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REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

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# The Dublin Fire & Property Losses Association (1916).

OFFICES: STAR BUILDINGS,  
12/14 COLLEGE GREEN,  
DUBLIN.

ROBERT J. KIDNEY, F.S.A.A.  
SECRETARY.  
Telephone 3726

12th. December, 1916.

James J. Healy Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green D.

*H. to Govt. 5/10/16*  
*226.*  
*13/12/16.*  
*Letter accordingly by*  
*226.*  
*13/12/16*

Dear Sir,

Kindly let me know if the recommendation of the Committee has been forwarded in respect of the claim of Mr. John Wyse Power 51, Lower Camden Street, entered on Schedule P. 1/16.

Yours faithfully,

*R. J. Kidney*  
Secretary.  
*per G.*

# Assessors Report.

15th Sepr 1916

Claim No. **6 8 8** Name of Claimant **John Wyse Power ( Journalist ).**

Situation of Property **21 Henry 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
Library of Classical, Historical, and other Books, and Personal Effects	) ) ) )	N I L	.....	300: 0:0	.....	.....
TOTALS, £	480:17:6	N I L	.....	300: 0:0	.....	.....

The Property was completely destroyed by Fire.

~~Interests in the buildings.~~

Claimant states he has no Insurance on above, which was his Personal Property.

His Wife, however, has a Policy which insures Household Goods, Books, &c, at above address. She has made a claim (No. 692) for her own Property and the Property of her Son and Daughters. Her loss alone will exceed the sum insured (£200).

*Walter James & Co*

Award of Committee: Contents **£ 300 WJP**

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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 ~~We~~ John Wynn Power now residing at 21 St. Camden Street in the City of Dublin County of Dublin

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—\*

total destruction of my library & personal effects

and such damage was occasioned to the best of <sup>my</sup>our belief by\*\* fire originating in military operations in Henry Street

And <sup>I</sup>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 ~~us~~ <sup>me</sup>

as† sole owner; and that no person is interested in the said property except‡ myself

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

Company	Policy No.	Amount £
/	/	/
/	/	/
/	/	/

And <sup>I</sup>We 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1916, at Brown Alley in the said City, County, before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City County. John Wynn Power W. J. Judge  
Signature of Claimant }  
of Claimants }

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.
Wearing apparel, linen boots, hats, 2 suits of day clothes, evening suit, &c &c about	30	0	0	20	0	0				20	0	0
Kit-bag & Gladstone bag	3	10	0	3	10	0				3	10	0
1 chronometer stop-watch	10	0	0	7	0	0				7	0	0
1 English lever watch	5	5	0	3	10	0				3	10	0
1 gold watch chain	11	10	0	8	0	0				8	0	0
Tobacco pipes, smokers' cabinet, about 50 cigars } a "Waterman" fountain pen } stationery case, despatch } or attaché case }	3	0	0	3	0	0				3	0	0
a travelling-rug	1	0	0	-	15	0	Nil			1	15	0
										15	0	
Printed Books, MSS. etc (see memo attached) Complete sets of the works of Locky, Froide, Carlyle, Macaulay Freeman & Stubbs (about)	25	0	0	25	0	0				25	0	0
Annals of the Four Masters O'Donovan (vol. VII defective)	5	0	0	8	8	0				8	8	0
O'Donovan's Irish Dictionary	1	5	0	-	15	0				-	15	0
" Grammar	-	15	0	-	5	0				-	5	0
Dineen's Irish Dictionary	10	6		10	6					10	6	
O'Curry's MSS. Materials for Irish History	1	0	0	1	10	0				1	10	0
Carried forward.	100	0	6	83	18	6				83	18	6

# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. *(continued)*.

(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.
<i>Brought forward.</i>	100	0	6	83	18	6				83	18	6
<i>Hurry Manners &amp; Customs of the Ancient Irish</i>		17	6	1	15	0				1	15	0
<i>Ancient Laws of Ireland (Rolls Series)</i>	3	3	0	4	10	0				4	10	0
<i>a collection of Irish State Trials from 1641 to the Parnell Commission 7 vols</i>	-	-	-	10	0	0				10	0	0
<i>Publications of the Irish Texts Society 12 vols.</i>	6	6	0	6	6	0				6	6	0
<i>Ancient Records of the City of Dublin (not issued on sale) ed. by Gilbert 13 vols</i>	-	-	-	5	0	0	Nil			5	0	0
<i>Windisch, The Tain Bó (King of Saxony's edition)</i>	-	-	-	2	0	0				2	0	0
<i>Archiv für Celtische Phil- ologie (Stokes &amp; Meyer) 3 vol</i>	-	-	-	2	5	0				2	5	0
<i>Various old &amp; Middle-Irish Texts edited by Stokes &amp; Meyer Hogan, Shiachan, Gwynn Atkinson &amp;c about</i>	4	0	0	4	0	0				4	0	0
<i>Hogan's Onomasticon</i>		10	6	10	6	-				10	6	-
<i>Felice of Oengus (W. Stokes, R. I. Academy edition)</i>		10	0	10	0	-				10	0	-
<i>Miss E. Hull The Tain Tale</i>		10	6	10	6	-				10	6	-
<i>Works of the Gaelic Writers of the 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> centuries edited by Dinneen, O'Shea, Foley &amp;c</i>	2	5	0	2	5	0				2	5	0
<i>Carried forward.</i>	115	3	0	123	10	6				123	10	6

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(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.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	118	3	0	123	10	6				123	10
<i>Dr. D. Hyde Literary Hist of Ireland</i>		12	6	12	6					12	6	
<i>Mrs J.R. Green's Making of Ireland &amp;</i>		10	6	10	6					10	6	
<i>Political &amp; economic pamphlets relating to Ireland from 1603 to the Union (all rare) collected by myself, bound in 8 vols.</i>	5	0	0	5	0	0				5	0	0
<i>"Secreta Decreta" (see note in memo. attached)</i>	3	0	0	25	0	0				25	0	0
<i>Petrie Antiquities of Tara (1839)</i>	1	0	0	1	5	0				1	5	0
<i>Whitelaw &amp; Walsh Hist of Dublin</i>	1	0	0	1	5	0				1	5	0
<i>Gilberts Hist. of Dublin 3 vols</i>	1	10	0	2	0	0				2	0	0
<i>D'actons Hist of Co. Dublin</i>	-	-	-	1	10	0	<i>Nil</i>			1	10	0
<i>Smith's Hist. of Co Cork</i>		17	6	1	10	0				1	10	0
<i>Do Hist. of Co Kerry</i>	1	5	0	2	10	0				2	10	0
<i>Do Hist of Waterford</i>	-	-	-	1	0	0				1	0	0
<i>O'Toole. Hist. of The Clan O'Toole, Do. of Clan O'Byrne &amp; other Septs</i>	1	10	0	1	0	0				1	0	0
<i>Powers Place Names of the Decies &amp; Butler's Hist of Gualtier</i>		15	0	15	0					15	0	
<i>Wood Martin's Hist of Sligo</i>	-	-	-	1	10	0				1	10	0
<i>Derihan Hist. of Limerick</i>		16		2	10	0				2	10	0
<i>Carrigan Hist. Diocese of Ossory</i>	2	2	0	2	2	0				2	2	0
<i>Begley " " Limerick</i>		7	6	7	6					7	6	
<i>The Statistical Surveys (for the R. D. Society) of Wexford, Kilkenny Kildare, Meath, Down, Mayo and Leitrim (about)</i>	2	5	0	4	5	0				4	5	0
<i>Forward</i>	140	14	0	178	3	0				178	3	0



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

I  
We ..... now residing

at ..... in the City of .....  
County of .....

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the ..... day of .....

1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely :—\* .....

\* State situation of property damaged.

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

\*\* Here state cause of damage.

And I  
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† .....; and that no person is interested in the said property except‡ .....

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

‡ 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 :—

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

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

And I  
We 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 ..... day of .....

1916, at .....

..... in the said City,  
County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City  
County.

Signature }  
of Claimant }  
Claimants }

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# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Carried Forward	140	14	0	178	3	0				178	3	0
Works on S <sup>t</sup> Patrick & the Early Christian Church in Ireland by Prof. Bury, Archbishop Healy D <sup>r</sup> Reeves, Newport White & 10 vols.	3	15	0	3	15	0				3	15	0
Sir Sam <sup>l</sup> . Ferguson's writings	1	4	0	1	4	0				1	4	0
Halliday's Scandinavian Dublin		15		1	5	0				1	5	0
D <sup>r</sup> Todd Wars of the Gael & Gall	1	0	0	1	10	0				1	10	0
Hennessy & M <sup>c</sup> Carthy "Annals of Ulster" 4 vols	1	5	0	1	15	0				1	15	0
Maule "Language of the Annals of Ulster" Man. Univ. Series		10	6		10	6					10	6
Miscellaneous minor works relating to Ireland (say)	5	0	0	5	0	0				5	0	0
Historical MSS Commission 38 vols. including The Salisbury, Ormond, Portland, Fortescue and Stuart (Windsor) MSS. etc	6	0	0	6	0	0	Nil			6	0	0
Calendar of Irish State Papers (Rolls Series) Elizabeth, James I. Charles I. Parliament 12 vols	7	0	0	7	0	0				7	0	0
Works of John Stuart Mill, Herbert Spencer, W Bagehot, Stanley Jevons, Thorold Rogers etc. about	8	10	0	8	10	0				8	10	0
Miscellaneous works on sociology economic questions, The Poor Law Crime &c.	2	0	0	2	0	0				2	0	0
Carried forward.	177	13	6	216	12	6				216	12	6

# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. *(continued)*.

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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.
<i>Brought forward.</i>	177	13	6	216	12	6				216	12	6
A collection of English literature from Chaucer to the present day, representative of the chief writers. (mostly in good and some in rare editions) about 250 vols (say)	100	0	0	60	0	0				60	0	0
A collection of the Greek and Latin classics including rare editions such as the Stephanns, Geneva, folio Herodotus, the Aldine folio Greek-Latin lexicon, with standard works on Greek and Roman history, antiquities, literature &c about 70 vols	50	0	0	35	0	0	Nil			35	0	0
German Works - Complete sets of Goethe, Schiller, Tieck, Richter, Kant, Hegel, Heine, Burger, Ranke, Gregorovius, Mommsen &c 110 to 120 vols	60	0	0	25	0	0				25	0	0
A collection of the great French writers from Boileau - the classic dramatists, Pascal, Montesquieu, The Encyclopaedists, Voltaire, Hugo & the Romantic writers, and about 100 vols of the later writers (about 180 vols in all)	50	0	0	20	0	0				20	0	0
<i>Carried forward,</i>	437	13	6	356	12	6				356	12	6

# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. *(continued).*

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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.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	437	13	6	356	12	6				356	12
The Great Italian & Spanish authors, with a very fine edition of Dante and a rare edition of Calderon presented to me by Dennis Florence McCarthy 28 vols	12	0	0	7	10	0				7	10	0
About 60 vols of 130 hrs classical & Foreign Library original series	10	10	0	5	0	0				5	0	0
The Chronicles of Froissard Enguerrand de Monstrelet & Muratori's Storia	9	0	0	9	0	0				9	0	0
An extensive collection of transcripts from works difficult of access and various other sources, with copies of rare MSS illustrating the history and literature of England & Ireland, made by me during the past 25 years, and some 40 note books: would cost to reproduce at least	100	0	0	100	0	0	Nil			100	0	0
Item 1 hand reading glass " 1 pair gold rimmed spectacles " 1 do pince-nez	2	15	0	2	15	0				2	15	0
<i>Total</i>	571	18	6	480	17	6				480	17	6

Memorandum relative to Claim 688  
for Damages &c.

Claimant's library was wholly  
destroyed by fire, not a scrap of  
printed or manuscript matter  
being saved.

The contents included between  
1000 and 1050 printed books acquired  
by purchase or gift, or sent to me  
by the publishers for review, during  
a period of more than 30 years.

I cannot do more than state  
approximately the cost price of  
many of these works; those which  
cost me nothing, <sup>in money</sup> being gifts, I have  
not fixed a "cost price" upon. In  
estimating the value "at time of  
Destruction" I have been guided by  
the prices realized for the same  
books at recent public sales by  
auction, where such data were  
available. It may be noted  
that in respect of books relating  
to Irish language, history &c. The

present-day valuation exceeds the cost price. Such books have, in fact, greatly appreciated in value during recent years having become scarce, and being greatly sought after in consequence of the growing interest in Celtic studies. On the contrary, all but exceptionally fine editions of English, classical, and foreign literature have depreciated owing to the enormous output of cheap reprints. It will be observed that I make full allowance for this fact.

As regards one book "Secreta Decreta" which I purchased in 1893 for £3— from Hickey, the bookseller of Bachelor's Walk: no other copy was known to be in existence, a circumstance explained by its character. It was a record of the Decrees and canonical decisions of the Roman Catholic bishops in Ireland during the period of the Penal Code and its possession meant certain death on discovery. I can find no reference to it in any work on the church history of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, what sum it would realize at auction must be a matter of speculation; I consider that £25 is a modest estimate

John Wynn Powell