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Capt. J. P. Purcell (Dublin Fire Brigade)

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

3 NOV. 1916



13/11/10

hw 3677

Excess case

On 18th inst

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
DUBLIN. 16th April, 1917.

62 Middle Abbey St.  
No. 3677 - Capt. Purcell's claim.  
In 18th List.

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Dear Magill,

In this case the claim for rebuilding as originally furnished was for £3,084, but in a later claim this was increased to £4,000. In addition £400 was claimed for loss of rents (uninsured) which was treated as inadmissible under the terms of reference. The detailed claim for rebuilding totalled to £3,155, or omitting cost of preparing claim etc - not admissible - £3,070.

The Assessors found that there was a considerable amount of structure salvage, such as foundations etc., for none of which credit was given in the above figures, and the prices too in the detailed estimate were in many instances higher than those in force at the date of destruction.

This claim was very carefully investigated, and the Assessors have assured me that their valuation of the loss is a full one. There was no necessity for them to see Captain Purcell in connection with the claim as they had before them the plans and detailed priced quantities.

I believe that in most of the cases in which it is sought to have the building grants revised when it is seen that no increase will be given, means will be found by cutting out unnecessary work etc., to bring the expenditure substantially below the estimates now being put forward.

Yours sincerely,

*W.S.*



CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

DUBLIN CASTLE

15/4/17.

Dear Healy,

I know you  
are "wounded" but  
you may be able  
to tell me something  
about enclosed which  
please return.

Yours Sincere  
A. F. Majill.



# Assessors Report.

9th January 1917

Claim No. 3 6 7 7 Name of Claimant Thomas P. Purcell (Captain of Fire Brigade)

Situation of Property 62 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Commissioners Valuation of Buildings	Assessors Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies
Building, as per Estimate enclosed herewith.,	3128:15:2	300	790	1,660	300	1,360
Telephones	19:15:0	(Government Property)				
Electric Meters	6:19:0	(Dublin Corporation Property)				
Two Years Rent	400: 0:0	N I L				
TOTALS, £	3555: 9:2	300	790	1,660	300	1,360

X This item has not been allowed for in Corporation  
X

Building was burnt out, but considerable Structural Salvage remained.

Interests in the buildings Claimant holds the Title of Property as security for Money advanced. We enclose letter from him regarding under-insurance.

Patrick Gordon, C/o T.P. Purcell, Fire Brigade Station, Tara Street, Dublin, is Lease-holder. For other Interests see Claim Forms Nos. 3677 & 474.

The Policy of Insurance (£300) is in name of The National Bank Limited.

*Walter James & Co*

Award of Committee: Contents .....

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# Assessors Report. 10th Octr 1916

Claim No. 3 6 7 7 Name of Claimant Thomas P. Purcell (Captain of Fire Brigade)

Situation of Property 62 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Commissioners Valuation of Buildings	Assessors Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies
Building	4000:0:0	300	918		300	
Rent (2 Years )	400:0:0	Nil				
TOTALS, £	4400:0:0	300	918		300	

The Building was destroyed by Fire.

The loss will exceed £1,000.

Interests in the buildings. Claimant holds the Title of Property as security for money advanced. We enclose letter from him regarding under-insurance.

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*Walter James Coy*

Award of Committee: Contents £300 Ins Burns

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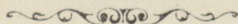
*2 amounts for full amount paid 2/27/16*

*2 of 1000 WJY*

**REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE.**



PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.



51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, E.

DUBLIN,

1916.

no 3677 J. P. Powell

To amount of for full amount of

loss

and

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Express,

On Feb 13/11/16



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*Walter Lawrence Long*

Award of Committee: Contents.....

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CENTRAL FIRE BRIGADE STATION,  
TARA STREET,

T. P. PURCELL,  
Chief Officer.

Dublin, October 7<sup>th</sup> 1906  
Re claim 62 Middle Abbey Street

Walter Hume Esq

Dear Sir

I understand the claim on behalf of self and tenant (P. Gordon) of above has been referred to your Firm for examination and report. With regard to the amount of insurance £300, effected by the tenant I desire to explain that for upwards of 40 years previously he kept up an insurance of £1200, but last year without consulting me or giving information to the landlord he allowed the policy to lapse then after some time put on the nominal sum of £300. The explanation is that the tenant being 84 years of age is getting naturally stupid owing to Senile decay, and being impoverished could not afford to pay the premiums.

Had I known this I would of course have renewed the policy for the proper amount. The advances I made on behalf of the tenant were not by way of speculation or expected gain but merely from charitable motives to sustain him in the premises where he has a most respectable life long commercial existence, and came to grief through no fault of his own. From experience you are aware that this class of building is rarely insured for its full value, and the sum of £1200 was never so meant, only to cover possible loss from accidental fire. During my connection with Dublin for past 25 years as Chief of the Fire Dept, no building similarly used — not containing commercial stock or inflammable contents — has been totally destroyed.

I trust the Fire Loss Commission will take these facts into consideration as I don't deserve to lose through the unfortunate destruction of the property or negligence of the tenant to whom I extended financial assistance out of proportion to my own limited means.

Yours faithfully  
Thos. P. Purcell



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CENTRAL FIRE BRIGADE STATION,  
TARA STREET,



T. P. PURCELL,  
Chief Officer.

Dublin Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1916

J. J. Healy Esq  
Secretary

Property losses Committee,

behind Abbey St

Sir

I beg to enclose an amended claim in duplicate  
amount £4400  
duly attested, which you will please substitute  
for one dated July 31<sup>st</sup> 1916, amount £3.264,

When sending in the original claim pending the  
plan and quantities, we could only estimate the loss,

Now that full details have been ascertained my Surveyor  
finds the original claim was too low.

Yours faithfully,  
T. P. Purcell

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I Insure us. some 10.

II enter in Regr & some 100

III Put with previous claim

Previous claim  
rec'd. 5/8/16.  
& attached

gms  
1578/11s



Amended claim

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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 Thomas P. Purcell Chief Officer D.C. Fire Brigade now residing

We at Chief Fire Station Tara Street in the Dublin City of Dublin County

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 29th day of April 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—

\* Building used as office and dwelling 62 Middle Abbey Street Dublin

\* State situation of property damaged.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of my belief by\*\* fire caused by

\*\* Here state cause of damage.

Some person or persons unknown during the Civil Commotion in the City.

And I 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† Mortgagee on behalf of myself and Lessee; and that no person is interested in

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

the said property except‡ Lessee and Lesors

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

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

<u>Patriotic</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>1033225</u> , Amount £ <u>300</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

And 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 twelfth day of

August 1916, at

43 Dame St in the said Dublin City, Dublin County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City  
County.

Signature of Claimant } Thos P Purcell  
of Claimants }

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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.



# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed.		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
<p><i>Building 62 Middle Abbey Street Dublin, consisting of four floors over basement, in which Lencee and his servant resided until driven out by approaching fires, occupying two rooms and kitchen, all the other rooms being Sublets as offices,</i></p>										<p style="text-align: right;"><i>nil      4000 - -</i></p>		
<p><i>I claim for loss of rents during period of reconstruction Say two years @ £200</i></p>										<p style="text-align: right;"><i>£ 400 " "</i></p>		
										<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total amended claim      £ 4400 " "</i></p>		

*Held under Lease dated Sep<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1897  
from Margaret Evans & others for a term  
of 70 years at yearly rent of £50  
Per Law Valuation £71.10.0  
Policy of insurance destroyed  
in fire, certificate furnished,*

*Carried forward.*



Acad 8/16 losses

No 300

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CENTRAL FIRE BRIGADE STATION, 3677  
TARA STREET,

T. P. PURCELL.  
Chief Officer.

Dublin Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906

J. J. Healy Esq  
Secretary Property houses Committee

Sir

Referring to yours of 1<sup>st</sup> re claim  
I annexed a certificate from Patriotic Insurance to  
for Policy and receipt to the attested copy  
of my claim - If by any mischance it has  
got detached or mislaid I can furnish another,  
By the terms in lease the tenant was bound to effect  
£1000 insurance on building and had done so for many  
years. until the present one of misfortune when he  
dropped it to a nominal £300 without my knowledge.

Yours faithfully  
Thos P. Purcell



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as† Mortgagee on behalf of myself and Lessee and that no person is interested in the said property except ‡ the Lessee (Patrick Gordon) and the Lessors

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

<u>Patriotic</u>	<u>1033375</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>1033375</u> , Amount £ <u>300</u>
<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	£ <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	£ <u>/</u>

And 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of April 1916, at 2 St Stephen Green in the said Dublin City, Dublin County

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

Signature of Claimant } Thos P. Purcell

J. P. City of Dublin  
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Ask for certified  
copies of policy  
& last rest  
which can be  
obtained from  
the Insurance  
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Acted on

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1/8/17



TELEPHONE No. 700

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "PATRIOTIC, DUBLIN."

Accounts

10th July

1916.

From

**The Patriotic Assurance Co.,**  
Ltd.

9 COLLEGE GREEN,

DUBLIN.

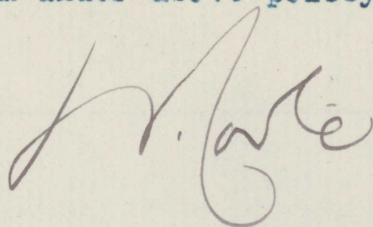
To The Manager,

National Bank Ltd.,

L O N D O N .

Policy No. 1033375 - National Bank Limited.  
Premium £0. 6. 6.

This is to certify that the premium under above policy has been  
duly paid to 25th December 1916.



Manager & Secretary.





TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
"PATRIOTIC DUBLIN"  
TELEPHONE No 700.

# PATRIOTIC ASSURANCE Company LTD.

Fire Dept.

9 COLLEGE GREEN

CPW.

DUBLIN 10th July 1916.

DIRECTORS

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W. COOTE, MANAGING DIRECTOR.

MANAGER & SECRETARY.

*All communications to be addressed to*  
"THE MANAGER"

Insurances effected against the following Risks:-

FIRE DAMAGE.  
RESULTANT LOSS OF RENT AND PROFITS.  
ACCIDENTS, SICKNESS, DISEASE.  
FIDELITY GUARANTEE.  
EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.  
THIRD PARTY.  
BURGLARY, AND PLATE GLASS.

Enc.

Captain Purcell,

Central Fire Brigade Station,

Tara Street,

DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

re 62 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.

At the request of Mr. P. Gordon we enclose herewith copy of Policy 1033375 covering the above premises, together with Certificate of payment of premium. We understand that you are looking after Mr. Gordon's claim in connection with the damage caused to the premises during the recent Rebellion.

Yours faithfully,

Manager & Secretary.



# The PATRIOTIC ASSURANCE Company Limited

Copy of Policy No. 1033375

Issued 25th December 1915

Annual Premium £ 0. 6. 6.

Paid up to 25th December 1916.

THE NATIONAL BANK LIMITED of Old Broad Street, London.

On the Building of the house occupied as Commission Agents  
offices and otherwise as private dwelling apartments  
by Patrick Gordon situate No. 62 Middle Abbey Street,  
Dublin. £ 300

On Household Goods, Furniture, Fixtures, Linen, Wearing Apparel  
Clocks, Watches, Jewellery, Trinkets, Printed Books, Wine and  
other Liquors in private use, China, Earthenware, Glass and  
looking Glasses, Musical Instruments, Printed Music, Prints,  
Paintings, Drawings, Engravings and Sculptures (in case of  
loss one one Print, Painting, Drawing, Engraving or Article  
of Sculpture to be deemed of greater value than £5-0-0),  
Mathematical and Philosophical Instruments and Apparatus  
in private use only in said dwelling apartments £ 100  
£ 400

Said Building is Brick or Stone built and Slated.