distinct from the loss which he has sustained by the Sinn Feiners taking possession of and destroying additional property belonging to him amounting to £21.10 plus compensation for his loss of employment which he estimates at £100. I have already sent to the Secretary Property Losses Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin particulars of my client's claim amounting to £121.10/- verified by Statutory Declaration.

This is altogether distinct from the property which my client states the Military and Police took possession of, consumed, destroyed, and injured, and it is the Military Authorities who are bound to pay this claim. Col. Taylor in his letter of the 7th instant states that the matter has passed to you as you represent the Civil Authority.

I am sure that you will see my client justified as he has suffered loss owing to the recent unfortunate disturbance, and as I have already stated he had to give up his employment owing to the hostilities in the neighbourhood against himself, his wife and his daughter, especially for attending at Dublin where they gave evidence for the Military Authorities against the Sinn Feiners.

I trust to hear from you in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

NATHANIEL TUGHAN.

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

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Dublin Castle,

27th July, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Justices to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and to state that Their Excellencies are informed that the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916, propose to consider the two claims of Mr John Shekleton for £28 and £21.10.0 in respect of alleged property losses.

I am to add that Their Excellencies regret to be unable to entertain Mr Shekleton's application for compensation in respect of his loss of employment.

I am, &c.,

J. J. TAYLOR

for the Under Secretary.

Nathaniel Tughan, Esq.,

Solicitor,

10 Donegall Street,

Belfast.



# APPLICATION FOR THE RETURN OF PAPERS.

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No. of File *11944*

*2799*

Subject *Claim of John Shekleton  
forwarded by W. Tughan, Solr.*

Sent to you on

*13. 7. 16.*

The Under Secretary requests the return of the above-mentioned.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

*19th July*, 1916.

N.B.—Papers sent to Public Officers or Departments, for their information or guidance, should, in all cases be returned when no longer required.



*11944 Receipt. The Committee is in communication with Mr. Tughan regarding his claim.*

*J. M. Healy*

*20/9/16*



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*J. Healy, Esq.,*

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

Chief Secretary's Office.





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11691  
M Healy 8/7

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I ack. & Healy that his  
letter has been forwarded to  
the Secy of Committee to whom  
all further communications  
should be addressed.  
Belfast.  
12th July, 1916.  
I don't know  
13/9/16  
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NATHANIEL TUGHAN,  
SOLICITOR.  
TELEPHONE NO. 890.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
11944 - 13 JUL 1916  
OFFICE

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Dear Sir,  
Done.

15/7/16

16/7 Mr. John Shekleton who was caretaker to Lady Ardilaun and in charge of Moyode Castle, Craughwell, Co. Galway, at the time the Sinn Feiners took possession of it, has interviewed me in connection with a claim which he has sent in to the Military Authorities for the loss of his property caused by the Military and Police when they retok possession of the Castle and grounds from the Sinn Feiners, and I have read the correspondence which has passed between Mr. Shekleton and the Military Authorities.

Particulars of his property and the value of same amounting to £28 have already been furnished and I have before me a letter dated 6th instant signed by Col. Taylor in which he states that the matter has been referred to you as you represent the Civil Authority.

I have fully gone into the case with my client and from his instructions to me it is clear that the Military Authorities took possession of the articles claimed. They were not supplied with them as mentioned in Col. Taylor's letter already referred to, but the Military when they entered the premises, <sup>took the property</sup> the result being that my client has been at the loss stated.

He, and his wife and daughter, can, if so require make an affidavit of Statutory Declaration verifying the facts.

I think that his claim is an honest one and that he ought to be paid the amount and I am sure that under the circumstances you will do all that you possibly can to get him paid.

I may mention that in addition to the loss of his property Mr.



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Shekleton had to give up his position, as owing to the hostility against him in the neighbourhood, he did not think it safe for himself and his wife and daughter to reside in the locality.

Yours faithfully,

*Nathaniel Tugan*

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle,

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NATHANIEL TUGHAN,

SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE NO. 890.

10, Donegall Street,  
Belfast.

12th July, 1916.

*Acckd. W.D. 15/7/16*

Dear Sir,

I enclose in duplicate Statutory Declaration made by my client Mr. John Shekleton claiming £121.10.0 for losses in connection with his property and loss of employment owing to the invasion, by the Sinn Feiners, during the recent rebellion, of Moyode Castle, Craughwell, Co. Galway, and of which Castle the Sinn Feiners took possession.

The Statutory Declaration explains the facts.

Mr. Shekleton who had been caretaker of the Castle and grounds for Lady Ardilaun for the past 10 years, has suffered considerably over this matter as his property has been wholly destroyed and he had to leave his employment as he could not continue to reside in the neighbourhood owing to the hostile feelings against him.

It is a serious loss to him and his wife and daughter, and I am sure that your Committee will favourably entertain his claim.

Please let me know if you require any further information and if so I shall get my client to supply same.

I shall thank you to acknowledge receipt of this letter with enclosures.

Yours faithfully

*Nathaniel Tughan*

Jas. J. Healy, Esqre.,  
Secretary,  
Dublin Property Losses Committee,  
51, Stephen's Green,  
Dublin.

*Acckd. stating that it is understood that total sum shown on claim form (£121.10.0) represents total losses in disturbances W.D. 15/7/16*



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# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

## Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I John Shekleton now residing

at 1 Haypark Cottage } in the City of Belfast  
Ormeau Road } County

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 24th day of April 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—  
from the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock on Wednesday the 24th day of April 1916 and the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 28th day of April 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—  
Cooking utensils, Cutlery, Hardware, Linen, Clothes, and Hay \* State situation of property damaged.  
and other property, all said property being wholly destroyed.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of my belief by \*\* a party of Irish \*\* Here state cause of damage.  
Irish Rebels numbering between 500 and 1000, taking possession of the residence of 22nd, a dilapidated one story cottage  
Branshwell, County Down, and of which at the time I was in

And we further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were so destroyed or damaged, ~~that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case;~~ that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage"; and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by me as owner of said property as declared and that no person is interested in the said property except myself.

and that it is not insured by me or any other person, § ~~except as follows, namely:—~~

Company, Policy No.	Amount £
.....	£
.....	£

And we I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 12th day of July 1916, at Ormeau Street Belfast in the said City, County

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said City County.

Signature of Claimant } John Shekleton  
of Claimants }

Francis Bratty  
J.P.

NOTE—This Claim is to be furnished in duplicate, and should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.







Claim 2799.

Total claim £ 121. 10. 0

Add - per letter of

15  $\frac{10}{16}$  from

Nathaniel Tugan,

Solr. Belfast

48. 1. 0

Amended Total

£ 169. 11. 0



Re Invasion of Moyode Castle, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

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I, John Shackleton do hereby certify and declare that I was employed by the Rt. Hon. Lady Ardilaun as Caretaker of Moyode Castle, Craughwell, County Galway. On Wednesday the 26th April, 1916 between the hours of two and three p.m. a party of Sinn Fein Rebels between nine hundred and one thousand took possession of the Castle, yard, and outhouses, placing outposts all through the demense.

The Rebels entered my apartments in the Castle made use of took away and destroyed the goods specified in the schedule hereto. The Rebels left Moyode Castle on Friday 28th April, 1916, between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m.

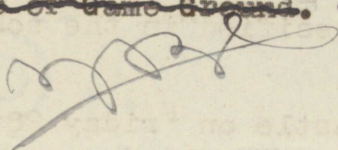
On Saturday 29th April, 1916 at about 3 o'clock p.m. the Military took possession of the Castle and Lawn and left on Monday the 1st May, 1916, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Owing to myself my wife and daughter being brought by the Police of Loughrea Co. Galway as witnesses for the Crown in Identifying a number of these rebels and giving evidence against them, I was obliged to give up my situation after 10 years service owing to the lives of myself, my wife and daughter being endangered. From the period of our return from Dublin where we were called as witnesses until I left Moyode Castle I was obliged to have the



protection of the Police. I was obliged to sell my cow  
and household effects at a considerable loss. I was out of  
my employment and my wife is suffering from nervous breakdown,  
owing to fright and disturbance.

I consider I am entitled to compensation to the  
amount of £100 owing to loss of my situation disturbance and  
my wife's ill health. I had £1 per week salary with free  
apartments coal and vegetables, grass of Cow and Horse and  
other privileges besides £2 per year <sup>to my wife Ellen</sup> ~~for minding about 2000~~

~~area of Game Ground.~~ *Shekleton for raising the cattle*  


*John Shekleton*



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OFFICE HOURS, 10 TO 4.  
SATURDAYS, 10 TO 1.  
TELEPHONE NO 1005.  
STOPFORD & TURNER.

ESTATE OFFICES,  
ANGLESEA BUILDINGS,  
ANGLESEA STREET,

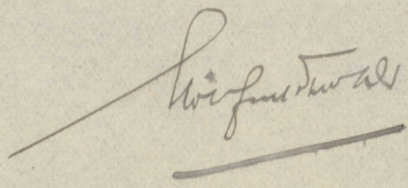
DUBLIN. 8th July 1916.

J. J. Healy Esq,  
Dublin Property Losses Committee,  
51 St. Stephens Green,  
Dublin.

Dear Sir:-

Many thanks for yours of 7th inst.  
enclosing claim forms which we shall make use  
of, we have written John Shekleton sending  
him two of the forms, and telling him to  
complete same and furnish to you as quickly  
as possible.

Yours truly,





HQ666.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
11691 - -8 JUL 1916  
OFFICE

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

Sir,

In continuation of previous memos, I have the honour to forward herewith, claims of the following:-

- Mr F.J. ~~Dunn~~, Refreshment Dept, Broadstone Station, Dublin
- Mr T. Shekleton, Richmond Lodge, Strandtown, Belfast
- Mr Edward ~~Byrne~~, 36, North Wall, Dublin.
- Mr James ~~Bourke~~, 118, Parnell Street, do.
- Messrs E. ~~Crimmins~~ & Sons, 48, Serpentine Avenue, do.

The claimants have been informed that the Military Authorities cannot admit responsibility, but I am referring their claims to you as the Civil Authority, and propose to adopt this course with regard to future claims, in view of the possibility of a Board of Assessment being assembled hereafter under your Office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Mr. Healy.  
J.S.  
8/7/16.*

Colonel, A.D.S.T.,  
for Major-General i/c Administration,  
Irish Command.

Headquarters,  
Parkgate,  
Dublin.

7/7/1916.

*Recy. but look over issue of form*

*There are various papers which should be attached.*

*J.S.  
15/7/16*



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(Copy)

(1)

4 Ducks @ 2/6 each.	10 : 0
50 Fowls @ 2/6 "	6 : 5 : 0
Potatoes .	1 : 0 : 0
Hay .	1 : 10 : 0
Damage to Vegetables	<del>4</del> : 0 : 0
1 Travelling Box.	10 : 0
	<hr/>
	<del>13</del> : 15 : 0
	12

(signed) John Shekleton.  
 Moyode Castle.  
 Craughwell. Co: Galway.

R.I. Constabulary.  
 Craughwell. Co: Galway.  
 8 May 1916.

Claim of Mr Shekleton, Moyode.  
against the Military occupying  
Moyode Castle.

The attached Bill was sent to me by the Military Authorities for enquiry as to the damage done, Mr Shekleton has <sup>reduced</sup> rendered the claim for vegetables from £4 to £3, and he will be satisfied if the Military Authorities pay £12:15:0. I request that the Bill as altered may be submitted to Col: Oates who commanded the Troops at Moyode.  
 (signed) J.O.Sullivan. H.C. 45986.  
 The District Inspector.

ATHENRY. 9th May 1916.

If Colonel Oates, Commanding the Sherwood Foresters, is still at Athlone, would you please have attached Bill given to him.

His charges for Poultry are reasonable.  
 (signed) Chas: Collins.

D.I.  
 ATHLONE.

2 D.I.

ATHLONE. 10.5.16.

Transmitted.

(signed) W.Yeates.

V.I.Hetreed Esqre. D.I.  
 Attd: to Flying Column.  
 LOUGHREA.

Moyode Castle.  
 Craughwell.  
 8 - 5 - 16.

To. Colonel Oates.  
 Sir.

I respectfully beg to state that the Head Constable of Craughwell, R.I.C. called here to enquire



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into the Bill which I handed you for Fowl etc commandeered by the Military while stationed here.

As you considered the amount charged to vegetables too much I shall take £1:0:0 off the amount. My wife states that 2/6 each charged by me in the Bill for her fowl is not nearly sufficient and says she must at least be paid at the rate of 5/- per head. They were every one with the exception of one pair of chickens splendid laying fowl & as she had been feeding them all winter she was only just beginning to get in a return by selling eggs. On her return she found most of her pictures, photoes, frames broken, a large carving knife 1 pr Blankets, quilt and sheets missing which were here when she left for the Agricultural Station after the arrival of the Military.

We are only poor people and the Government can better afford to pay for those things than we can to lose them.

Apologising for troubling you and trusting you will see your way to compensate us.

I am, sir.

Yours respectfully.

(signed) Jon: Shekleton.

To. Colonel Oates.







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(Copy. Bill)

(3)

	£	s	d	
2 prs Laying ducks at 10/- per pr:	1	0	0	
50 laying hens at 5/- each.	12	10	0	X
1 pr Chickens.		3	0	
Garden Produce.	3	0	0	
Hay.	1	0	0	
Potatoes.	1	0	0	
Travelling Trunk.		10	0	
Repairs to Piano.		10	0	
1 pr Blankets.	1	10	0	
1 white Quilt.	1	0	0	
Linen.	1	0	0	
1 large carving Knife.		10	0	
Pictures, Frames, Photographs, Vases etc.	5	0	0	
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	£	28	13	0.