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Father Murphy

Declined by Committee

Too late

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7th March,

/7.

re claim of Father Murphy.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant I am directed by the Property Losses Committee to express their great regret that they are unable now, as their work is practically completed, to accept any new claims.

The first intimation of the loss in this case was only received by the Committee on 22nd ultimo - about ten months after the loss, and long subsequent to the date when the Committee's Inspector visited Enniscorthy to deal with the claims for compensation received from residents there.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co.,

Enniscorthy.

JOHN A. SINNOTT & CO.

J. N. SCALLAN,
SOLICITOR,
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

DUBLIN OFFICE:
12, DAME STREET.
TELEPHONE No 1.

Enniscorthy.

6th March 1917.

Dear Sir,

We are acting for Fr. Murphy who has handed us letters in connection with a claim made by Mr. Thomas Hayes on your Committee for the loss of a Magic Lantern. The Claim we understand was made by the Gaelic League here, to whom the Lantern was only lent by the Rev. Michael Murphy and strictly speaking the claim should be made on his behalf for this. The facts we understand are:-

When the Military came to Town at the time of the Rebellion this Lantern, amongst other things was taken from the G.A.A. Rooms and no account has ever been heard of it since. Fr. Murphy has now instructed us to take the matter in hands for him and see what can be done with reference to same. As he was the proprietor of the Machine we would be glad to know if your Committee would consider an application on his behalf and if so we will forward same. Otherwise, of course, we must take such steps in the matter as we may be advised. No trace can be found of the Lamp or where it has got to.

Kindly let us hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

J. N. Scallan

The Secretary,
Property Losses (Ireland) Committee,
51, St. Stephen's Green E.,
DUBLIN.

22nd February, /7.

re Claim of Thos. Hayes.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant re above, I beg to state that the Committee regret they are unable at this late date to accept claims for compensation for losses arising out of the disturbances in April-May 1916. The latest date for receiving notification of claims, as intimated in the press was 12th August last.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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ENNISCORTHY.

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20th day of February 1917

Dear Mr. J. J. [unclear] - [unclear]
Dear Sir,

I am instructed by Mr. Thomas Hayes, Secretary of the Enniscorthy

Branch of the Gaelic League to make a claim for £12:10:0

compensation for the loss of a Magic Lantern Apparatus which was
lost during and incidentally to the disturbances in April/May 1916.

I have made enquiries from the local police, but can get
no account of what happened to this property except the statement
of the caretaker of the Gaelic League premises, a copy of which,
together with a certificate of value by a local dealer in this
class of goods, I enclose.

I am,

Yours truly,
M. J. O'Dempsey

The Assessor,
Property Losses Committee

Sandford Terrace,
Sandford Road,
Dublin

Enniscorthy,.....191

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I Certify that the
value of the Magic Lantern
Apparatus recently the property
of the Enniscorthy Gaelic League
lost during or after the ~~fire~~
disturbances in April 1916
was to the value of £ 12-10-0

Enniscorthy
Gaelic League claim for compensation for loss of a Magic
Lantern valued at £12:10:0.

Statement of.

Mr. Nolan, caretaker of Gaelic League premises,
Enniscorthy.

Mr. Nolan says; I am care-taker of Gaelic League hall or rooms in Enniscorthy. One day during the week after the disturbances at Easter 1916. (i.e. early in May 1916) a party of about twenty soldiers accompanied by an officer on horse back and by Sergt. Oliver and another policeman came to the Gaelic League rooms. They came in. One of them began to beat the room doors with his rifle. I said I would open the doors for him. He broke the lock and so opened it. Some of the soldiers then went upstairs and took the Magic Lantern, also the Banner of the Pipers Band. Two Soldiers brought the lantern in to the street, and laid it down and looked at it. One of them said "This is worth money?" "We will take all," said he. They also took out two bicycles and Sergt. Oliver looked at one of them and said "I have some information about this." The soldiers then took away lantern, bicycles, and flag. One of the Bicycles was returned to the owner; I don't know whether the other was returned; the flag was sent back to the Gaelic League. I never saw the lantern again, I don't know what regiment it was.