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P. L. MacHale.

claim not entertained. — Cash.

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9th August,

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant and to state in reply that the Committee regret that they are not able to entertain any claims for loss of money due to the late disturbances.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Mr P. L. MacHale,

Aillebrack National School,

Ballyconneely,

Co. Galway.

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Ballyconneely,
Co. Galway

7th August 1916.

*Voici en abrégé les conclusions auxquelles
nous sommes parvenus après avoir examiné
les documents qui nous ont été soumis.*

*PMH
8/8/16*

Losses during the Rebellion.

Sir, On the 22nd April I posted at Clifden a Registered Letter containing £ 2:10:5 - premium on Policies of Assurance, to the Edinburgh Life Assurance Company. The letter was lost in the fire at the Dublin G.P.O. The Post Office authorities deny liability and refuse compensation except "in the event of its being decided on further consideration that there are circumstances which would justify the Postmaster General in accepting liability." This reply I received on the 19th June, when I was further informed that "meanwhile no correspondence on the subject can be undertaken."

I have seen in the public press that your Committee was to be notified of such losses before August the 12th. I could not ascertain if it were necessary for me to put a claim before you, for the Postal Authorities, as you see, had refused to correspond. Indeed, I am afraid I may ^{be} giving you unnecessary bother by this letter. If so I trust you will pardon me. But the amount in question, £ 2:10:5, though small, is important to a large family in these times of high prices. And therefore I determined to communicate with you before the 12th inst. The "destroyed" Registered Letter contained two £1 Bank of Ireland Notes, 1 Treasury 10^s note and 5d stamps, I am, Sir, Yours very truly -

Patrick L. MacHale.

P.S. Numbers of notes: Bank of Ireland, 95-35765 and 12-31726
Treasury 73-033869.