

Great Famine Minutes - Thurles/Rahealty Famine Food Relief Committee (1846-1847)



Rev. Archdeacon Dr. Henry Cotton, Chairperson Thurles/Rahealty Famine Food Relief Committee.

This record may perhaps be useful in case that another season of distress or famine should occur.

H. Cotton.

Rev. Dr. Cotton, No. 25, Upr Merrion Street, Dublin.

Thurles,

19th April 1846.

J. B. Kennedy Esq.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. stating that the Relief Commissioners have sanctioned the formation of Thurles town and parish as a Relief Division, and I subsequently received your parcel containing the books etc. mentioned in it. This communication is gratifying to the committee and has if possible stimulated them to still greater exertion.

Since I last addressed you they have divided the town into wards, a member of the committee taking charge of each ward with two assistants visiting each house and cabin and taking a kind of census of the poor, and unemployed, which will enable them after to give or withhold tickets for admission on the proposed works - The results of these enquiries in the town alone given at our meeting yesterday are as follows viz:-

243 families containing 739 men, women and children unable to work and almost totally destitute; and

525 families containing 2625 individuals totally depending on the heads, and sons to the number of 790 who cannot procure employment;

Thus making in the town 3364 persons to be relieved.

The country parts of our District are also divided into wards and similar enquiries in progress, the result of which I have reason to believe will be painful in the extreme. We have also made considerable additions to our local subscriptions, those of the struggling inhabitants of the town being as usual on every occasion

of the kind liberal and generous indeed,- we now have a sum of £ on hands and have no doubt it will very shortly reach £ .

With these funds the committee have arranged to set the most destitute to work tomorrow morning, but provisions are so enormously high here that they have determined for the first few days to pay them in cash - Indian Meal of which there is but a very small quantity in town is £12 the ton, and had potatoes 4-d the stone nominally, but really 6d from the large quantity of bad amongst them. If the committee were to purchase provisions at these prices the funds now on their hands would afford but little relief, and for only a brief period - and their going into the market at all would have the effect of raising the prices still higher. To purchase them at Clonmel, Limerick or the other larger markets would now be made unsafe given the state of the country.

Under these circumstances I am directed to solicit the Relief Commissioners to transmit to the committee about 20 tons of Indian Meal under escort at cost price which will be remitted at any time required.

A secured yard & stores has been already placed at the service of the committee for the purpose of storing this meal and the most scrupulous attention will be paid to the rules laid down by the commissioners in the distribution of it.

In fact this town is so central and in the middle of such a prosperous District that the committee would suggest to the Government to form a depot or station here for the storage of meal, for the use of the neighbouring districts. The committee would willingly take charge of it and in every way in their power forward the humane intentions of the Government in alleviating the frightful distress of the poor, and labouring classes. There are always strong detachments of military and constabulary here if their services should be requested to protect such a depot; but our poor people have given most convincing proof of their patient and peaceable character under the most painful privations. Tho the payment of the labourers in cash would soon exhaust our funds and render all our exertions useless.

I am directed to solicit as early a reply to this application as the multiplicity of other calls on the commissioners will admit of.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Jas. B. Kennedy, Secretary.

To the Trustees appointed for the distribution of Indian Meal

My Lords,

I am directed by the Relief Committee of the district of Thurles Town and Parish humbly to solicit your Lordships for a portion of the fund recently remitted from the Exchequer for the relief of the poor of Ireland. That the district formed here under the auspices of the relief commissioners forms an

inconsiderable part of the county will appear from the fact that our population in this parish amounts to 14,000 souls.

It would be needless to enter into a detailed account of the frightful distress and poverty existing among us but the following fact taken from the returns of the wardens will give some idea of it, viz:-

In the town of Thurles alone there are at this moment 768 families containing 3364 inhabitants in actual want; of these 739 are old men, women and children unable to work and who have no one to labour for them; and the remaining 2625 are depending on the daily hire of the sons and heads of the families to the number of 790 able to work and now out of employment.

This for the town alone is an awful picture, but the respectable committee whose names I enclose are ready to vouch the truth of it. A fund has been raised to provide food and employment but although generously subscribed to by the "*strugglers*" of the town, and some of the independents, it has yet reached but about £400. This with whatever the Government will give (if they give anything) will with judicious management do something, but have not reached half the distress. Under these painful circumstances the committee has directed me to make this application to your Lordships. I trust not in vain and if the most peaceable and patient conduct on the part of our poor people under their trying privations entitle them to those considerations than those who have reason also to plunder the district.

I am convinced they will meet it in your Lordships' hands.

I have the honour to be, My Lords,

Your Lordships obedient servant,

Jas. B. Kennedy, Secretary.

Sunday 19th April.

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the chair. Present:- Rev Mr Barron, John Gore Jones R.M., Wm Crowe, Martin Quinlan, Francis O'Brien Esq. J.P. Rev Mr Lanigan, also Mr Joshua Lester.

Mr O'Brien states he has succeeded in getting Presentments at Grand Jury.

On discussion agreed that the stile at Loughtagalla shall be at once worked on the faith of Mr O'Briens promise to get the Presentment passed.

Mr Barron paid in for Dr Slattery, £50.

Mr Leahy (Denis) sends in £10.

J B Kennedy £10.

Question as to paying labourers in money or in meal discussed. No option for the present - must pay in money for the present. Question as to what shall be done with those who are not able to work - whether they shall be relieved gratuitously discussed. No relief to be given until the poor house is full, unless in cases specially brought before and approved by the committee.

Stewards appointed - Joseph Meighan, as Clerk at 1/3
Walter Byrne, 1/6
Collins, 1/-
Mick Fogarty, 1/-

Head steward **Walter Byrne at 1/6** per day, the others 1/- per day. Head steward to be accountable for all employment in the works over which he is placed, - **1/3 to Meighan.**

The following rules for labourers were adopted:-

1. Hours of labour to be from 7 to 7 - 2 hours for meals.
2. Any labourer found to shirk from reasonable and fair work or refusing to follow the directions of his overseer shall forthwith be discharged and not admitted to the works again.
3. That the persons employed shall be paid every evening.
4. That in case a greater number of labourers shall offer themselves than the funds will enable the committee to pay, a preference shall be given to those who have the largest and most necessitous families.

The steward and two members of the committee to see and lay out the works tomorrow, so that they shall commence on Tuesday. Iron is to be purchased to make 20 crowbars, and 6 picks also to be purchased.

Committee to meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Memo as to stewards - 1/3 from the daily pay of each head steward to be retained until termination of the works and the due delivery of all implements committed to his charge.

H. Cotton, Chairman.

J. B. Kennedy Secretary.

Monday, 20th April 1846.

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Lanigan, Treasurer Mr O'Brien, Dr Knaggs, J B Kennedy

Revd Mr Barron hands in for Dr. Ryan £3.

Dr Knaggs reports his having inspected the hills of Loughtagalla and that they will employ about 80 men.

Treasurer reports he has over £300.

Dr Knaggs also reports - he having inspected the works to be done at Limekiln Lane, College Lane and the Double Ditch - calculated the expense of the works at College Lane at £20.

Proposals from Pk MGrath and Danl Carroll for barrows -

½ a doz ordered from MGrath at 9/- each

½ do from Carroll at 9/6 each

½ doz also to be got from Dan Dwyer if he wishes to make them.

Agreed that when necessary the Committee have the power to hire asses' carts at 15d a day.

That Mr Lester be requested to purchase 20 barrels of corn on tomorrow - but not beyond 30 and or any circumstances.

20 men from 5 districts to be employed for tomorrow together with Mr Bakers men.

That Committee do meet from day to day at 3 o'clock until further order.

Memorial as to flagging Main St.- Inhabitants to find materials if committee pay masons and labourers,- Ordered consideration postponed to another day.

Ordered to advertise for proposals for making wheelbarrows same size and pattern as railway barrows.

H. Cotton, Chairman

J. B. Kennedy, Secretary.

Tuesday 21st April 1846.

Archdeacon Cotton in the chair. Present:- Mr O'Brien, Rev Mr Barron, John Gore Jones, Rev. Mr Grace, Dr. Knaggs, Rev. D. K. Lanigan, Dr. O'Connor, Joseph Lester.

Letter from M. Kennedy as to manner of seeking subscriptions from Govt - from with Capt Kennedy.

Question as to when and how application should be made, - agreed to defer application until subscriptions paid in.

Mr Lester reports he has purchased 36 bags of wheat. Treasurer gave check for £48 - weight 4113s 5/4 amt £55-5-5.

Reported that labourers refused to work for hire of 8d per day and that none of the works commenced. Question as to varying rates of hire fully discussed and agreed that no more can be given.

During Meighan, Steward, announced that several of the labourers had just followed him to say they would work for the 8d - that in his opinion the great cause of the strike was that a sufficient number of labour tickets had not been distributed. Agreed to that every man on the lists of the committee should be employed and get labour tickets if they apply, but that no further application be made to them to go into the works.

Question as to procuring additional employment for them discussed:-The drain and sewer on the new Road provided the consent of the proprietors can be obtained.

To regulate and improve the foot ways to the poor home - Nicholas St, and Pudding Lane.

To endeavour to draw off the water lodged in the Quarries and Limekiln Lane.

Proposed and agreed that Samuel Kerwick be appointed Steward at 1/6.

Henry Cotton Chairman.

Thurles 22nd April 1846.

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the chair. Present:- Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Dr Knaggs, Francis O'Brien J P, Major Armstrong, J Gore Jones.

Letter from Mr M. Hunt read requesting lists of subscriptions for himself and Mr O'Brien before sending in his subscripsts.

Rev. Mr Barron hands in £10 from Mrs Fallon of Paris, sent to Dr. Slattery.

Secretary reports he applied to Mr Nicholas Maher's agent for the subscription of £50 and that he stated he had received no directions to pay it. Ordered to write to Mr Maher again.

Question as to distribution of meal discussed:- Ordered that when meal ready it be stored at Mr Crowe's yard and that the distribution be limited to 2 days in the week at the loan fund - viz:- that it be given at cost price to persons recommended by members of the committee.

The following bills were examined and ordered to be paid:-

Timmy Devane for a level - £0 -2 - 6

Patrick Martley - pickaxes - £1 - 3 - 6

Same for do and handle - £0 - 4 - 4½

Pat Phelan for crow bars £2 - 4 - 4½

Total: £3-14- 9.

Dr Knaggs reports he appointed an additional steward for the Bowling Green - **Laurence McGuire** who was also the contractor.

Ordered:- That a sufficient no of men be sent to Limekiln Lane and the Quarries tomorrow to effect the improvements heretofore suggested.

That the treasurer be requested to give Dr. Knaggs a check for £10 for the purpose of paying small accounts.

H. Cotton Chairman.

Wednesday 23rd April 1846.

Archdeacon Cotton in the chair. Present:- Rev. Mr Baker, Dr. Knaggs, Rev. Mr Lanigan.

Secretary - reads letter from the Relief Commissioners stating that a depot was forming in Clonmel whence Thurles could be supplied early in May - also stating that Indian Meal was now £11 per ton and would after 15 May - £10 per ton.

Treasurer reports:-

Count Chabot paid	£50
Count Jarnac	£10
Jno Cahill Esq.	£10

Pat Nolan's bill for making crowbars - 16/4. Ordered to be paid.

A discussion as to rates of payment:

Ordered:- That henceforth there be two rates of payment - an 8d for men 17 and over and 5d for those under that age and that no boy under 12 years old be employed. That tickets of the form now agreed on, should be printed to admit labourers to work - those for men in black ink and those for boys in red ink; Ordered that 500 red and 500 black tickets be printed. Families containing 7 members and over and having 2 men over 17 shall at the discretion of Committee be entitled to 2 black tickets; Families having a less number shall if Committee wish get 2 tickets one red and one black.

Ordered that 6 tin measures be made for distributing meal.

H. Cotton Chairman.

Thurles 25th April 1846.

Francis O'Brien Esq. J P in the chair. Present:- Rev Mr Baker C.... Rev Mr Lanigan C C, Rev Mr Barron C C, J B Kennedy Sec, Archdeacon Cotton.

Sec. read a letter from Mr Biron directing his name to be put down for £10. Chairman and Dr. Cotton deputed by the committee to inspect the store intended for the meal. On return they report the store unfit for keeping meal and market house suggested. Ordered that the Secretary forward the proper certificate of local subscriptions to the Lord Lieutenant and apply for a sum of money. Ordered that for the next week, or until the present rule be changed by Committee - No inspector of district or member of committee shall issue labour tickets until the applications for same are brought before and passed by the committee at their sittings, any ticket having an erasure on it to be taken up and the holder not paid.

Amount of labour paid yesterday £12-9-2

do. paid this day £13-7-8

H. Cotton.

Thurles 27th April 1846.

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Rev. Mr Barron, Rev. Mr Lanigan, Rev. Mr Baker, Mr W. Crowe, Francis O'Brien, Dr. Bradshaw, Rev. Mr Laffan, J.B. Kennedy.

Subscriptions reported to amount to £624-14-6.

The Committee, having been informed that some of the labourers obtained payment 3 times; Discussion as to means to prevent such an imposition in future. Ordered that a steward be appointed over each gang of 36 men, that the steward be paid 1/- each and have under him 3 persons in his gang to be paid 9d, capable of and whose only duty it will be to and see that the number of the gang placed under him are in the work and labour properly, and shall also pay them.

Mr Crowe reports that one of the labourers named Timy Cormick stopped to fight at the works at Loughtagalla and that if upon examining the steward the charge is proved he is to be dismissed. Meighan examined - ordered that Cormick be dismissed.

Mr Lester states that the Committee can sell their wholemeal at 1/7d and that in the shops the same article is sold for 2/2d.

Proposed by Mr Laffan and ordered by the Committee:-

That in future only one person out of each family shall be employed. But that in cases wherein a large family there is no man able to work and having a boy able to work that he get a red ticket.

Ordered that the District lists be revised tomorrow and the old tickets taken up.

Committee to meet at 1.00 o'clock tomorrow.

H. Cotton.

Thurles 28th April 1846

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton Chairman. Present:- Rev Messrs Baker, Lanigan, Laffan, Thos Henesy, Henry Langley. Sub Committee:- Pat Cahill, Pat Loughlin, Mr Jones, Mr Crowe, Dr. Knaggs.

Accounts and expenditure of the last week examined and audited by the Chairman and Rev. Mr Baker - amounting to £59-19-9 and found correct and passed.

The lists of persons to be employed were then carefully revised, several persons who it appeared had other means of support struck out.

Thurles 29th April 1846.

Meeting as usual. Revision of lists continued and not finished at 5 o'clock. **H. Cotton.**

Thurles 30th April 1846.

Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Francis O'Brien J P, Rev Wm Baker, Rev Wm Barron, Rev D K Lanigan, J B Kennedy.

Treasurer reports amount of cash received this day is £588and expenditure about £14. Revision lists continued and concluded, the names of dismissed labourers entered in book.

H. Cotton.

Thurles 5th May 1846.

Francis O'Brien Esq. Chairman. Present:- Rev. Mr Laffan, Rev. Mr Barron, Rev. Mr Baker, C..., Mr Gore Jones, Dr. Knaggs.

Secretary reads a letter from the castle apprizing him that £400 would be given to the committee by the Lord Lieutenant. The new tickets were then filled up by the several inspectors for the labourers.

Proposals for building a sewer in Nicholas St. were ordered to be printed and circulated.

Thurles 6th May 1846.

Francis O'Brien Esq. J P in the Chair. Present:- Rev. Mr Lanigan, Rev. Mr Baker, Dr. O'Connor, John G Jones, Dr. Knaggs, J. B. Kennedy.

Mr Jones was requested by Mr Donnelly, agent for Mr Jackson of Inane, Roscrea to apply to the committee to allow him to get a ton of Indian Meal at Clonmel in their name, he giving the committee £10, meal to be distributed on his own property at Fartianna. On discussion Committee declined to accede to the proposition.

Mr Lenihan's bill for advertising - £2 nett examined and ordered to be paid and 15/- ordered to be paid to the Nenagh Guardian for inserting the list of subscribers.

The question as to the distribution of meal was discussed and the class of persons to get same. Mr Lester attended to state he feared the meal would spoil if not speedily delivered. After long discussion agreed to give the distribution of it to Mr and Mrs Clear at so much per cwt and Rev.

Mr Lanigan being deputed to ascertain if they would undertake it, waited on them, and they consented but required time to consider amount of payment.

Thurles 8th May 1846.

Dr Thos O'Connor Chairman. Present:- F O'Brien, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Barron, Dr Knaggs, J B Kennedy.

Secretary read a letter from Commissioner General Coffin Limerick stating he was authorized to pay the Lord Lieutenants donation of £400 on receipt of proof of subscriptions lodged and a promise that an account of the whole fund shall be received to the Lord Lieutenant thro' him,- form of reply also given. Treasurer also reports his having signed document and Sec forwarded same to Committee.

Treasurer reports his having received £50 from the Indian Committee Fund.

Secretary read a letter from Mr Crawford suggesting that the Committee should undertake certain contracts for repairing roads, one from Brittas to Creagh's house and another in the parish of Moycarkey referred to him and for which he had no funds in hands. A discussion agreed not to accept same.

Question of delivery of meal discussed. Agreed that Martin Clears proposal to deliver it to the people on the committees tickets at 4d per cwt.

Moved by Rev Mr Lanigan and seconded by Rev Mr Baker- That in consequence of the non attendance of the gentlemen in charge of the Pudding Lane District at the daily meeting of the committee, great inconvenience is caused to the committee and the poor.

T O'Connor Chairman.

[There is a gap in the records until the new Committee was formed]

Thurles and Rahealty Relief Committee approved of by the Earl of Glengal 13th October 1846

Nicholas V. Maher M P J P Chairman.

The Venerable Archdeacon Cotton Vice Chairman.

Francis O'Brien Esq. J P.

Revd Wm Barron P P Thurles.

Revd Wm Baker, Curate of Thurles.

Revd Martin Laffan C C Thurles.

Revd D K Lanigan C C Thurles.

Revd Thomas O'Connor, President College Thurles.

R C Knaggs Esq. M D.

Revd Patrick Leahy, Professor, College Thurles.

Joshua Lester Esq..

John Gore Jones R M.

John Brachan Esq. S I

Alfred Gahan Esq. C E.

James B Kennedy, U C Board of Guardians Secretary.

17th Oct 1846.

A meeting of the Committee was held this day. Present:- Venerable Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair, Revd Wm Barron, Rev D K Lanigan, Rev Martin Laffan, Dr Knaggs, J B Kennedy and Joshua Lester.

The following districts were formed and persons appointed for the purpose of taking lists of the destitute labour and others viz:-

Revd Wm Laffan	The Heath
	Seskin
	Killinan
	Garryvicleheen
Dr Cotton and	The Pike
Revd Wm Baker	Main Street
	Church Lane
	Mill Road
	Drish Road
	Kyle
	Archerstown
Rev P Leahy	Pudding Lane
	New Road
	Brittas
	Grange
	Lough Upper and Lower
Revd Mr Lanigan	Quarries

	Coolahulla
	Bohernamona
Revd Mr Barron	Stradavoher
	Turtulla Road
	Ballycarrane
	Commons
	Kilrush Upper and Lower
John Greynan	Piercetown
John Ryan	Athlomen
John Sweeney	Ballyduffe
Laurence Flynn	Rathealty
Tom Armstrong	Clobanna
Wm Murray	Rossestown
Jas Tuohy	Ratheradogue
Richard Hickey	Cassestown

Tom Headon

Athnid

Garrenroe Upper and Lower

Next meeting fixed for Wednesday 21st Oct. at 2 o'clock to give in lists.

Secretary directed to write to Capt Lancour County Surveyor and Commissary send for books.

On discussion as to the appointment of an assistant secretary and providing the use of a room for a future sitting of the Committee it was deemed advisable to do so and it was accordingly arranged with Dr Knaggs to allow his parlour to be continued to be used by them and that he should be appointed assistant secretary and paid a stipulated sum to be hereafter agreed upon out of the sums of money granted by the Lord Lieutenant.

Wednesday 21 Oct 1846.

Revd Dr O'Connor in the Chair. Present:- Revd P Leahy, D K Lanigan, Wm Baker, Dr Knaggs, and J P Kennedy.

Secretary reports:- Books and other documents sent him by Commissary but no reply from County Surveyor or Engineer or Board of Works.

Proposed by Revd Wm Baker and seconded by Revd D K Lanigan:-

Resolved that the great delay in commencing the works in this district presented for so long ago as the 5th inst is productive of the most calamitous effects to the destitute labourers and highly dangerous to the peace of the community and that our secretary be directed to address the Board of Works on the subject and urge upon them the imperative necessity of opening the works forthwith.

The several lists of labourers directed on last date not being yet quite complete it was arranged the Committee should meet at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Secretary directed to write to Lieutenant Miller for printed lists of recommendations for Employment.

Thomas O'Connor Chairman.

Friday Evening 23rd Oct 1846.

A special meeting of the Committee was called this evening to take into consideration the propriety of purchasing corn on tomorrow the market day and having it ground and given out at cost price.

Ven Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Revd Dr O'Connor, Baker, Leahy, Barron, Lester, Dr Knaggs, Mr Lester, Revd Mr Laffan, Lanigan, John Gore Jones Esq. and J B Kennedy.

The matter having been very fully discussed it was agreed that for the present no corn should be purchased particularly as application and letter had been written to the Government and the Board of Works and answers were hourly expected. Proposed by Dr Knaggs and seconded by Mr Jones: That £50 worth of wheat be purchased tomorrow. Mr Laffan objects and advises to wait until post comes in tomorrow. Not passed.

H. Cotton.

Saturday Morning 24th Oct 1846.

Revd Dr Cotton in the Chair.

Present:- J G Jones Esq. R M, A Gahan Esq. C E, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Baker, Dr Knaggs.

Mr Gahan recommends that persons should be selected from the necessity of the works. The following letter was received from the Co Surveyor:-

Nenagh 24th Oct 1846.

Sir,

The last report I had of ye works were that they were not finished and if I were certain the new committee would undertake to finish them as explained, I would at once send the certificate.

I am

A Crawford

The undertaking to be given.

The Committee adjourned to Monday the 26th.

H. Cotton.

Monday 26th October

Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev W Barron, and Rev Laffan.

No further information having come from the Board of Works the Committee adjourned till tomorrow 27th at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday 27th October 1846

Archdeacon Cotton in the Chair. Present:- J G Jones Esq. R M, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rob C Knaggs, and Rev Dr O'Connor.

The presentments approved by the Board of Works were read viz:-

Coolahulla	£91-10-6
Poor House	30-00-0
Church Lane	12-00-0
Paved Channels in Quarries and Lk Lane	10-00-0
New Road thro Ballygammane	700-00-0
Gullets on do	30-00-0
Coolahulla and Rathealty	200-00-0
Road Thro Kilrush	178-10-0
do Seskin	<u>316-00-0</u>
	£1,568-00-6

A letter was written to the Board of Works requesting them to reconsider the embankment of the river.

The Committee adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 28th Oct. 1846.

Present:- Nicholas V Maher Esq. M P Chairman, Venble Dr Cotton, Revd Mr Barron, Rev Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Brachen Esq., Kennedy, Mr G Jones.

Secretary read reply of Board of Works to resolution. Mr Maher suggested propriety of at once applying for an Presentment Sessions as the amount of works sanctioned by the Board of Works is but £1,600 - a sum of nearly £4,000 being presented for. Also the propriety of obtaining a loan of £2,000 from the Government at 3 per cent for the purpose of purchasing meal, forming a depot here and selling at an additional percentage of 2 per cent.

Notices ordered to be printed to send handles for making implements to Board of Works.

Thursday 29th October 1846.

The Committee met at 3 o'clock.

Present N Maher in the Chair. Present also:- Rev Dr Cotton, Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Mr Leahy. Mr Laffan, J G Jones Esq., Mr Lanigan, A Gahan Esq., Brachan Esq., Dr Knaggs.

Letter read from the Board of Works announcing that the embankment of the river Suir is approved and may be proceeded with. Another letter also read announcing the approval of several other presentments for the town of Thurles. The following resolutions were ordered to be printed and circulated,

Proposed by Dr Cotton and seconded by Rev Wm Barron:-

Resolved that we have every reliance on the quiet and peaceable conduct of the labouring population of Thurles and the neighbourhood, at the same time we hereby declare most positively that we will not a

second time recommend for work nor give relief to any person discharged from the public works by the Engineer or those acting under his directions or who shall in any manner oppose or obstruct them.

Resolved that we consider that public works though necessary at this time ought not to interfere with the ordinary operations of agriculture, we will not recommend for employment any person who shall have left his work in the country or shall have refused to accept work when offered to him by any farmer in his neighbourhood at fair and reasonable wages, and if we find any such persons already employed in the public works we will immediately withdraw our recommendations and will request the Engineer to dismiss them.

Friday 30th Oct 1846.

The Committee met this day at 3 o'clock.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton Chairman, Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Lanigan, and Rev Laffan.

Question of purchasing meal for distribution gratuitously and otherwise discussed and agreed to do so. Resolved that 800 blue meal tickets and 200 red tickets be immediately printed. The blue tickets to represent cost price and the red tickets a reduced price. Committee engaged making out recommendations for employment for the labourers.

Saturday 31 Oct 1846.

Committee met at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Mr Kennedy, Dr Knaggs, Revd Martin Laffan, Revd D K Lanigan, Revd P Leahy.

Letter from Secretary Relief Committee enclosing forms of account current requesting committee to furnish same filled up.

Resolved:- That 20 barrels of wheat be purchased in the market this day and ground into meal to be sold to the poor at and under cost price.

That the distribution of meal tickets be first made to those destitute families who have no able bodied labourer who could be employed on the public works.

The Committee adjourned till Monday at 3 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday the 2nd Nov.

Committee met at 3 o'clock.

Present Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Barron, Mr Joshua Lester, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Leahy, Brachen Esq. R C Knaggs

How the wheat meal is to be disposed of discussed.

Resolved that the meal now purchased be sold at first cost price to those who have no able-bodied labourer in their family. What works would be advisable to employ the people when the present work will be finished and what practicable manner may be suggested to enable the land to support the labourers discussed.

Resolved:- That it be requested that the Committee be informed from day to day the number of persons in the Poor House.

That a donation of straws be asked from the farmers to enable the Committee to supply beds to the poor.

The Committee adjourned till Wednesday next at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday the 4th Nov.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev mr Barron, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Baker, F O'Brien Esq., James Bracken Esq, Robt C Knaggs.

The numbers in the Poor House on this day amounted to 641.

To whom gratuitous relief ought to be given discussed. The visitors to look over their lists and report what persons they would recommend to get meal at cost price. The meal now ground to be sent to Martin Clear to be sold on tickets.

A return of the numbers of paupers in Thurles Workhouse this day:-

Men	81
Women	174
Children from 10 to 15	330
Infants	<u>56</u>

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There are very few vacancies at the female side of the House; a hundred more paupers in the masters opinion can be accommodated. Resolved that the first distribution of meal be offered at cost price and

that any cases where it cannot be purchased at that price be submitted to the Committee who shall decide what reduction ought to be made in such particular instances.

The Committee adjourned to Friday next at 3 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday 6th Nov.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Barron, Dr Knaggs.

List of applicants for works considered and fresh applications received.

The Committee adjourned to Monday at 3 o'clock.

Monday 9th November 3 o'clock.

Dr Cotton in the Chair. Present:- Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Mr Jas Kennedy, Mr Lester and Knaggs.

Several applications for stewardships were considered and the names of those judged most fit directed to be sent to Mr Gahan. Mr Henessy reported that Peter Fitzgerald had quitted his employment without leave and that he intended to apply for admission to the public works. The Committee sent notice to Mr Gahan, the officer of public works requesting that he will not employ Fitzgerald.

Agreed that meal be distributed at cost price on Wednesday next agreeably to a former resolution that the meal tickets of the several districts be numbered consecutively as follows:-

Pike	1 to 100
Quarries	101 to 200
Main Street	201 to 240
Pudding Lane	241 to 400
Garryvicleheen	401 to 500
Stradavoher	501 to 600

That the meal be sold at 1/10 per stone or 4½ per pottle: that the same family may purchase on two days each week, at the rate of 1 pottle for a family of 1 or 2; 2 pottles for 3 or 4; etc.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday the 11th Nov 1846

Dr Cotton in the Chair. Present F O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Robt C Knaggs.

Resolved that the whole meal be sold to all persons whose names are in the lists of the Relief Committee at cost price namely at 1/10 per stone at this time, each district to be supplied twice a week in the proportion of one pottle to one or two persons. The Pike and Quarries and all the eastern side of the town to get the distribution on Wednesday and Friday, all the western districts, Main St, Pudding Lane, Garryvicleheen and Stradavoher on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Committee adjourned till Friday at 3 o'clock.

Friday 13 November 1846. 3 o'clock.

Present:- Revd Dr Cotton Chairman, Francis O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron. Rev P Leahy, Rev Mr Baker, Dr Knaggs, J B Kennedy, Mr Bracken.

Dr Knaggs states that a large number of men could be employed on making the sewers thro the town if there was a quarry to be had. Dr Cotton offers the use of a quarry on his land. The question of calling a meeting to..... subscriptions discussed and the necessity of doing so fully agreed to. Mr Barron proposes that the Board of Works be requested to reconsider the works passed at the recent Baronial Sessions and not sanctioned by the Board. Secretary directed to write to the Board. As to subscriptions the propriety of calling a meeting for Wednesday next was discussed. Meantime to prepare report and account of receipts and disbursements of past season.- Negatived.

Applications for work considered.

Return of number of paupers now in the Poor House sent in viz:-

Men	84
Women	184
Children	<u>414</u>
	682

Resolved that 20 barrels of wheat shall be purchased in the market tomorrow to be ground into meal for distribution as before. Meal tickets (2nd issue) were numbered as follows:-

Stradavoher	601 to 700
Garryvicleheen	701 to 800
pudding Lane	801 to 900
Quarries	901 to 1000
Pike	1001 to 1100
Main St	1101 to 1120

Adjourned to 3 o'clock on Monday next.

H. Cotton Chairman.

November 16th 1846.

Dr Cotton in the Chair. Present:- J G Jones, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, F O'Brien Esq., Robt C Knaggs.

Number of paupers now in the Poor House according to return sent in:-

Men	79
Women	186
Children	351
Infants <u>53</u>	
	669

The hours which workmen ought to take their meals discussed. It was deemed advisable to hold a public meeting for the purpose of auditing the accounts of last year and to ask subscriptions to provide food at a cheap rate for the poor who are on the destitute list. A requisition to that effect was drawn up and ordered to be printed and published calling for a meeting on thursday next at 12 o'clock. It was determined that the meal should be distributed by weight and not by measure. The Committee adjourned to Wednesday next at 3 o'clock.

November 18th Wednesday.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton Chairman, Mr O'Brien, Mr Gore Jones, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Leahy, Dr Knaggs.

Number of inmates in the Poor House this day:-

Men	82
Women	191
Children	<u>398</u>
	671

It having been represented to the committee that persons not destitute have been employed with horses or asses on the public works by the stewards unauthorised, we are of opinion that they should be immediately dismissed; we therefore request our secretary to communicate this resolution to Mr Gahan the supertending engineer.

Committee adjourned till tomorrow at eleven o'clock to propose resolution for the public meeting to be holden the same day.

H. Cotton.

November 23 1846.

N V Maher Chairman. Present Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr laffan, Rev Mr O'Connor, Rev Mr Lanigan, Dr Knaggs, J B Kennedy, Jos Lester, Rev Mr baker, A Gahan Esq., F O'Brien Esq..

Mr Maher read letter from Lord Lieutenant in reply to resolution of Relief Committee.

Mr Lester reports that 450 men will be out of employment tomorrow at the river in consequence of the flood. Secretary directed to write again this post to Board of Works to reconsider the works not granted, it appearing that works to the amount of £1,000 which were presented for were not approved by the Board.

Chairman to enclose said letter to Mr Redington.

Return of Poor House for 21 Nov '46:-

Males	31
Females	75
Children under 15	<u>148</u>
	254

At the suggestion of Mr Gahan a memorial was at once prepared and presented to the Board of Works praying for a grant of £1,000 to be expended in improving Thurles and its neighbourhood. Mr Gahan wrote a letter in favour of the memorial.

A check for £40 ordered to be given to Dr Knaggs.

The committee adjourned till Thursday at 3 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Thursday Nov 26th 1846.

Present:- J G Jones, Revd Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Baker, J Lester Esq., R C Knaggs.

Return from the Poor House:-

No of men in house this day	89
Women	199
Children	371
Infants	<u>46</u>
	705

Additional works approved of by the Board of Works according to instructions to Mr Gahan.

17	1	To repair and 400 perches of the road from Thurles to Urlingford between Lisduff and the fort on the Widow Keogh's farm at Rahealty.	£150
19	2	To lower and remake two footpaths one from the corner of Pierce Moloughney's to the Court House pier being 22½ perches and the other from John Finns corner to the Police Barracks being 19 perches	10-7-6
33	3	To repair 600 perches of the road Athlumon ford to Godfrey's Mills	80

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday at half past two o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Barony of Eliogarty

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| 1. | To construct 42 perches of sewers from Richd Ryan's to Derheen.
£84 | |
| 2. | To construct 96 perches of sewers from Danl Dwyer's to the bridge. | £192 |
| 3. | To construct 66 perches of sewers from Butler's Gate to James Maher's Yard. | £132 |
| 4. | To construct 9 perches of sewer from the Barracks to the Main Street.
£18 | |
| 5. | To construct 66 perches of covered drain or sewer from the bridge to the turn of the Mall with a tunnel under the river, and open a drain from the bridge in Thurles to Byrne's Mill with a tunnel under Drish River to carry up the levels for the drains of the town.
<u>£800</u> | £1,226 |

December 2nd 1846.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Barron, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Baker, Robt C Knaggs, A Graham Esq..

That our clerk be instructed to transcribe into a book in alphabetical order the names of all the labourers on the public works according to the initial letter of each man's name leaving a blank space enough opposite each man's name to add remarks from time to time and a blank leaf or two after such letter to add names.

That as Mr Russell has offered to this committee the gratuitous use of his yard, a pump, a kitchen fitted up with a boiler calculated for making soup or stirabout on a large scale, being the place at which soup was prepared for the poor in a former year of scarcity. The committee thankfully accept this offer, and agree that immediate steps be taken to put the premises in order for commencing operations.

That a second presentment sessions is about to be beholden here on the 11th Dec, this committee do make an earnest appeal to all owners of land and persons beneficially interested in it, within the parish of Thurles and Rahealty to come forward with presentments for draining, improving or cultivating their lands, so that the requisite employment may be given to the labouring classes on works which are immediately necessary and will be reproductive, instead of suffering very large sums to continue to be expended on works of doubtful, or at best secondary utility.

That in consequence of the advance in the markets that the purchase of barley as agreed upon last day be suspended for the present.

That a ton of Indian meal be purchased at Clonmel from Messrs Malcomson and be retailed at cost price or as it seems best to the committee.

Report from Poor House:-

No of men in House this day	95
Women	202
Children	381
Infants	<u>47</u>
Total	725

There is no room scarcely at the female side. There is room at the mens side for 100.

The committee adjourned to Friday next at half past two o'clock.

H. Cotton.

December the 4th.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, F O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan.

Report from Thurles Poor House:-

In workhouse this day 740

House built to contain 700

Five families were refused admission on Thursday last by the Guardians; in three cases the husband applied with the wife and children stating that he was employed in the public works but that the hire scarcely keeps them alive; in the other cases the wives and children applied without the husbands and stated the hire would not support them. The men offering to support as many of their families as the wages would enable them.

J Fogarty Clerk.

That a list of families be made out who have six or above that number in family by tomorrow.

That preparatory meetings be held next week for the purpose of making out presentments for the sessions to be held on Friday the 11th next.

That a list of families who have no able bodied persons to labour for them, the aggregate number of individuals in those families be prepared by tomorrow by the visitors of each locality.

That the committee having received notice that Lieut Col Douglas will attend at committee room at one o'clock on Saturday the 5th inst do adjourn to that day and hour to suit him.

H. Cotton.

Dec 7th 1846.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Joshua Lester Esq., Robt C Knaggs.

Dr Knaggs having represented to the committee that John Ryan, Mick Bourke, Connor Dwyer son and Michael Bannan having used insolent language in consequence of their being turned off the work. Resolved that those labourers who have been insolent to the secretary be summoned to attend the committee at its next meeting on Wednesday next at half past two o'clock.

Different presentments considered to be prepared for Tuesday the 11th inst.

The committee adjourned to Wednesday next at half past two o'clock.

H. Cotton Chairman.

Dec 9th

Present:- N V Maher Esq. M P, J Gore Jones, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Lanigan, J Brackin Esq., R C Knaggs, Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Baker.

The necessity of giving meal to persons who have no one to labour discussed.

Presentments read amounting to £5,158, approved of.

Resolved:- That a sum of twenty pounds be presented at the next sessions for expenses of an office for the committee for six months commencing 2nd October 1846 including fire, candles and stationary.

That in consideration of the time and pains bestowed by our efficient secretary in forwarding the extensive and complicated business of the Relief Committee we allocate out of our funds a sum of two pounds per week by way of remuneration for his valuable services.

The persons who were summoned to this meeting to explain their misbehaviour towards Dr Knaggs having attended, were heard in explanation, and having made an apology were dismissed with a suitable admonition.

Agreed that the meal be sold at half price to those destitute families who have no member who could be employed in the public works.

Adjourned till tomorrow at half past two.

H. Cotton

Dec 10th.

Present:- Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, J Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Robt C Knaggs.

The list of presentments read for the purpose of approving of them as the wording and amount sought for discussed and approved of.

Rev Mr Baker read a list of incapables in his district who are to get meal under first cost. Rev Mr Leahy's list read; Rev Dr Cottons list read; Rev Mr Barron's list sanctioned. Two hundred of the red tickets to be printed. Rev Mr Laffan's list read; Rev Mr Lanigan's list read.

Adjourned till Monday the 14th at half past two.

Thomas O'Connor.

Saturday 12 Dec 1846.

This meeting was specially summoned to consider the propriety of taking a second person out of large and destitute families into the public works.

Resolved that where a destitute family consists of five or more members we recommend a second member of it to be employed as early as work can be found.

The district visitors are requested to bring to the committee on Monday next exact lists of the families in their districts consisting of more than four persons.

A supplemental list of presentments for the adjourned sessions to be holden on Monday next was discussed.

The committee adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday 14th Dec 1846.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, F O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Lanigan.

The committee further considered the presentments to be made at the sessions this day, and repaired to the Courthouse to support their applications before the magistrates by a faithful representation of the extent and urgency of the distress.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Tuesday 15th Dec.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Dr O'Connor, Francis O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Mr J Lester, J Bracken Esq..

Two communications from the Relief Commissariat Officer and from the Board of Works dated 8th and 9th Dec read and filed.

Mr Lester communicated that some of the stewards were refractory, ordered that the stewards complained of do attend the committee at two o'clock tomorrow the 16th inst.

That a particular day be set apart for the consideration of the employment of females in the spinning of wool and in the meantime our chairman be requested to correspond with the Abbey St Trustees for the bettering the condition of the poor.

The persons who have more than four in family in the different districts and who have no second person to put on the works, the mode of relief discussed.

Resolved:- That families having six and upwards, and having only one who could be put on the public works be entitled to meal tickets at half price, as if they had no member on the works.

That all persons seeking public employment shall in the first instance send in their applications to the assistant secretary Dr Knaggs on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of nine and ten.

The committee adjourned till tomorrow at two.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 16th.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J Gore Jones Esq., Rev W Barron, Rev W Baker, Rev M Laffan, F O'Brien Esq..

A sample of stirabout was produced to the committee made from one half pound of Indian and water only. It was excellent in quality and weighed two pounds six ounces, affording a sufficient meal for a full grown person.

Return from the Union Workhouse this day:- Number of inmates 824.

The committee revised the lists of persons applying to have a second member of the family admitted to the work, and decided on the cross which are entered in their Register.

Adjourned to Friday at half past two.

H. Cotton

Friday Dec 18th.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev W Barron, Rev W Baker, J G Jones Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev M Lanigan, F O'Brien Esq. and Rev Mr Laffan.

The accounts were examined and allowed. Copy of circular from the Board of Public Works was read.

Number of paupers in the Work House this day - 837

Sundry gallons and other vessels necessary for preparing and distributing soup were ordered to be bought. The lists of applicants further considered and many admitted.

Committee adjourned to Monday next at half past two o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Copy of circulars read at the meeting on Friday the 18th.

Office of Public Works,

3rd December 1846.

A Gahan Esq.,

Sir

Several communications having been received for the breaking of stones for repair of roads in any electoral division, I have to inform you that the Board have no objection to such a presentment.

I am,

Jas C Walker.

Office of Public Works,

Dec 16th 1846.

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Relief Department,

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst stating that there will be a sum of money granted to establish a stone breaking depot at Thurles, and proposing that when these stones shall be broken to retail them to such as may want them at a price under the original cost of breaking and lodging the money so obtained in the bank to the credit of the Government.

And in reply I am directed to inform you that the relief committee can do this with their own funds but the Board should not be justified in so expending presented money.

I am also your obedient Ser.

Jas C Walker Sec.

Circular No 41.

Relief Department,

Office of Public Works,

15th December 1846.

The Lord Lieutenant having received numerous representations stating the suffering to which labourers are exposed when works may be stopped by snow or severe rain. His Excellency has been pleased to direct the following system to be adopted viz:-

1st. On such occasions the labourers are to attend the roll call in the morning and all who attend it will, if it be then impossible to set them at work, be entered on the pay list for half a days daily pay.

2nd If the weather becomes fine they are expected to immediately commence work. If at or before nine they will be paid for the whole day; If at or after twelve for as many hours as they work beyond the half day.

In order to guard against abuse the inspecting officer and the engineer are to be very careful that this measure is never resorted to where any work can be provided, either in stone breaking, scraping the snow from the roads or of any other kind, and it is to be entered on a separate pay sheet headed "Special Relief" a supply of which will be forwarded to you immediately.

By Order

Jas C Walker.

Secretary

21st Dec 1846.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, F O'Brien Esq, Rev Mr Laffan, J Bracken Esq., Rev W Baker, J G Jones Esq., Rev D Lanigan, Rev P Leahy.

Number of paupers in Thurles Poor House this day:-

Men	108
Women	235
Children	443
Infants	<u>67</u>
Total	853

The committee considered applications for employments and admitted the proper ones.

Some subscriptions were announced from Ladies in aid of the soup distribution, and it was directed that further subscriptions should be requested.

That our secretary be requested to purchase two tons of Indian Meal and that the treasurer be requested to give funds for the purpose to the amount of fifty pounds.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday next at half past two.

H. Cotton

Monday 23rd Dec 1846.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Barron, F O'Brien Esq., Rev W Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Leahy and J Bracken Esq..

Read a letter from Colonel Douglas respecting the terms on which meal may be sold.

That a respectful letter be written to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant humbly requesting that the poor labourers on the public works may be paid as for the three christian holidays of Christmas Day, the Circumcision and the Epiphany, on account of the extremely high price of provisions and the unexampled distress of the starving people.

That endeavours be made to ascertain the names and respective interests of the Landlords of Thurles and Rahealty who have been applied to for subscription to the relief of the poor, but have returned no answer; that the same may be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant in explanation of the difficulties under which the committee labour.

A letter ordered to be written to the Board of Works requesting them to give directions that the works list presented for may be commenced immediately especially that the depot for stones may be sanctioned. Said letter was written at once and sent.

That the shopkeepers be requested to place in a conspicuous part of their shop, a box to receive contributions in aid of the distribution of soup to the poor.

That any family consisting of five having only one able to labour for their support shall receive two pottles of meal at half price.

That the same rule be extended to families of five having no means of support but the trade of one person; Whenever the visitor of the district is of opinion that there is little or no difference between the earnings of the tradesman and the wages of the labourer.

The committee adjourned to Saturday next at half past two o'clock.

Monday the 28th Dec.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Baker, J Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Robt C Knaggs.

A letter was ordered to be addressed to the Lord Lieutenant setting forth the extreme distress consequent upon the present high prices of food and requesting the immediate establishing of corn depots in the neighbourhood and asking for such other aid to the committees funds as his Excellency shall seem fit to grant. A draft of said letter was read and approved.

Ordered that an application be made to the Relief Commission, Dublin Castle for remuneration for the secretary's services and the current expense of the office in which the committee meet to transact business.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at half past two.

H. Cotton

December 30th

Present :- J Gore Jones, Francis O'Brien Esq., James Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Barron and Robt C Knaggs.

Resolved that Dr Knaggs be requested to get the soup immediately made and that he be accordingly empowered to employ the servants necessary and the money given for that purpose.

A Letter from Dr Cotton being read respecting the letter written to the Lord Lieutenant also a draft of a copy of a letter to Mr Stanley respecting an office and salary to secretary which was approved of.

Letter to the Lord Lieutenant ordered to be printed for the purpose of having them forwarded to the different relief committees suggesting to them respectively the necessity of forwarding a similar one.

That a circular be sent to the landed proprietors urging on them the necessity of giving a donation to the funds and an answer to former applications and it be requested that our chairman who is at present absent sign it.

Return from Poor House:-

Men	113
Women	245
Children	437
Infants	<u>55</u>
Total	850

Adjourned to Monday 4th January.

J Gore Jones.

Monday 4th January 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Barron, Rev Laffan, Rev Lanigan, J Gore Jones Esq., Rev Wm Baker, J Bracken Esq., Dr Knaggs.

A letter was read from W Stanley Secretary of the Relief Commission in answer to the request of this committee that Government would furnish funds for the salary of our secretary and requisites of the office in which the committee meet.

The circular as directed to be sent to the landed proprietors was enclosed to the following:-

The Viscount Chabot	Wm Max Esq. (Ryan's Minor)	Miss Crawford's Agent
Chas Bolton Esq.	Earl of Miltown	Godfrey Phillips
Miss Pennefeather	Miss Lovett's Agent	Mr Mullany
Pat Dwyer	Councillor Manning	C Bran
John Maher Esq.	J Galwey Esq.	Mrs S White
J Biron Esq.	R W Cooper Esq.	Mrs Langley
D C O'Keeffe	John Cahill Esq.	J Murray Esq.
J Godfrey Esq.	Miss Dudley's Agent	

The chairman was requested to write again to the Board of Works earnestly begging that the stone depot may be sanctioned. Said letter was written accordingly and sent.

List of subscribers to the Relief Fund for last year as ordered to be inserted in the Committees proceedings.

The Most Rev Dr Slattery	£50	Joshua Lester	£10
Nicholas V Maher Esq. M P	50	Henry Langley Archerstown	10
John Maher Esq.	50	Rev Thos O'Connor	5
Count Chabot	50	Mrs Langley Brittas Castle	5
Count de Jarnac	10	John Trant Esq. Dovea	5
Francis O'Brien Esq. J P	30	William Crowe Esq.	6
Venble Archdeacon Cotton	20	Mrs Bray	5
Patrick Kerwen Esq.	20	David Cambie Esq.	5
Thos Kerwen	20	Rev Wm Baker C C	5
Agricultural Loan Fund	20	Mr Lester Clemenity Mills	5
Thurles Loan Fund	20	Robt Prendergast Esq.	5
J B Kennedy Esq.	13	Adam Cook & Co	4
John G Jones Esq. R M	10	James Butler Esq. M D	3
Rev Mr Barron C C	10	Mr Thos Moloney	3
Rev Martin Laffan C C	10	Dr Bradshaw	3
Rev Danl K Lanigan C C	10	Mr Matthew Quinlan	3
John Cahill Esq.	10	Mr Thos Burke	3
National Bank	10	Mr Henry Whelply	3
Tipp. Joint Stock Bank	10	Dr Ryan	3
Denis Leahy Esq.	10	Mr Wm Boyton	3
Mrs Fallon Paris	10	Rev Patk Leahy	3
J Biron Esq.	10	Mr Thos Henessy	2

Mr P L Bridge	2	Mr John Maher	1
Misses Crawford	2	Mr Val O 'Meara	1
Mr Patrick Donnelly	2	Mr Michl Kenny	1
Rev Patk Cahill	1.10	Mr Wm Hickey	1
Michl Bird	1.10 Minchin Esq.	1
Mr Hayes	1.10	Mr Thos Mullany	1
Mr Danl Maher	1.10	Mr John Mullany	1
Dr Knaggs	1	Rev Mr McNamara O S F	1
Mr John Flinn	1	Rev Charles Quinlan College	1
Mr Thos Strangman	1	James Fogarty	1
Widow Harney	1	Miss Margt Maher	1
Mr Michl Long	1	Miss Mullany	1
Mr John Stapleton	1	Mr Martin Clear	1
Mr John Ryan	1	Mr Richd Mulumby	1
Mr Wm Mackey	1	Hd Constable Footh	1
Mr Arch Cook	1	Timy McMolon S I	1
Mr Thos Mahony	1	Mr John Hennessy	1
Mr John O'Reilly	1	Mr John Keilly	1
Mr Michl Cormick	1	Mr Patk Kennedy	1
Mr James Littleton	1	Mr Wm Ryan	1
Mr Ed Flanagan	1	Mr John Bergin	1
Mr John Mullany	1	Danl Moloney Esq.	1
Mrs O'Shea	1	Jerh Burke	1
Mr Thos Brown	1	Mr Robt L	1
Dr Laffan	1	Mr Con Callanan	10/-

Mr Patk Cahill	1	Mrs Brennan	10/-
Mr Benj Russell	1	Mr John Butler	10/-
Mr Anthony Dwyer	1	Mr Billy Ryan	10/-
Mr Patk Ryan	1	Mr P McLoughney	10/-
Mr Richd Ryan	1	Mr Ed Fanning	10/-
Capt O'Meara	1	Mr Wm Hayes	10/-
Mr Rd Burke	10/-	Mr P Rahill	5/-
Mr Thos Power	10/-	Mrs Burke	5/-
Mr Wm Cahill	10/-	Mr Matt Borden	5/-
Mr Thos Bohem	10/-	Mr Pat Long	5/-
Mr John Leatham	10/-	Mr John Darmody	5/-
Mr Thos O'Connor	10/-	Brennan (Carman)	5/-
Mrs Brophy	10/-	Mr Thos Chadwick	5/-
Mrs J Fanning	10/-	Mr Wm Duggan	5/-
Miss E Burke	10/-	Mr Pat Phelan	5/-
Mr Pierce Ryan	7/6	Mr John Saunderson	5/-
Mr Pat Sweeny	7/6	Mr James Burke	5/-
Mr James Hayes	7/6		

Total £623-17-6

Tickets for soup ordered to be left at Miss Quinlan's, Russel's and Clear's and to be sold at 1d each.

Wednesday 6th January

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J Gore Jones Esq., Rev Mr Lanigan, J Bracken Esq., Rev Wm Baker, Rev M Laffan, Captain Norris and Dr Knaggs.

A letter was received from the Board of Works to the engineer announcing that the presentment of £1,000 for a stone depot has been sanctioned.

A letter was received from the Relief Committee of Bruff enclosing a letter from Mr Forke to the chairman of that Committee recommending a petition to the Queen asking for local depots of corn, a copy of the petition accompanied the letter, and our committee is invited to join in a similar petition.

Applications for employment were considered. The committee adjourned till tomorrow at half past three.

H. Cotton

Thursday 7th January.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Dr Knaggs, J Bracken Esq..

A letter was read from W Revington Chief Secretary in reply to the memorial sent by this committee to the Lord Lieutenant on Dec. 20th praying for the establishment of local depots of corn, stating that His Excellency can afford no other assistance than "what is offered by public employments and the donation given in aid of private subscriptions which will be made equal to the amount contributed when the work house is full."

Further applications for employment were considered and adjudged. Committee adjourned to Monday next at half past two.

H. Cotton

Monday 11th January

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Leahy, F O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev W Baker, Rev Dr O'Connor.

Paupers in the Union work house this day:-

Men	105
Women	283
Children	429
Infants	<u>51</u>
Total	823

The secretary reported that he had sent the circular letter pursuant to order to the relief committees at Cork, Waterford, Skibbereen, Wexford, Templemore, Templeouhy, Littleton, Johnstown, Moyne, Nenagh, Loughmore, Killenaule, Mountrath, Bruff, Moycarkey, Holycross, Callan, Fethard, Cashel, Urlingford, Carlow, Rathdowney, Kilcommon, Inch and Drum, Burrisoleigh, Freshford, New Birmingham, Kilkenny, Borris-in-Ossory, Clonmel, Upper Church, Mealiffe.

Letters were read from several Landlords and others having property or interests in the town, in reply to the application made to them by the committee by their circular dated 1st Dec 1846. Donations were ordered to be acknowledged by the secretary.

Applications for work were considered and determined. The committee adjourned till Wednesday next at three o'clock.

Secretary reports that he had sent the circular letter to the following Relief Committees viz:-

Lismore, Tipperary, Cappawhite, Moneygall, Killea Templemore, Rathnaveoge, Dunkerrin, Borrisofarney and Barnane, Templemore, Bansha, Cappoquinn, Killoke.

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Wednesday 13th January

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Baker, J Gore Jones Esq., J B Kennedy Esq., F O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev M Laffan, Dr Knaggs.

Letters were read from persons who have been applied to for subscriptions.

State of the Union House this day:- Number of paupers - 855.

A Series of questions from "The Irish Relief Association for the Destitute Peasantry" were read and answers were agreed on and ordered to be sent without delay.

Ordered that application be made to the Trustees for bettering the condition of the Irish Poor for a loan of two hundred pounds to be applied in establishing knitting, sewing and other domestic work for females. The following members of the committee undertake to be securities for the loan:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Pat Leahy, Francis O'Brien Esq., J B Kennedy Esq., Dr Knaggs.

A letter was ordered to be sent to the Commissary General requesting to know whether if this committee purchased a cargo of corn, and the Government should change its policy and establish local depots, it would be willing to purchase up the stock of the Thurles committee at cost price.

The committee adjourned till Friday next at half past two o'clock.

Friday 15th January.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, Rev Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, J Gore Jones Esq, Fr O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev M Laffan.

A series of questions sent by "the General Control Relief Committee for all Ireland" was submitted to the committee and answers were agreed on and directed to be forwarded without delay.

A letter was read from one of the landlords to which application had been made for subscriptions.

A copy of the document received from the "Central Relief Committee for all Ireland".

Resolved:- That the relief afforded by this committee be either food or money for the purchase of food.

That this relief be distributed whenever practicable, by means of the District Relief Committees.

That whenever we cannot communicate relief through a district relief committee, it be remitted through the parochial clergyman with whom it is desirable that at least one layman be associated.

That on receipt of an application for relief the following queries be transmitted by the Association Secretaries.

Honorary Secretaries,

David Charles LaTouche Esq., Edward McDonnell Esq., Thos Hutton Esq..

1. What is the name and extent of your District, the county, the post town, and the name of the Secretary?

Thurles, comprising the electoral divisions of Thurles and Rahealty; Co. Tipperary; Post Town, Thurles; Assistant Secretary Dr Knaggs.
2. Has a Relief Committee been formed in your parish or locality, and if so, state how it is designated and the names of its committee and officers.

Yes. Relief Committee of Thurles.

Nicholas V. Maher, Esq., M.P., Chairman, Venerable Archdeacon Cotton, Vice Chairman, Francis O'Brien, Esq., J.P., Rev. Wm Barron, P.P., Thurles, Rev. Wm Baker, C.C., Rev. M. Laffan, Rev. D.K. Lanigan, Rev. Thos. O'Connor, P.T.C., R. C. Knaggs, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Rev. Pat Leahy, J. G. Jones, Esq., R.M., Joshua Lester, Esq., Alfred Gahan, C.E., James Bracken Esq., James Kennedy, Esq., Secretary.
3. What is the number of widows and orphans, aged, infirm and such like destitute poor in your district not provided for at the Workhouse?

Number of widows, aged, infirm and those who have no one to labour for them: 500.
4. At what distance is the nearest Workhouse and what is the state thereof as regards numbers? Is it full?

Half a mile.. Built for 700 and now contains 855.
5. Have subscriptions been entered into, and what amount, and has relief been received from any, and from what source?

Yes. Subscriptions amount to £250. Twenty has also been received from the National Club of England.

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| 6. | What is the number of able-bodied destitute poor without employment? | From 800 to 1,000. |
| 7. | What works are being carried on, whether by Landlords, local gentry, Public Company or by the Government, and what proportion of the peasantry are employed? | Public works on Roads etc., by Government; none by Landlords, local gentry or Public Companies. 1,400 employed on the Public Works out of a population of 14,000 - 12,000 of whom may be considered of the class Peasantry. |
| 8. | What is the number of labourers in your district employed at public works $\frac{3}{4}$ and what is the average rate of wages per day? | 1,400 at 10d. |
| 9. | Is sickness of any kind present, and to what extent? | Diarrhoea, more than usual at this season. |
| 10. | What is the nearest town? State distance where meal, bread, meat, fish, etc., can be purchased, and what are the present prices? | Thurles. Bread $2\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. Oat meal 27/- . Indian meal 20/- . Wheaten meal 26/- . Butcher's meat 5 per lb., advancing daily. |
| 11. | Have any persons died of actual starvation, and if so, how many? | There are deaths have been caused by actual starvation; many have perished by severe and long continual privations. |
| 12. | Have any steps been taken to open a soup kitchen? and if so, what number of gallons can be supplied daily? Is an additional boiler required? Is it given gratuitously or if sold, at what price? | A soup kitchen has been established here:- 40 gals; an additional boiler is very much required; the soup is sold at 1d per qt. |

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| 13. | Do you keep a register of the names of the destitute poor requiring relief? Have you any printed rules for your government $\frac{3}{4}$ if so, send a copy of them. | Yes. Rules, but not printed. We act according to the directions of the Government. |
| 14. | What is doing towards the tilling of the land for the next crop? Is it in a forward state, or is it being neglected? And is there sufficient supply of seed within the district? | The usual breadth of wheat appears to be sown but very little preparation has been made for spring crops. There is a great deficiency of all kinds of seed for spring crops both corn and fallow. |
| 15. | What is the mode of transport in and through the district, and has any opposition to the transport as yet occurred or is it apprehended? | Mode of transport by carried from Clonmel, distance 25 mls, and Limerick, 40 mls. Yes, near Clonmel, but not in this nor is it apprehended. |
| 16. | To whom can provisions be forwarded in your district? | To the Relief Committee. |

Signed:- H. Cotton, Rector of Thurles.

J. Gore Jones, R.M.

Francis O'Brien, J.P.

Further applications for employment were considered and adjudged.

The committee adjourned to Monday next at half past two o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday Jan 18th.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, J Gore Jones Esq., Fr O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq..

The monthly accounts were audited.

Applications for employment were considered and disposed of. The Committee judged it necessary on account of the exceedingly high price of food to admit two persons to the public works out of a family of four.

The committee adjourned to Wednesday 20th at half past two.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 20th January.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J Gore Jones Esq., Fr O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev P Leahy, Rev Lanigan, Rev W Baker, Rev Mr Barron, J B Kennedy Esq., Dr Knaggs.

A letter was read from the Relief Committee in Dublin, in reply to this committees application of the 13th inst stating that the Commissary General is unable to comply with our request.

Discussion as to when a party should be sent over to Liverpool as suggested in sd letter or make enquiries by letter from respectable merchants in Liverpool and Cork as to prices etc.

Decided to write to houses in said places - Rev Mr Leahy to write to Cork and Limerick, Dr Knaggs to write to Liverpool.

Mr Jones suggested that as Dr Cotton is obliged to leave Thurles for abt 2 months a chairman should be appointed in his absence and Mr Jones- that Rev Mr Barron be elected. Seconded by rev Mr Baker. Resolution passed.

Admission of persons to the works scrutinized.

It was recommended that we immediately send up a list of our subscribers to the Government and apply for a proportionate donation.

The committee adjourned to Friday next at half past two.

H. Cotton.

Friday January 22nd 1847

Present:- The Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Leahy, J N Bracken S I, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Lanigan, Dr Knaggs, Jos Lester Esq..

Return received from Workhouse states -

Number of paupers in Workhouse this day - 858

James Fogarty Clerk of Union 22nd Jan 1847.

Applications for employment were considered and disposed of.

Adjourned to half past two on Monday next.

Wm Barron.

January 25th 1846 (sic)

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, James Bracken Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Rob C Knaggs, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan.

A letter from Dr Cotton read respecting £100 granted by relief committee. A letter from Limerick and Adams and Banks read. Purchase of Indian corn discussed. Resolved that twenty tons of Indian corn be purchased at Limerick and that Mr Mat Knaggs be requested to make the purchase at 17/10 with disct and that our secretary be authorized to pay the cost.

Resolved:- That the treasurer be directed to pay Dr Knaggs the sum of £32 being his salary as assistant secretary and for the use of an office, attendance and fuel for 16 weeks from 2nd October 1846 to 25th Jan 1847.

That in consequence of Dr Knaggs having obtained the situation of assistant engineer, we consider £1 per week will henceforth be sufficient remuneration for the same services and accommodation.

That two tons of Indian meal be purchased from Mr Russel at £21/10/- per ton.

Committee adjourned to Thursday 28th Jan.

Wm Barron.

January 28th 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Martin Quinlan Esq., J G Jones Esq., F O'Brien Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rev Dr O'Connor, Joshua Lester Esq, Rev Mr Lanigan.

An application for a supplemental grant to Sir Randolph Routh Commissary General read and approved.

An application to the British Association read and approved of.

A letter read requesting Dr Cotton to present the application for a supplementary grant.

Wm Barron,

February 3rd 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron Chairman, Rev Mr Baker, J G Jones Esq. R M, Francis O'Brien Esq., Mr Henessy, J N Bracken.

The treasurer was requested to prepare a list of subscribers in order to forward the application for the Government grant in aid of local funds.

Wm Barron.

Friday 5th February 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Baker Chairman, Dr O'Connor, Mr Bracken, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, J Gore Jones, J B Kennedy.

Mr Barron reports that in reply to the application to the Central Relief Committee a list of queries were returned to be filled up before any relief could be given. Also that list of subscribers not yet forwarded.

Question as to making soup tickets permanent discussed - agreed they should be made permanent, also that persons working on the Railway should not get tickets.

Rev Mr Leahy and Sec (K) to meet this evening to prepare and perfect list of subscribers to be forwarded tomorrow.

Queries of printed form of Central Relief Committee read and answers approved of.

Wm Barron

February 8th.

Present:-Rev Mr Barron, Fr O'Brien Esq., Rev Dr O'Connor, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Mr Henesy, Mr R C Knaggs, Captain Norris.

Question of giving meal according to the instructions of Government discussed.

Treasurers accounts audited and treasurer directed to pay the amt due on cr side £65/7/7.

Adjourned to Wednesday 10th Feby.

Wm Barron.

Copy of a return of men to be employed in Thurles and Rahealty District furnished by Mr Hackett.

Ballygammane	84
Pierstown Road	56
Seskin	59
Stone Depot	535
Drish Hill	40
Rossestown Hill	100
Thurles Sewers	163
do Pathing	225
Embankment	116
Kilrush Road	47
Widow Shea's Road	41
Turtulla Towpath	82
Garrenrow Road	<u>100</u>

List of subscribers for 1847.

Most Rev Dr Slattery	26	Rev Pat Leahy	4
Anonymously sent	25	Rev Dr O'Connor	4
John Maher Esq.	20	John Cahill Esq.	3
Anonymous Rev Mr Barron	20	Stein & Co Clonmel	3
National Club per Bishop Cashel	20	D C O'Keefe	3
Ven Archdeacon Cotton	21	P B Ryan Esq.	2
Cash for Implements	21.13.1	Mr M Quinlan	2. 5
Agricultural Loan Fund	20	James Byron	2
Viscount Chabot	10	D Camlen Esq.	2. 7. 6
Francis O'Brien Esq.	10	Mrs Bray	2. 3
Chief Justice Doherty	10	Jas B Kennedy Esq.	2.10
Mrs Smith Paris	10	Wm Fitzpatrick Esq.	2
Thos Kirwan	8	Mrs Cotton	1
J G Jones Esq. R M	6. 1	Ed Cotton Esq.	2
Captain Mathew	5	Wm Cotton	2
National Bank	5	Miss Cotton	1
Tipp J S Bank	5	Joshua Lester	3. 2. 6
Count Jarnac	5	Mrs N V Maher	2
Vincent Scully[.....]	5	D Butler	1.17. 6
Rev Dr Bliss Oxford	5	Dr Knaggs	3
Miss Bliss	5	Mr Mich Harney	1.15

Professor Ridd Oxford	5	M Bird Esq.	1. 5
C Salteriot Lewarts Esq.	5	Mr H Helpely	1.15
Rev Wm Baker	4	Mr Thos Burke	1.15
Rev Wm Barron	4	Jas Bracken Esq.	1.10
Rev M Laffan	4	Jno Trant Esq.	1
Rev D K Lanigan	3. 5	Mr Pat Ryan	1
Mr Michl Finn	1	Miss Baker	1
Mr Michl Kenny	1	Mr Leahy	1
Mr B Russell	1. 2. 6	Mr R C Knaggs	1
Mr Thos Moloney	1. 5	Miss Slattery	1
D Molony Esq.	1. 5	Mrs Dr Butler	1
D Laffan	1. 2. 6	Capt O'Meara	1
Mr Wm Boyton	1. 5	Miss C Crawford	1
Mr John Stapleton	1	Miss C Crawford	1
Dr Ryan	1. 5	Mr Thos Henesy	1. 2. 6
Mr John Finn	1	Mr Michl Finn	1
Mr Thos Strangman	1. 0. 6	Mr P Donnelly	1. 7. 6
Mrs Harney	1. 5	Mr P Kennedy	.17. 6
Mr Michl Long	1. 2. 6	Mr Pat McLoughlin	.10. 6
Mr A Cooke	1. 2. 6	Mr Pierce McLoughlin	.10. 0
P S Bridge Esq.	1. 7. 6	Mrs John Fanning	.11. 0
Mr Lyttleton	1. 2. 6	Mr R Prendergast	.10. 0
Dr Bradshaw	1	Mr Wm Hickey	.10. 0
Mr A Cooke	1. 2. 6	Mr Ed Flanagan	.10. 0
Mr Anty Dwyer	1. 2. 6	Mr Thos Bohn	.10. 0

Mr Richard Ryan	1. 2. 6	Mr Wm Mackey	.12
Mr John Bergin	1. 0. 0	Mr O'Reilly	.12. 6
H Langley Esq.	1. 2. 6	Mr Mahony	.12. 6
Mr Martin Clear	1. 0. 0	Mrs O'Shea	.12..6
NB Poor Box	1. 7. 1	Mr Mich Purcell	.10
Thos Godfrey	1. 0. 0	Mr Hickey	.10
Wm Minchin	1. 4. 6	Mrs Mullany (Quarries)	.13
Miss Laurence	1. 0. 0	Mr John Butler	. 7. 6
Mrs O'Brien	2. 0. 0	Mr V O'Meara	. 8. 6
The Misses Bray	1	Mr John Finn	. 7. 6
Miss Bracken	1	Mr Jas Bourke	. 7. 6
Mrs J G Jones	1	Mr Jeremiah Bourke	.10. 0
Mr Fanning	. 5.0	Miss Johnston	. 2. 6
Mr Croft	. 5.0	Mrs James Bourke	. 2. 6
St John Esq.	. 5.0	Mr John Mullany (Main St)	. 2. 6
Mrs Stapleton	. 5	Mr Thos Brown	. 2. 0
Mr Pierce Ryan	. 5	Mrs Wm Cahill	. 2. 0
Rev M Mahony	. 5	Mr Pat Phelan	. 2
Mrs Bradshaw	. 5	Mr John Ryan	. 2
Miss Knaggs	. 5	Mr Willington	. 2. 6
Mr John Maher (..eet)	. 5	Mrs Meagher	. 1. 6
Captn Reynolds	. 5	Mr Thos Craddock	. 1. 6
Miss Bourke	. 3	Mrs Ryan	. 1. 6
Mr Pat Loughnane	. 2. 6	Mr Byrne (Vich)	. 1
Miss Mulcahy	. 2. 6	Mrs Dacres	. 1

Miss Mary Ryan	. 2. 6	Mr E Fanning	. 1
Mr John Kiely	. 5	Mrs Con Callanan	. 1
Mr D Mahon	. 3	Mrs Mgt Dunne	. 1
Mrs Purcell	. 2. 6	Mrs Toomey	. 1
Mr John Butler	. 2. 6	Mr Sheehan	. 1
Mr John Kenny	. 2. 6	Miss Mullaly	. 1
Mrs M Finn	. 2. 6	Mrs C Callanan	. 1
Mrs Pierce MLoughlin	. 2. 6	Mr John Ryan	. 1
Mr Pat Harney	. 2. 6	Mr John Lanigan	. 1
Mr Thos Mullany	. 2. 6	Mr Ryan Main St	. 1
Mr John Harney	. 2. 6	Mr Pat Mullany	. 1. 4
Mr Wm Harney	. 2. 6	Mr Patt Fanning	. 1
Mr Wm Ryan	. 2. 6	A Leahy Jun	. 1
Mrs Clear	. 2. 6	Ven Archdeacon Cotton	.10
Mr Sutcliffe	. 2. 6		

Total £420.10. 8

February 10th 1847

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Leahy, J G Jones Esq., Rev Dr O'Connor, James Bracken, Rev Mr Laffan, Martin Quinlan Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rob C Knaggs.

Letter from Dr Cotton read detailing his interview with Sir R Routh.

Queries from the Friends Society read and answers approved of.

Ordered a cheque to be given to our Assist Secretary for one hundred and five pounds to purchase Indian meal.

Mode of distribution of soup considered. Resolved that the soup kitchen and bakery be taken from Mr Russell at 10/- per month, he undertaking to give up all fixtures belonging to committee at the termination of tenancy.

Adjourned to Friday 12th next

Wm Barron.

Feb 11th Thursday.

Present:- Rev Dr O'Connor, Francis O'Brien, Rev Mr Leahy, James Bracken Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rob C Knaggs, Martin Quinlan.

Propriety of purchasing seeds to be sold at first cost to small farmers discussed, and a letter from Mr Higgins read stating his prices of seed. An resolution moved.

The necessity of giving gratuitous relief to such families discussed. A form of terminable ticket agreed to be signed by the clergyman and visitor.

That measures be taken to break bread from the soup which is considered advisable to have distributed gratuitously.

That the committee are of opinion that relief by distributing bread and soup free of charge is the best and cheapest mode of relief as far as practicable and ought to be preferred to the distribution of Indian meal at half prices.

Adjourned to February the 12th

T O'Connor Deputy Chairman.

Queries and answers sent to the British Association for the Relief of extreme distress in Ireland and Scotland.

Name of Relief Committee:- Thurles and Rahealty.

Extent of district in Statute acres:- 16,134 a. 2 r.

Population:- 14,000

Poor Law Valuation:- £17,178.4.6

1. *What is the nature of assistance required?* Food and Money.

2. *What is the present market price of per stone of 14":-*

Indian Meal 2/8

Wheaten Meal 2/8

Oat Meal 3/4

3. *Price of Indian Corn per ton? £20/13/4*
4. *No of labourers employed in Public Works in the District?:- 2,000*
5. *No of inmates workhouse built for:- 700*
How many does it contain? 940
6. *Does fever, dysentery, or other disease prevail to a greater extent than is usual at this time of year? Yes a far greater extent.*
7. *What is the gross amount of presentments approved of by the Board of Works since 1st August 1846? £11,569.*
8. *Rate of wages? 10d per day.*
9. *List of Committee. Given.*
10. *Local subscriptions since 1st August 1846 distinguishing any balance remaining from: (1) The subscription of 1845/6; (2) Private subscriptions; (3) Public Grants.*

List sent; £420/10/8; Relief Committee Dublin £110; A contribution from the Government has been applied for. Balance 15th August 1845/6 - £110/5/9. Total £640/16/5.
11. *State your estimate of prevailing destitution, and any further circumstances which appear to you calculated to bring the case before the committee.*

Of the population of the united parishes of Thurles and Rahealty 8,000 are on the relief list. The majority obtain very inadequate relief by employment on Public Works. There are about 300 destitute families having no person to work, to whom gratuitous relief must be given; there

are other families varying from 10 to 12 having only one member able to work whose wages 10 a day would not be adequate to the support of two persons at the present famine prices of food. The poor house built to accommodate 700 has now stowed within 940 and there cannot be any more admissions and groups who cannot be admitted are to be seen shivering in the cold and wet anxiously expecting the fragments of cold stirabout that remains after the inmate pauper meal. We have lived to see the poor sitting at the paupers gate among the crumbs that fall from the paupers table. We have not had any deaths from actual starvation but numerous deaths have occurred from severe and long continual privation. The weekly average of deaths has increased fivefold.

Forwarded to Lieutenant Col. Douglas

Commissariat Office

11th Feb 1847.

Amount of relief as forwarded to Sir R Routh:-

Present amount in Money	£234/12/1
Estimated value of food on hands	<u>59/00/0</u>
	293/12/1

Answers to queries of the Central Relief Committee of the Society of Friends.

57 William St.,

Joseph Bewley

Directors

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1. *Name:* Thurles and Rahealty Relief District.
2. *Extent and Population:* 16,134 acres Population 14,000.
3. *How many are supposed to stand in need of public relief?:-* 8,000 with daily increase.
4. *What proportion of able bodied labourers find employment in the ordinary manner and at what rate of wages?:-* There appears to be a total suspension of ordinary work.
5. *What proportion of the able bodied labourers are employed on the Public Works?:-* 1,994 able bodied and otherwise.
6. *Are the earnings of all able bodied labourers, whether employed on the Public Works or otherwise sufficient to preserve themselves and families from want?:-* They are not.

7/8. No Manufacturing or fishing.

9. *Are the farms large or small? Tillage or Grazing? Held by tenants at will or on leases?* Generally small, tillage, Tenants at Will.
10. *Are the small farmers cultivating or about to cultivate their ground? Wheat is not sown to the usual extent, very little preparation is made as yet for spring crops.*
11. *Is there any stock of potatoes either in store or remaining in the ground? Are any reserved for seed? If any for sale at what price?* Very little; A small portion; 9d to 11d.
12. *Is it expected that any considerable quantity of potatoes will be planted in the coming season?* No conacre will be planted; Farmers will not plant a tenth of the usual quantity.

13. *What number of able bodied labourers are supposed to be without employment?* From 200 to 300.
14. *How many persons incapable of labour are believed to be at present suffering from want of food?* 600.
15. *To what Poor Law Union does the place or district belong? How far distant is the Poor House and what spare accommodation does it at present afford?* Thurles. In the District. Built to accommodate 700 and now contains 940 - further admission refused.
16. *How much in the pound were the last two poor rates, when were they struck? And have they been generally paid?.* 2/12 June and December last - Last rate 1.5½ which is in course of collection.
17. *Has a Relief Committee under the provisions of the Act 9 and 10 Vict. cap 107 been formed? If so state how it is designated and the names of its officers, members etc.* Names given.
18. *What amount of private subscriptions towards relief of the distress of the present season has been raised, and what amount has been contributed by the Government and if assistance in money or materials has been received from any Relief Association or other public body?* Private Subscriptions £420; Contribution from Government has been applied for from Relief Committee for relief of all Ireland:- £100; Irish Relief Association:- £10 and Boiler.
19. *How have the funds so obtained been applied?* To supply food.
20. *Are there any considerable absentee proprietors of landed or other property within the district and what amount of subscription has been received?*

There aid from	Absentee Proprietors	16
	Non residents	<u>50</u>
		£66

21. *Are there many resident proprietors or large farmers, and have they generally subscribed?* Only three Landlords resident; Large farmers have not subscribed this year.
22. No relief associations in this district.
23. Poor visited before relief is afforded.
24. *What is state of district with regard to sickness especially fever?* Sickness very much on the increase. Fever much more prevalent than for many past seasons.
25. *What is the nearest place where provisions are stored in quantity?* Clonmel.

Please state in figures in parallel columns the wholesale prices at said place, at present and at same period last year:-

	At Present	Last Year
Wheaten Flour per ton	£25	£16
Oatmeal do	24.10	12
Indian Meal do	19	9
Rice not sold in quantity.		

26. *Are there stocks of provisions in the hands of the retail dealers in the place or district?* Very small. Bread 4 lb. loaf 1/-; Wheaten Flour per st. 3/9; Oatmeal 3/6; Indian meal per st. 2/6; Beef per lb. 5d to 6d; Mutton 6 to 6½d.
27. Soup shop with 30 gal. boiler sold at 1d per qt.

28. An increased supply of soup would contribute essentially to the relief of distress but our funds have not hitherto allowed us to give bread or biscuit gratuitously which would give great relief to the destitute.

Reference to Mich Kenedy Esq., Alderman Butler and Dr Cotton.

Additional observations same as to British Association. $\frac{3}{4}$ dispatched.

February 12th 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Leahy, John G Jones Esq., James Bracken Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rob C Knaggs.

Distribution of soup gratuitously discussed and calculation made as to probable expense of distributing soup and baking bread.

Moved by J G Jones, seconded by Thos Henesy: That 40 barls of prime wheat be purchased on tomorrow and that our treasurer be directed to give to the secretary £90 for the purpose of paying for the wheat.

Resolved that Mr Quirk having been kind enough to give the committee very useful information as to the baking, it is deemed advisable to make bread composed of one fourth fine flour, and three fourths whole meal and that Mr Quirk be authorised to employ Mrs Kildea as baker at 10/- per week.

Number of applications for work considered.

Adjourned to Monday the 15th at half past two o'clock.

Wm Barron.

February 15th 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Leahy, Martin Quinlan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Robt C Knaggs, J G Jones Esq..

Soup account referred to subcommittee to be audited.

Number of applications for work considered.

That forty barrells of prime wheat be purchased and that our treasurer be directed to give Mr Lester ninety pounds to pay for same, also sixty pounds to our secretary to pay for Indian meal ordered from Clonmel, also five pounds to the Rev Mr Baker for the soup kitchen.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 17th inst at half past two o'clock.

Wm Barron

A special meeting of the committee was called in consequence of amount of presentments passed at the Ex Sessions being considerably reduced by the Board of Works which will have the effect of throwing out of employment a great number of the labourers.

Tuesday 16th inst.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Dr O'Connor, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Laffan, Francis O'Brien Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., Rev Wm Baker, J B Kennedy, Joshua Lester Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Robt C Knaggs,

Rev Mr Leahy.

Mr Henesy moved that Mr Lester be authorised to purchase 100 barrels of corn (from Power). Passed.

Dr Knaggs reports his interview with Mr Gahan as to small sum sanctioned by the Board of Works.

Chairman read list of works granted amounting to very little over £1,000. States that he wrote strongly to Dr Cotton mast night on the subject; read draft and letter to be written to Board of Works.

Quantity of soup to, be given to the destitute considered. Half gallon of soup and two pounds of bread to a family of four recommended. That Dr Knaggs be directed to purchase 1 cwt rice in Clonmel.

Adjourned to Friday the 18th at 2 o'clock.

Wm Barron.

Friday 19th 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Francis O'Brien Esq., James Bracken Esq., Thomas Henesy, Rev Mr Laffan, Robt C Knaggs.

A letter from A Jackson Esq. Carlow read detailing more of management at the Carlow soup kitchen.

A letter from the Society of Friends read and ordered to be filed.

Moved by Mr Henesy that Mr Dolan be appointed to the soup kitchen as clerk - not passed.

The appointment of a subcommittee to attend at the soup kitchen discussed. The following subcommittee appointed:-

Mr Pat Hayes	Mr Pierce Moloughney
Mr John Henesy	Mr John Stapleton
Mr Pat Mullany	Mr John M Ryan
Mr Pat Cahill	Mr Wm Mackey
Mr Michl Crofts	Mr James Bourke
Mr Michl Kenan	Mr Ben Russell
Mr John Finn	Mr V O'Meara

Moved that the foregoing gentlemen be requested by our treasurer to attend at the soup kitchen to superintend the giving out of the rations. Two letters from the Rev Dr Cotton read and ordered to be filed.

Moved that Laurence Maguire be directed to go to Carlow for the boiler and that he get 25/- for the carriage of it.

Adjourned to Monday the 22nd Feb.

Wm Barron

February 22nd

Present:- J Gore Jones Esq., Rev Dr O'Connor, James Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Leahy, Robt C Knaggs Esq., Thos Henesy.

Applications considered. Adjourned to Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

24th February.

Present:- N V Maher Esq. M P, Rev Dr O'Connor, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Thos Henesy Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., James Bracken Esq., Robt C Knaggs.

Rev Mr Barron having reported that John Rafferty and Philip Long both on the public works were found by the watchman at the college at 2 o'clock in the morning with bags, it is directed that they be dismissed from the public works and reported to the inspecting officer.

That Mr Henesy be requested to call on Mr Power of Clonmel to ascertain if he accepted Mr Lasters offer and if so to forward three cats of it to Mr Lester, and in case he has not to get three tons of Indian meal at Malcolmsons.

Resolved that Rations of Indian meal and rice be distributed gratuitously to those families the members of whom may be sick upon whose labour their support depends when it shall appear to the clergyman and individual attendant necessary and that rice and Indian meal be prepared at the soup kitchen for this purpose in the proportion of one stone of rice and Indian meal and twenty gallons of water to be boiled for three hours.

That our chairman be directed to sign a cheque for £60 in the absence of our treasurer to purchase Indian meal.

Adjourned to Friday next the 26th Inst.

Nichs V Maher Chairman.

26th Feb 1847

Present:- N V Maher Esq. M P, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Laffan, Robt C Knaggs, Rev Mr Leahy, James Bracken Esq..

Adjourned to Monday 1st March

1st March

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, F O'Brien Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Baker, Thos Henesy Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rob C Knaggs, Capt Norris, J G Jones Esq..

Letter from the British Association read by the chairman announcing a grant of £50 for food.

Mr Leahy explained his plan of the industrial school and discussed.

The revision of labour list recommenced. The committee to meet for that purpose on Wednesday.

3rd March.

Present:- J G Jones Chairman, Rev Mr Baker, Rev Mr Lanigan, Rev Mr Leahy, M Quinlan Esq., Thos Hennessy Esq., F O'Brien Esq., J H Bracken Esq., Dr Knaggs, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Laffan.

The revision of the lists of those on the public works commenced with the Pudding Lane district and finding that it would take up considerable time, it was suggested that each of the gentlemen would please take the trouble of looking over their lists at home and at the next meeting of the committee come prepared with their lists of objections.

The appointment of a person to take charge of the soup establishment was discussed.

The committee adjourned to 2 o'clock on Friday after having ordered Dr Knaggs to purchase 2 ton of Indian meal for distribution. Resolved that the treasurer be directed to give £41 to pay for same.

John Gore Jones Chairman.

Friday March 5th 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, J Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Baker, Martin Quinlan Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor.

Return of balances in hands as per Engineers books.

Langley's lines	£556
Rossestown Hill and Road	200
Sewerage	300
Pathings Thurles	000
Drish Hill	70
Turtulla Paths	70

Stone Depot	370
Piercetown Road	40
Widow Shea's Road	60
Seskin Road	90
Kilrush Road	50
Ballygammane	730
Garrenroe	25
Heney's Line	100
Lisduff and Rathealty	120
Embankment	500
Coolahulla	72
Kilclonagh	<u>54</u>
	3,407
New line through Race Course	<u>500</u>
	4,907

State of funds considered. Resolved that weekly subscriptions be set on foot for the purpose of raising funds for the destitute by providing food and that the committee meet on Wednesday for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions as above.

Rev Mr Barron having represented to the committee that a house belonging to Scott in the Quarries has been injured by the cutting last year. Resolved that the house be repaired and charged to the committee.

Proposed by Rev Mr Leahy, seconded by Jas Bracken that the sum of fifty seven pounds 15 handed to the Rev Leahy for the purpose of employing the poor females of the district in indoor industrial employment which we hope will be remunerative and reproductive.

That our treasurer be directed to give a cheque for £13.11.4 to Mr Quinlan for the amount of his account for printing and stationary.

That our treasurer be directed to pay the Rev Mr baker £3.8.11/2 being balance due for soup shop.

Adjourned until Saturday the 6th March.

J Gore Jones

Saturday 6th March 47.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, John Gore Jones Esq., Captain Norris, Rev Mr Baker, Francis O'Brien Esq., James Bracken Esq..

The appointment of a superintendent to the soup kitchen discussed. Proposed by Francis O'Brien Esq. and seconded by Thos Henesy Esq.: That Mr Benjamin Russell be appointed superintendent and provender to the soup kitchen at a salary of one pound per week and that the Rev Mr Baker, Mr Bracken, and Mr Henesy be requested to act as a superintending committee and that they be requested to make arrangements for the distribution of soup and bread with as little delay as possible for the gratuitous relief of the destitute.

Auditing accounts discussed

Agreed that we meet on Monday at two o'clock to receive the report of a subcommittee of Mr Jones, Mr Bracken and Mr Henesy who are to meet at one o'clock for that purpose.

Work of distribution of soup and bread discussed. We recommend that a pint of soup or porridge and half a pound of bread be a ration for each individual of a family in the day and the visitors of such district be requested to furnish lists of the destitute in their districts.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock 8th March

Wm Barron.

March 8th.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Baker, J Bracken Esq., Rev Mr Laffan, Rob C Knaggs.

The accounts of Dr Knaggs audited and signed.

That our treasurer be requested to give ten pounds to the superintending soup committee.

Materials for soup discussed. That meat soup be given three days in the week and porridge for the other four days, and that the materials of soup be left to the discretion of the subcommittee.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock Wednesday the 10th March.

Wm Barron.

March 10th.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Laffan, J G Jones Esq., Jas Bracken Esq., Rev Pat Leahy, Thos Henesy Esq., Rob C Knaggs.

The withdrawal of meal tickets and revision of lists discussed. Resolved that the distribution of meal be discontinued in consequence of the want of funds and that gratuitous relief be given in bread, soup and rice.

The following districts were formed and persons appointed for the purpose of taking lists of the destitute persons.

Rev Mr Laffan	The Heath	Mullaunbrack
	Seskin	Kilrush
	Killinan	Commons and Ballycarrane
Rev Dr O'Connor	Garryvicleheen and Bohernarid	
Rev Dr Cotton	The Pike, Main Street and Church Lane	
Rev Mr Baker	Mill Road, Drish, Kyle and Archerstown	
Rev Mr Leahy	Pudding Lane	
Thos Henesy Esq.	New Road, Nicholas St., And Race Course.	
Martin Quinlan	Leugh and Brittas.	

Rev Mr Lanigan Quarries, Limekiln Lane, Bohernamona and
Loughtagalla.

Rev Mr Barron Stradavoher, Athlummen and Piercetown.

Adjourned to Thursday the 11th.

Wm Barron.

March 11

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Rev Mr Laffan, Rev Dr O'Connor, J Bracken Esq., Rob C Knaggs, M Quinlan Esq., J G Jones Esq., Mr Ryan, Capt Norris, Rev Laffan Holycross.

That the relief tickets be distributed by the following gentlemen and that the tickets be numbered commencing with one on each district and be distinguished as follows by letter viz:-

Rev Mr Barron	A	Rev Mr Lanigan	F
Dr O'Connor	B	Thos Henesy	G
Rev Mr Leahy	C	Rev Mr Laffan	H
Rev Mr Baker	D	Martin Quinlan	I
Rev Dr Cotton	E		

Question of relief under the new act discussed. Rev Mr Barron stated that unless something done towards bringing it into operation at once there would be a great danger of the people.

Mr Jones suggests that Capt Norris be requested to allow the committee, as he has in communication with the Government and had been applied to for names for the finance committee.

Dr Knaggs also asks to solicit presence of Mr Gahan. Capt Norris attends and states that the Government wrote for the names of the committee and other parties some days ago and he sent them up.

Question then as to whether a letter should be written to the Government calling on them to pass a new relief act into operation. Mr Jones suggests that Secretary should write to Mr Stanley stating the Relief Committees anxiety to be informed when it is likely the new act would be put into operation here as they should shape their course accordingly and be prepared to meet any delay which might arise and also to state that but very few of the able bodied labourers could be struck off in consequence of the high price of provisions.

In consequence of complaints being made that gardeners and be procured in the town it was arranged that a list of the gardeners on the public works should be given to Capt Norris in order to provide stewards in their place.

Adjourned to tomorrow 3 o'clock.

Wm Barron

Friday 12th March 1847.

Present:- J G Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., J Bracken Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., J B Kennedy, Rob C Knaggs.

Queries respecting soup and the distribution transmitted from Relief Commissioners submitted for replies.

Replies prepared and submitted to the committee and approved of.

Adjourned until Monday.

J Gore Jones.

Queries and Answers respecting the soup and distribution of it.

1. *What is the nature of the boilers used and what their dimensions and how much they each contain?* Two metal boilers one diameter 2 feet 4, depth 1 foot 10 inches, contents 30 gals; second 3 feet diameter 2 feet depth contents 100.
2. *What is the mode adapted for putting up the boiler and at what cost?* Bath set on brickworks just put up gratuitously; second including lid, dampers cost £2.7.
3. *What is the time occupied and consumption of fuel (state the description) in relation to any given quantity of soup made?* The small boiler has only been used hitherto; takes two hours in cooking and about half a box of turf, 8d worth for 30 gals?
4. *What is the composition of the soup? What is the cost and what its sale price?* 7 lb. beef 2.11, Pigsheads 10d, 16 lb. turnips 1.4, onions 2d, Pepper 4 oz, 4d, salt 1.2, one stone oatmeal 3.6, water - 30 gals. Including wages 1.10, costs the committee 1d per qt, sold at 1d per qt.
5. *What number of persons are engaged with making and distributing of soup?* 7 men and women, 6/- and 5/- a week.
6. *What number of rations of soup have been issued daily, and, if in considerable numbers, under what arrangement?* Daily average with small boiler 98 gals delivered on tickets at window of soup kitchen.

7. *In connection with rural districts, to what distances from the residences of the poor requiring it does the soup distribution appear to be available?* The distribution to this date has only been available for the town and suburbs.

8. *Has the committee any reason to believe that its arrangements are in any way better than that of other districts, and if so describe in what respects?* Our relief has been chiefly of Indian corn which has been distributed at the rate of £50 worth weekly and which from the great distress we have found inadequate. The entire proceedings of the committee have been approved of by Colonel Douglas (a Government Inspector).

Thurles Relief Committee

12th March

Sir ,

I beg to send you the replies to the queries forwarded to this committee.

Your obt servt,

J B Kennedy Sec.

To W Stanley Esq..

Thurles Monday 15th March 1847.

A special meeting called in consequence of directives received by the secretary from Capt Norris to strike off 20 per cent of workmen before 20th inst.

Present:- Nich V maher in the chair, J G Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Dr O'Connor, Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Mr Laffan, Dr Knaggs, Mr Henesy, Henry Langley Esq., J B Kennedy.

On discussion how it could best be done it was arranged to send a copy of the order of the Board of Works to the gents having lists of the several districts with a request to make out a list of persons to be struck off and attend tomorrow at 3 o'clock with them.

500 relief tickets ordered from Mr Quinlan. A letter from Mr Herbert read stating that the funds for the stone depot were this day exhausted and the work should be stopped. By this over 500 persons are out of employment.

Question as to applying for Presentment Sessions discussed.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Nichs V Maher.

Tuesday 16th March 1847.

Present J G Jones Esq., Capt Norris, Rev Mr Baker, Rob C Knaggs, Herbert Esq..

Timothy Quinlan's bill for building Mr Scott's and Coughlin's house ordered to be paid.

Relief tickets signed.

J Gore Jones.

[The foregoing would seem to conclude the minutes of the meeting for the 16th March. The following item appears under the same date and would seem to be a meeting of the following day or so. There is nothing in the minutes to date the next minutes.]

Present:- John G Jones Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rev Mr Leahy, Rev Dr O'Connor, Capt Norris, Rob C Knaggs, Rev Mr Baker.

Mr Henesy reports that he hired an additional baker at 10/- per week.

Striking off 20 per cent of the labourers according to instructions received from Capt Norris discussed. Dr Knaggs reports that he finds it impossible to select unassisted 400, the number required to be struck off. Mr Jones read a copy of the "instructions for relief committees under Act 10 Vic Cap 7". Dr Knaggs be requested to persevere in making the selection and furnish lists to Capt Norris on Saturday morning.

J Gore Jones.

[There is a gap in the record here consisting of two blank pages and the record commences on the 22nd March.]

New Committee

Monday the 22nd March.

Relief Committee under 10th Vic Cap 7.

N Valentine Maher Esq. M P.

John Trant Esq. J P.

Henry Langley Esq. J P, Brittas Castle.

Francis O'Brien Esq..

J Gore Jones Esq. R M.

J B Kennedy Solicitor.

Martin Quinlan Esq. Leugh.

Thos Mullany

Capt Norris, Relief Inspector.

Thos Henesy Esq.,

Rev Dr Slattery

Rev Dr Cotton,

Rev Mr Barron,

J H Bracken Esq. S I.

John Lanigan Esq., Chairman of the Board of Guardians.

H Langley Esq. Archerstown.

James B Ryan

Highest cess payers.

Michl Dalton _

That the Rev Dr Cotton be appointed Chairman and the Rev Mr Barron be appointed Vice Chairman.

That Francis O'Brien be appointed Treasurer.

That Robt C Knaggs be appointed clerk at the rate of two pounds a week remuneration.

That the distribution of bread and soup be commenced at 10 o'clock am and the following districts attend at the following hours;-

Pudding Lane from 10 to 11.

Stradavoher from 11 to 12.

Garryvicleheen from 12 to 1 p.m.

Pike from 1 to 2.

Quarries from 2 to 3.

Main St and Church Lane from 3 to 4.

and that the foregoing arrangements be printed and posted for the information of the people.

That Mr Michl Crofts and James Cahil be appointed enumerators to make a searching enquiry into the wants of the people under the care of the Thurles Relief Committee so as to prevent the fraudulent applications, the remuneration to be given to be hereafter determined upon.

Dr Knaggs be instructed to put himself into communication with the Commissariats office at Limerick and to get here as fast as possible the two grants of meal made by the British Association.

That Dr Knaggs be instructed to purchase at Clonmel 3 cwt of rice and 2 cwt of pea meal for the soup kitchen.

That Mr Henesy be instructed to write to Mr Cahill for permission to open additional doors at the soup shop giving an undertaking to have them stopped at the termination of the season.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock Tuesday next 23rd.

Wm Barron.

March 23rd 1847

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Martin Quinlan Esq., J Gore Jones Esq.,

James Bracken Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., John Russell Esq., Capt Norris.

Dr Knaggs handed a cheque to the treasurer from the friends Auxiliary Relief Committee enclosed by Mr Robert Davis.

A notification from the Commissariat Depot that the following supplies - Indian Meal 25/8 tons a free grant from the British Association also a former similar grant which will be delivered at the same time.

Ordered that the clerk be directed to procure carriers for the above grant and that Mr Jones be requested to arrange about an escort.

Ordered that a cheque for twenty pounds be given to James Bracken Esq. for the soup kitchen.

Ordered that a supply of two pound loaves of white bread be purchased and distributed when the soup is out as a substitute for the bread and soup and that the subcommittees be requested to carry the same into effect.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 24th.

Wm Barron.

Meeting at Sackville Street Dublin.

[above note in pencil in original]

Queries from Irish Relief Association and Replies thereto.

Present state of district as regards destitution and sickness?

Destitution and sickness on the increase. The Fever Hospital is full, in the female ward there are two patients in every bed. The funds are nearly exhausted and it is with the deepest regret that we have to announce that the Hospital must be closed on the 13th April from want of funds.

What contributions have you received from other sources since your last communication?

Contributions to the amount of £144.16.11½ together with a grant of one hundred pounds worth of provisions from the Central Relief Committee of all Ireland also a similar grant from the British Association for the relief of distressed people of Ireland and Scotland.

What means have you in operation for the relief of the poor as to food or labour exclusive of money or employment afforded by Government; Have you a soup kitchen and of what materials does the soup usually consist? A soup kitchen and oven distributing over 1,800 rations of one pint of soup or porridge and ½ lb. of wholemeal bread daily. The soup made in the proportion of 2½ lbs of rice, 2½ stone of Indian meal, 1 stone swede turnips, 20 lbs of meat to 70 gallons of water. Porridge made in the proportion of 3 stone of rice, 3 stone Indian meal, 4 lbs sugar to 70 gallons of water. There is but very little employment except that provided by public works. The farmers are unable to execute any work beyond the mere tillage of the farm which is done by horse; work we have, but two resident landlords in the district with the exception of two hundred men employed on the Railway the labouring population are depending upon employment provided by Government from which more than 800 have been dismissed within the last week in consequence of the grants being exhausted and upon these 800 more than 3,500 individuals depending upon them for their support.

Wednesday the 24th.

J Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq. and Capt Norris.

That the stewards at Rossestown do attend at the committee to answer a complaint made of John Ryan and Anthony Flinn that the clerk do appraise them of it and order their attendance on tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

The clerk announced that he had agreed with carriers to bring meal from Limerick at the rate of 1/6 a cwt. Approved.

That half a ton of Rice be ordered from Robert Davis Clonmel.

Adjourned until Thursday 25th March 1847.

J Gore Jones.

Thursday 25th March.

Present:- J G Jones Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., Captain Norris.

Mr Henesy reports the necessity of having a second soup kitchen without delay; Strongly recommends that a second be opened.

Bread from the soup kitchen produced, tasted and approved of. Mr Henesy announces that he received a letter from Mr Cahill granting permission to open as many doors as may be necessary.

That Mr Henesy, Mr Bracken and Dr Knaggs call on Mr Russell to ascertain what amount he will ask for additional rooms and report to the committee.

The Stewards Murphy and Maher from Rossestown attend to answer a complaint made by Ryan the Poor Rate Collector - examined by Mr Jones and Mr O'brien. The stewards state that they do not know the men who committed the assault.

A communication from the Commissary General received and read announcing that the 29th inst is the last day for receiving subscription lists and that any not yet transmitted should be forwarded.

Mr Bracken be authorised to agree with Mat Cahil to finding all requests except whole meals.

Adjourned to Friday the 26th at 2 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Friday 26th March 1847.

Present:- Rev Mr Barron, Thos Henesy Esq., J Gore Jones Esq., Rev Mr Baker, Capt Norris, F O'Brien Esq..

Mr Henesy reports that 2,560 individuals were served with rations of brown bread and porridge, 546 were served with rations of white bread making a total of 3,106.

That the accounts be audited on Tuesday the 30th by J G Jones Esq., J Bracken Esq. and T Henesy Esq. and that Martin Clear, Rev Mr Baker and Dr Knaggs also attend.

List of subscriptions and an answer to circular received yesterday transmitted to Sir R Routh:-

Capt Norris	5. 0. 0
Irish Relief Committee	10. 0. 0
Thurles Loan Fund	10. 0. 0
Mr B Grubb	20. 0. 0

Lord Orkney	5. 0. 0
Mr Galway	1.10. 0
Pat Kirwan Esq.	1. 0. 0
Wm Minchin Esq.	1. 1. 0
Miss Knaggs	. 5. 9
N V Maher Esq. M P	25. 0. 0
Rev Mr Barron	<u>1. 5. 0</u>

£80. 1. 9

Ordered that the treasurer be directed to give the Rev Mr baker a cheque for twenty pounds.

Ordered that 1,000 Relief Lists be printed and the clerk report the price.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock on Saturday the 27th inst.

J Gore Jones.

27th March 1847.

J G Jones Esq., T henesy Esq., James Bracken Esq..

That the circular received from Sir R Routh dated the 6th March be copied into minute book.

Commissariat Relief Office.

6th March 1847.

Sir,

Commissary General Sir R Routh begs to state for the information of your Relief Committee that numerous cases have occurred in which committees have applied for information as to whether Relief funds may be applied in defraying the expenses of interring the bodies of destitute persons who die without having friends capable of providing for their burial; he now desires to state that your committee may exercise discretion in applying the Relief Fund for such purpose, where an urgent necessity shall be found to exist, and where funds have not been provided by Vestry Assessment as by law required. The Commissary General begs to remark that the public health as well as public decency require that the bodies of the dead should not remain uninterred.

Yours

Wm Stanley

To Secretaries Relief Committees.

Resolved that from the extreme destitution of the people in this district a most urgent necessity for assistance for burying the bodies of deceased destitute persons exists, there being no funds provided by vestry assessment for that purpose and where it appears to the committees a necessity exists for assistance an order for a coffin signed by the chairman be given to John Quinn carpenter who will be paid upon the same terms that he supplies the poor house. The propriety of giving coffins to the deceased destitute discussed.

Coffins ordered for:- Nichs Hewitt Pudding Lane.

Ed Ryan Thurles

John Ryan Thurles

Mary Mills Killough

Birmingham Limekiln Lane

Mr Bracken reports that the calculation made on the 26th was founded upon the quantity contained in the boilers and was erroneous but that made from the quantity of bread is more nearer the truth viz:- 581 loaves of 2 lb making 1,162 lbs baked for the committee and 268 lbs purchased making a total 1,430 lbs distributed in half pounds 2860 Rations.

Mr Jones suggests that the attention of the Finance Committee be directed to section XV in the new relief act for the purpose of applying for a temporary advance on the credit of rates which are in course of collection or which are about to be made.

Ordered that a supply of white bread be purchased for tomorrow's distribution and that Mr Bracken be requested to make the purchase.

Adjourned to Monday the 29th at 3 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Monday the 29th 1847

Present:- J G Jones, Francis O'Brien Esq., James Bracken Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., Capt Norris, Rev Mr Barron.

The following letter was addressed to the Finance Committee.

At a meeting of the Relief Committee held this day they find that the funds at their disposal will be exhausted in four days, that 3,500 persons to whom they now afford relief which will be without food, they also find that it will take at least a week before their lists would be satisfactorily prepared for the consideration of the Finance Committee, under these conditions they would request an advance of £500 which it would appear under the 15 sec of the relief Act could be given by the commissioners of her Majesty's treasury.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Wm Barron Chairman.

That the committee meet on tomorrow Tuesday the 30th March at one o'clock for the purpose of revising the lists of the destitute

J Gore Jones.

March 30th.

Present:- rev Mr Barron, Francis O'Brien Esq., H Langley Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rev Dr Cotton, Capt Norris.

Coffin ordered for Bidy Mara late of Pudding lane.

Application for a coffin for the Fever hospital. Refused on the grounds that the deceased was from Galbertstown.

A letter from the Irish Relief Association read granting a donation of £20 to be expended on the purchase of provisions etc.

A letter from Mr Bracken read stating the necessity of having a second soup kitchen opened; ordered that more doors be opened at the soup kitchen and that a new door and frame be made for the purpose immediately.

Ordered that five hundred tickets (relief) be printed.

Ordered that two cwt of rice be purchased and a pound of cayenne pepper be purchased.

That a letter of the Commissary General requesting that the bags be sent back to be filled and that the clerk be requested to agree with a carman to take the bags back.

A letter from the Inspecting Officer enclosing a list of the new Committee also requesting to know the names of the chairman, treasurer and clerk with the salary per week allowed to the clerk.

Coffins ordered for Mary Ryan 12 months old and Michael Ryan 3 years old.

That a subcommittee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring about additional rooms for the additional boilers and an oven, and to report of the concerns offered by Mr Russell be sufficient for the purpose. That James Bracken, J G Jones Esq. and Rev Dr Cotton be appointed as a sub committee for the above purpose.

That a batch of bread be purchased from Mathews' at 8½ per 4 and that they be baked in two pound bricks.

Adjourned till Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

March 31.

Subcommittee met at 12 o'clock to audit accounts. A balance of £11.10.81/2 appears due to Dr Knaggs and our treasurer be requested to give a cheque for that amount viz £11.10.81/2.

J Gore Jones.

Amount of meal sold at cost price	tons	cwts	qr	lb
from 10th July to 10th March	9	13	0	0
Given gratuitously	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Total distribution	20	8	3	0
Leaving in chair's possession		<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Together with meal received from Limerick	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	5	8	1	0

The cost price of 20 tons 12 cwt including

carriage and commission amounts to

£525 - 19 - 4½

Deduct price of 3 cwt 1 qr

3 - 5 - 4½

£422 - 14 - 0

Amount received from sales

192 - 19 - 0

Leaving a loss to the Relief Committee of

£229 - 15 - 0

for four weeks or about £56.18.9 per week.

Rev Dr Cotton, Thos Henesy Esq., J Gore Jones Esq., Rev Mr Barron, James Bracken Esq., Capt Norris.

The consideration of second soup kitchen oven etc. The Rev Dr Cotton reports state of present soup kitchen and concerns connected with it.

Treasurer reports that he has £191 on hands.

Ordered 5 cwt of pea meal.

That a sun committee be authorised to take Mr O'Keeffe's concerns for a soup kitchen in that district at any reasonable sum.

Relief lists given to the District Inspector for revision.

Committee adjourned to Friday next at 2 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

April the 2nd.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Barron, Francis O'Brien Esq., John Lloyd Esq. Visitor, Capt Norris, Thos Henesy Esq..

Coffins and shrouds ordered for the following:-

A pauper that died on the street.

Ally Brien, Child - 6 years.

Judith Leahy, woman 35 years old.

Mary Porteous, Girl 10 years.

Ann Bourke Child, 2 years old.

The three rate payers selected from the poor rate books.

Adjourned to Monday at 2 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

April 4th 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev Mr Barron, P B Ryan Esq..

Coffins and shrouds ordered for:-

Thos Murray, Adult Bridget Ryan, Infant

Ann Magrath, Adult John Kean, Adult.

H. Cotton.

Rev Mr Barron requested to know if he ever put on an objectionable person.

Capt Norris' report as it appeared on the "Daily News" dated the 30th March read by Mr Jones at the request of Mr Barron who brought the paper.

Treasurer requested to pay £13.11.3 and £2.1.6 for rice and pea meal amounting to £15.12.9, also £24.0.9 for Indian meal due to Ben Russell.

Archdeacon Cotton and Thomas Henesy authorised to take a house from Michl Ryan of the Main Street at 10/- per month on the Pike Road for 6 months and to get any necessary repairs made, two boilers set and arrange generally the house preparatory for a distribution of bread and soup.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 12 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

April 7th 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Mr Thos Henesy.

Treasurer is requested to pay £64.6.4 for bought bread used at the soup shop (extern) from 29th March to 6th April inclusive.

Dr Cotton and Mr Henesy report that they have taken a house in Pike St. for a soup shop at the rent of 10/- per month from Michl Ryan; they have engaged a clerk, have procured a boiler holding 200 gallons and are employed in setting it [up] and getting the house ready.

A coffin ordered for John Ryan of Quarry Street aged 50; also for a shroud.

A coffin for Wm Fogarty of New Road and wife.

Coffin for Thos Hind's child New Road;

Coffin for Mick Moloney's child Limekiln Lane.

Relief lists revised.

Adjourned to Friday next at 3 o'clock.

Friday April 16th. (Check This)

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., F O'Brien Esq., Mr T Henesy, H Langley Esq..

Treasurer is requested to pay five pounds to Rev Wm Baker for current expenses of the soup kitchen. Mrs [blank in original] Davern was appointed cook to the soup kitchen on the eastern side of the town, at wages of 7/- per week to commence as soon as the establishment is ready for work. John Maher of Pike Street was appointed assistant in the soup kitchen and to supply water from Mr Cambie's at wages of 8/- per week to commence at the same time; The finding approved security for the safe keeping of the premises and all the property remaining in them.

The treasurer is requested to pay forty seven pounds one shilling and tenpence for the weeks expenses of the soup kitchen.

Adjourned to Monday next at 2 o'clock.

Monday 12th April.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Mr P B Ryan, J G Jones Esq., Dr Knaggs clerk.

Coffins and shrouds ordered for:-

Sarah Hutchinson's child, Pike.

Widow Byrne, Quarries.

Widow Coady, Pike.

John Manning, Pudding Lane

Mary Duh, Ballyduff.

The Rev Mr Baker's account as treasurer to soup kitchen no 1 audited and found correct.

A cheque was drawn by the chairman in the absence of the treasurer for twenty two pounds eleven shillings and six pence to pay for bread distributed at the soup kitchen.

A letter received from the British Association (addressed to Rev Wm Barron) announcing a third donation of fifty pounds to be expended in food.

A cheque was drawn for ten pounds in favour of Rev Wm Baker on account of the soup kitchen and signed by the chairman as before.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 12 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 14th April.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., Rev W Baker, J Bracken Esq., Visitors.

Resolved we have received with much regret the determination of the Rev Wm Barron to resign his post as a member of this committee; we are sensible that from the commencement of our labours in the arduous task of alleviating the severe distress of our poor parishioners we have derived from Mr Barron and the other Roman Catholic Clergymen most valuable information and assistance, such as from their peculiar acquaintance with the circumstances of the poor they were enabled to impart, and which they have ever given to us with the greatest readiness and the most unwearied exertion.

We are of the opinion that the absence of all the Roman Catholic Clergy from this Relief Committee will seriously impair its efficiency and usefulness and we hope that the Rev Wm Barron will soon again rejoin our meetings and give us the benefit of his experience and advice in administering to the wants of the poor, and that the harmony which has attended all our proceedings from their commencement will be continued until it shall please God to vouchsafe a successful termination of our present labours.

Dr Knaggs account with treasurer examined and signed.

Further directions were given about the immediate preparation of the soup kitchen no 2.

Adjourned to Friday next at 2 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

16th April 1847.

Present:-Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., P B Ryan Esq., Joseph Labart Esq. Insp. Officer, Martin Quinlan Esq..

Coffins granted to:-

Stephen Dwyer, Child, Garryvicleheen.

Mrs Bourke, do.

Widow Mara, Stradavoher

Catherine Mara, Nicholas St.,

Widow Magrath's child, Pike.

Resolved that five pounds five shillings be given to Michl Crofts and a similar sum to James Cahill as remuneration for enumerating the destitute inhabitants of the electoral divisions of Thurles and Rathealty and that our treasurer be requested to pay them.

That the chairman write to Messrs Trant, J Maher and H Langley requesting that if they will not be able to give regular attendance at this committee they will nominate gentlemen as their substitutes.

The relief list for the electoral division of Rathelty having been examined was ordered to be initiated by the chairman and transmitted to the finance committee.

Adjourned till tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Saturday 17th April 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., John Russell Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq., J Bracken Esq., Thos Henesy Esq..

Notice was received of a free grant from the British association of the following supplies of food viz:-

Three tons and 1/3 of Indian corn; or

* Three tons and 11/13th of Barley meal; or

Two tons and 8/21 of oat meal; or

Three tons and 1/8th of biscuit;

to be obtained from the depot at Limerick.

[There is an asterisk opposite the second of the above as though it was the choice of the committee.]

Also a grant of sixty pounds by the Lord Lieutenant in aid of our own subscriptions, amounting to sixty pounds one shilling and nine pence as last notified to His Excellency.

Resolved that our funds being now exhausted that the distribution of food be for the present stopped and to meet the present exigency a proportionate quantity of meal be given to each individual.

That barley meal be selected to be sent for to the Commissariat Limerick.

Adjourned to Monday next at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton Chairman.

Monday April 19th.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones, Francis O'Brien Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq..

Donations per Rev Dr Cotton to the amount of £52.15.0 were handed to J Bracken (in the treasurer's absence) to pay for bread and other articles required for the soup kitchen no 1.

Coffins ordered for the following:-

Pat Hickey's child, Stradavoher.

John Long, Adult, Rathealty

Thomas Carr, Adult, Church Lane.

Dr Knaggs having found it necessary to resign the clerkship to the committee, Mr Pierce McLoughlin was appointed to the situation.

Adjourned till tomorrow at half past eleven.

H. Cotton.

Tuesday 20th April.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., H Langley Esq., J M Labarte Esq. Insp. Officer.

The list of presentments was finally agreed on and was taken to the Extraordinary Presentment Sessions holden this day, at which five thousand nine hundred and thirty one pounds were granted to finish off works already commenced within the Electoral divisions of Thurles and Rathealty.

Coffins and shrouds were ordered for:-

Michael Butler's child.

Widow Murphy's child.

Edmd Magrath, adult.

Adjourned till tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Form D Finance Rathaly Electoral Division

Estimate of sums required by the Thurles and Rathaly Relief Committee for the fortnight ending (blank in original) 1847.

Destitute persons daily no 496 rations

Destitute 13- 496 509	88.18. 6
Expenses attending fitting up the soup kitchen	10.00. 0
Wages for cook and assistant cook	1.16. 0
Clerk attending giving out bread and soup.	.18. 0
Assistant ditto	.18. 0
Rent of Soup Kitchen	. 5. 0
Coffins and shrouds for the bodies of destitute deceased.	2.00. 0
Stationary	<u>.5. 0</u>

Net amount required by the Rathaly Electoral Division £105.00. 6

To The Finance Committee

Acting for Thurles Union,

Co Tipperary.

Wednesday 21st April 1847

Present: Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones Esq., F O'Brien Esq., J M Labarte Esq..

A return of paupers in Thurles Union Workhouse on the 19th April 1847:-

Men	91
Women	216
Children	<u>382</u>
Total	689

Deaths during the week:- 11

Mem: Number of deaths in the workhouse during:-

The half year ending	25th March 1846	18
" " " "	25th Sepr 1846	26
" " " "	25th March 1847	256.

Resolved that as rice is judged to be at this time the most wholesome and most nutritious kind of food, Dr Knaggs be requested to purchase a quarter of a ton in town this day for present use, and to order one ton of white rice from Clonmel immediately.

A coffin ordered for Dan Delany Pudding Lane.

Relief lists are still in course of preparation.

Adjourned till Friday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton

Friday 23rd April 1847

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, P B Ryan Esq., F O'Brien Esq., J G Jones Esq., T Henesy Esq., J M Labarte Esq..

Several soup tickets believed to be fraudulently obtained, having been stopped, were submitted for examination. Some being found correct were restored, others were kept back.

Application was directed to be made to the Irish Central Relief Committee for another donation in aid of our funds, which are now at a very low ebb.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for thirty pounds to Rev Mr Baker to pay for the expenses of the soup kitchen.

Resolved that five tons of Indian meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmson of Clonmel, and that Martin Clear be sent for it this day.

Coffins and shrouds were ordered for:-

1. A destitute stranger who died suddenly in the town:
2. Catherine Higgins, a child.

3. William Neale of Drish, Adult.

Adjourned till Monday next 26th at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Amount of Presentments granted at last Extraordinary Sessions, number of men to be employed etc.

	£	Men	Month
Ballygammane Lane	700	115	4
Embankment	1,200	200	4
Sewerage	500	90	4
Archerstown and Turtulla Line	800	140	4
Pathing	300	40	4
Turtulla Path	110	16	4
Lisduff Road Paths	20	20	2
Rossestown Hill and Road	360	50	4
Seskin Road	40	15	6
Widow Shea's Road	200	25	4
Quarry and Loughtagalla	160	20	4
Heany's Road Rathealty	150	20	4
Garrenroe Road	100	20	3
Drish Hill		12	4
Coolahulla Road	60	12	4

Kilcloney Line	150	20	4
Piercetown Road	100	15	4
St Pump		2	-
Race Course etc.	800	140	4

Meeting 26th April 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Rev Dr Cotton, Mr Henesy, Mr P B Ryan.

The treasurer is requested to pay the sum of forty pounds to Dr Cotton for payment to Messrs Bourke and Russell for meal delivered to the soup kitchens.

The relief lists for the Electoral Division of Rathealty was sent to the finance committee on Friday last (asking for rations from April 20th) and was approved and signed.

Relief book for the Electoral Division of Thurles (asking for rations from April 26th) were ordered to be sent in to the finance committee tomorrow.

The clerk is ordered to write to Mr Stanley, Secretary to the Relief Commissioner Dublin Castle asking for 35 copies of part IV of the printed instructions for the use of Rural Guardians of all the electoral division within the Union of Thurles.

Coffins ordered for:-

John Corlleggy	ü
Thos Fogarty of Garrenroe.	ï
Mary Mackie of Brittas - and a shroud	ý All adults

Thos Tobin of Leugh

ï

John Shanahan of Nicholas Street

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Resolved that an accurate statement be made each evening of the expenditure of food at the places for distribution, and be given to our secretary to be submitted at every meeting of this committee for their information.

Ordered that the clerk write to Messrs malcolmson of Clonmel to ask on what terms he would undertake to supply this committee with Indian meal of best quality for the next fortnight being the period for which our present estimates are made up.

It is probable that the quantity will vary from three to five tons per diem; also that the clerk write to Robert Davis of Clonmel to ask on what terms he can supply this committee at present with good Patna or East Indian white rice.

The committee adjourned till Wednesday next at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton Chairman.

Wednesday 28th April 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones Esq., T Henesy Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., J M Labarte Esq. Inspecting Officer.

Coffins were ordered for John Coleary found dead in Stradavoher and a poor man found dead on Ballycahill Road.

Resolved that five tons of Indian meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmson of Clonmel at £14.10.0; that two hundredweight of rice at 25/- as per sample ordered from Robert Davis of Clonmel.

Received a letter from the Relief Commission Office Dublin in reply to a question whether this relief committee might give coffins for destitute poor in the following words:- "When the bill now before Parliament which authorises the providing of coffins shall pass, Relief Committees under the Act 10 Vic. Cap 7 may apply money for this purpose, but this cannot be done at present. In the meantime relief funds of the old committees are applicable for coffins pursuant to the Commissary Generals circular of the 6th March". 28th April 1847.

Adjourned to Friday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Copy of Thurles Estimates sent to the Finance Committee 27th April 1847.

Helpless Poor	72	
Adult	4,230	
Children	1,261	
	4,932 rations at 3d	868. 2. 0
	* Fitting up soup kitchen and oven	12. 0. 0
	* Necessary utensils, troughs, pails etc	5. 0. 0
	Cook and assistant for two weeks	1.16. 0
	Clerk and assistant attending at soup kitchen, giving out bread, soup etc.	1.16. 0
	Coffins and shrouds for deceased destitute	4. 0. 0
	Assistant clerk in preparing books, to make out estimate	

5 weeks at 10/6	2.10. 0
Rent of office for Relief Committee to meet in, attendance etc 4 weeks at 10/-	2. 0. 0
Clerk's salary 2 weeks at 21/-	2. 2. 0
Stationery	. 5. 0
Rent of Soup Kitchen	<u>. 5. 0</u>
	£894.16. 0

These items of expense shall not occur again.

It is proposed to defray the above sum half by rate and half by grant.

Signed H. Cotton Chairman

To the Finance Committee

Acting for Thurles Union,

Co Tipperary.

Friday 30th April 1847. [May in original]

Questions asked by the Committee for the Inspecting Officer viz:-

1. Is the relief committee who sent the enclosed estimate (Form D) constituted according to the Lord Lieutenants general order of the 4th March 1847?

Strictly so.
2. Was the duplicate relief list (Form A) sent with the relief committees estimate to the finance committee as directed by article 16 part 4?

Yes.
3. Do the total number approved of by the relief lists for the fortnight agree with the total number inserted in the estimate as directed by article 14 part 5?

Yes.
4. Is due allowance made in the estimate for the quantity of provisions now in the possession of relief committee?

Yes.
5. Are the rates of pay inserted in cash estimate for the persons employed under direction of relief committees within the rates approved of by the Relief Commissioners?

Yes.
6. Has the amount inserted for rent of store or office been specially submitted to and approved of by the Finance Committee?

Yes.
7. Is the amount inserted for fitting up store and premises the lowest at which it could be done, and has not the boiler, fittings, etc. of the old relief committee been handed over to the present committee; if not, the cause?

Yes. One boiler has been handed over, the other has been specially put up.

8. Are the other incidental expenses inserted the estimate absolutely necessary?

9. Does the balance on hand correspond with the account current (Form F) sent by the relief committee to the finance committee as directed by article 16 part 5?

10. Have the balances of the former committees been handed over to the present; if not state the cause?

11. Has each committee stated on their estimates the manner in which it is proposed the money should be raised to meet the estimate?

12. What amount of local or general subscriptions has been received by each relief committee in aid of the estimates?

Friday 30th April 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., P B Ryan Esq., J M Labarte Esq., Martin Quinlan Esq..

Read a letter from the Central Relief Committee in reply to an application for assistance and that Dr Cotton be requested to take the bills down to Dublin in order that the money may be remitted.

Resolved:- Proposed by Dr Cotton and seconded by Francis O'Brien Esq. that J Bracken be elected an honorary member of this committee.

[The following piece cut from a newspaper is stuck into the minute book.]

The New Relief Act - Important to Committees.

The following queries have been submitted by a member of the North City Electoral Division Relief Committee to the Relief Commissioners; the answers annexed were returned by Sir John Burgoyne.

Queries	Answers
No 1. If the head or member of a family be earning any wages no matter how small, are they to be put on the relief books for gratuitous supplies?	No 1. No family should get any relief of which the head is in employment, and in receipt of any wages. It is a matter of principle essential to be maintained, notwithstanding the plausible argument of small earnings.
No 2. Are the heads of all families to attend for the relief unless certified by a medical gentleman, or by the inspector of the ward or district relief committee, as unable to do so from illness or bodily infirmity?	No 2. It is very essential that the heads of families should be obliged to attend for a sufficient time during working hours, to prevent abuse; nor does there appear to be any plausible reasons against it.

Shrouds and coffins ordered for:-

John Brien, Adult, Garryviclaheen.

Conor Ryan, Adult, Seskin.

Winifred Cullen, Adult, Pudding Lane.

Coffin " " Biddy Murphy, 9 years old, Pudding Lane.

Mary Manning, infant, Church Lane.

Shroud Thos Doolan, Pike
Coffin and shroud Paddy Morrissy Garryviclaheen.

Proposed by Dr Cotton and seconded by F O'Brien Esq. that during the absence of Dr Cotton John Gore Jones should take the chair.

Resolved that five tons of meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmson of Clonmel at £14.10 per ton.

Resolved that two thousand tickets be ordered to be printed for use of distributing meal, soup and at the soup kitchen.

Adjourned till Monday next May 3rd at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday 3rd May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Thomas Henesy Esq., J M Labarte Esq., Henry Langley Esq..

It has been ordered that the treasurer do give a check for five pounds to John Gore Jones Esq. for the current expenses of soup kitchen No 2.

Resolved that five tons of Indian meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmson of Clonmel at £14.10.

Received a communication from the Government through the Inspecting Officer that a sum of ninety pounds has been lodged with the treasurer of the finance committee as a grant for Rathealty Electoral Division.

Mr B White has visited the committee and shall again attend assisted by a respectable farmer to inspect and revise the Rathealty list of destitute.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Tuesday 4th May 1847.

John Gore Jones attended. No meeting. Adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

PML [at least that's what the signature looks like]

Wednesday 5th May 1847

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Thos Henesy, Benj White Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq..

Ordered that measures holding one pound and one half pound of meal be made for Rathealty Electoral Division and two of each for Thurles Electoral Division, with two trays for holding tickets.

Transferred to Rathealty Minute Book.

Resolved that five tons of india meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmsons of Clonmel at £14.10 per ton.

4th: Coffin and shroud for Nelly Loughnane, Ballyduff.

5th: Coffin and shroud for Patt Ryan, Pike, Child.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Thursday 6th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Thomas Henesy Esq., P B Ryan Esq., Mr P Cahill.

Read Dr Cottons letter of the 5th inst - forwarded his application to the Quakers Society.

Read also Mr Redington's letter relative to the Fever Act enclosing the acts and stating Mr Jones communication was laid before the Central Board of Health. J Gore Jones.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Coffin and shroud for Widow Ryan, Limekiln Lane.

" " Widow Walsh, Garrenroe.

Mr Labarte attended our committee.

J G Jones.

Friday 7th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Rev Wm Baker, Thos Henesy Esq., J M Labarte Esq. Government Inspector, P B Ryan.

Shroud and coffin ordered for Judy Casey, adult, Clobanna.

Resolved that five tons of india meal be ordered from Messrs Malcolmson of Clonmel at £14.10 per ton.

Resolved that the treasurer do give Rev Mr Baker a check for £5 for use of no 1 soup kitchen and five pounds to John Gore Jones Esq. for use of no 2 soup kitchen.

Adjourned to eleven o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Saturday 8th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Rev W Baker, Dr Knaggs.

Ordered that certain repairs represented to be necessary for the safe keeping of food in kitchen no 1 be made and that five pounds be offered for this purpose.

Fortnightly estimates for Thurles and Rathealty prepared for by the finance committee to commence the 9th May and sent clerks of both houses of delivery instructions in their future duties. Our clerk instructed to balance accounts between Martin Clear and Russell and Alcock and present it for the information of the committee on Tuesday.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

J Gore Jones.

Monday May 10th 1847.

Present:- Francis O'Brien Esq., J Gore Jones, Dr Knaggs, James Bracken P B Ryan, H Langley, Rev Mr Baker.

Went through the usual business.

Five tons of meal to be ordered from Malcolmson.

Tuesday May 11th 1847.

Present:- P B Ryan, James Dempsey, Dr Knaggs, J Gore Jones

Read a letter from Robert Davis sending up the two keys delivered yesterday. This committee now acting under the new regulations.

Read a letter from Sir Rh Routh instructing that fifty worth of provision is placed at the disposal of new committee by the General Relief Association, application to be made at the commissary Limerick.

Coffin and shroud granted to a pauper for his child named M Ryan of the Quarry.

The clerk is instructed to send immediately to Limerick for fifty pounds worth of Indian meal from the commissariat.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Wednesday 12th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones Esq., P B Ryan Esq., Thos Henesy Esq., Rev Wm Baker.

Check received from Finance Committee supplementing it; subscriptions forwarded by Mr O'Brien; £9 placed to the credit of Rathealty; £81 to Thurles. Drawn in favour of J Gore Jones.

Received from Mr Labarte a communication intimating that £95 has been given as a loan for the service of the Rathealty division.

Mr O'Brien be requested to pay five pounds per account to Mr Gahan.

John Nowland and Robert Wood are appointed Inspectors and Detectors in charge for work. Their duties will be fully explained to them by chairman on Friday next in the presence of the committee.

Adjourned to Friday 14th at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones Chairman.

Friday 14th May 1847.

Present John Gore Jones Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq., Martin Quinlan, P B Ryan, William Baker, Thos Henesy Benjamin White, Jas.....

Received a letter from the present Central Relief Committee containing fifty pounds, given to Mr O'Brien Treasurer.

Received a letter from Mr A Moore sending to the board of Health requesting to be informed of the extent of the fever, or the epedemick [sic] disease prevailing in our district, so as to ascertain the necessity for temporary hospital accommodation. Engaged in a viva voce examination of applicants in the courthouse from 11 o'clock until pm

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Saturday 15th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, Thos Henesy Esq. PLG., Rev W Baker, Dr Knaggs.

Resolved that the applicants that were approved of yesterday be forthwith added to our lists and that they be relieved on Monday.

A letter from Mr Labarte was read acquainting the chairman that £887 has been granted for the service of this committee.

Mr White gave in a list of Rathealtythis to be considered a perfect list and can be acted upon.

Adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Monday 17th May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones esq, Francis O'Brien Esq., John Labarte Esq. Govt. Insp., P B Ryan Esq..

The chairman is instructed to the money lodged for the benefit of this committee. That all accounts may be arranged and that a third house considered necessary for the parish of Thurles to be taken. Mr Henesy and Mr Cook be requested to select a proper position and house.

Adjourned to the Courthouse to receive applications.

Five pounds to be given by Mr O'Brien for Thurles, also Mr P B Ryan, also a similar sum of Mr Gore Jones for the occupier of Thurles workhouse.

Several applications having been made to the Relief Committee by persons claiming rations, who have not been one year in Thurles. It has been resolved that these persons receive a sufficient supply of food to support their respective families and the same be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Tuesday 18th May 1847.

Present:- J Gore Jones Esq., James Gorman, Dr Knaggs, J M Labarte Esq., Francis O'Brien Esq. Wm Baker.

Signed the supplemental lists.

Read a letter from Mr Herbert Engineer informing the committee that the public works are to be stopped on tomorrow evening.

Inspector ordered to make out a list of the old and infirm that they may be classed and receive food agreeable to the Commissary Inspector.

Five tons of meal to be written for, and Messrs Malcolmsons to be informed that if their account will be forwarded by tomorrow's post.

Thomas McLoughlin be appointed clerk to food house no 3. James Walsh an assistant and Mrs Shea.

Attended at the Courthouse to receive applications from one to five o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

May 19th Wednesday.

Present:- Martin Quinlan, Thomas Henesy, J Gore Jones, Wm Baker, Dr Knaggs, F O'Brien.

Passed receipts for estimates for Thurles. Resolved that this committee meet tomorrow to balance our accounts, to discharge our liabilities and ascertain exactly our reserves.

Resolved that Messrs Baker, Knaggs, Henesy, Cook and Bracken be requested to the health and cleanliness of the town and electoral division and that this committee..... intocertain clauses of the recent fever acts.

Adjourned to the courthouse to receive applications. To meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Thursday May 20th 1847.

Present:- Wm Baker, Francis O'Brien, J M Labarte, A Cooke, Thos Hennessy, John Russel.

Messrs Hennessy, Knaggs, Baker and Bracken be requested to audit the accounts. Dr Knaggs to be paid £4.4.0 (these words are crossed out in original) being the balance of his salary as clerk. Mr O'Brien be requested to pay to Mr Gore Jones the sum of £397.13.3 to pay for Mr Kirwin of Thurles the following bills:-

Malcolmsons for Meal	£326. 5. 0
Carriage from Thurles of Indian Meal by Martin Clear	16.14. 0
Dr Cotton for Soup Kitchen No 2.	1. 1. 7
Mr Jones for do No 2.	7. 8. 7
Rev Mr Baker for do no 1.	9. 8. 1½
Rent of Committee Room etc.	1. 0. 0
Rent of Soup Kitchen No 1.	. 5. 0
Assistant clerks for revising lists.	2.10. 0
Clerk of Committee.	2. 2. 0
Mr Henesy, bills rice etc.	23.14. 2
Mr Quinlan for Stationery.	1. 9. 9½
Davis & Co for rice.	2.10. 0
Wages for servants for Soup Kitchen No 1.	<u>3. 5. 0</u>
	£397.13. 3

That Mr O'Brien be requested to pay out of the committee funds to J Gore Jones Esq. £47.19.0½ being as follows:-

Insertions in Eve. Post and Nenagh Guardian	£1.14. 6
J Finn for rice	5. 3. 4
J Bourke for do and sundries	2.19. 0

Mr Lester for grinding 100 bls Wheat	12.10. 0
Dr Knaggs for his services etc.	4. 4. 0
Mr Quinlan for Stationery etc.	6.15. 8
45 coffins and shrouds.	<u>14.12. 6</u>
	£47.19. 0

Adjourned to the courthouse.

To meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Ordered five tons of Meal. J G J

Friday

Adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Saturday

Adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones

Monday 24th May 1847

Present:- Francis O'Brien Esq., John Gore Jones Esq., Thos Henesy Esq. P L G, P B Ryan Esq. P L G.

Resolved that £320.12.8 be given by our treasurer to John Gore Jones Esq. to pay the following liabilities for the fortnight ending 22nd May 1847 viz:-

Malcolmson Brothers for Indian Meal.	308. 5. 0
Salaries at No 1 Soup Kitchen	3. 5. 8
Rent	. 5. 0
Salaries at No 2 Soup Kitchen.	3.14. 0
Rent	. 5. 0
Rent of Committee Room.	1. 0. 0
Clerk's Salary.	2. 2. 0
Detector's Salary.	<u>1.16. 0</u>
	£320.12. 8

Resolved that £40.13. 0 be given by our treasurer to John Gore Jones to pay the following liabilities for the fortnight ending 8th May 1847 viz:-

Malcolmson Brothers of Clonmel	30. 5. 0
Salaries at Soup Kitchen.	3.10. 0
Clerk to Committees.	<u>.18. 0</u>

£40.13. 0

Resolved that £38. 13. 0 be given by our treasurer to John Gore Jones to pay the following liabilities for the fortnight ending 22nd May.

Malcolmson Brothers of Clonmel.	34. 5. 0
Salaries at Soup Kitchen.	3.10. 0
Clerk to Committee.	.18. 0

Adjourned to the courthouse to receive further applications.

To meet tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

25th May.

Present:- J Gore Jones, Francis O'Brien, Thos Henesy Esq..

Omitted checking for carriage of meal in the above estimates; ordered that a check be now given by the treasurer to John Gore Jones Esq. for payment of same viz:- For Thurles Electoral Division £18.7; Rathaly Electoral Division £2.0.0.

Adjourned until Friday 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Friday May 20th 1847.

Present Thos Hennessy, H Langley, Francis O'Brien, Wm Baker, Dr Knaggs, J Gore Jones.

Letter received from Arthur Moore Esq. stating that the Fever Hospital was recommended to be placed under the direction of the Relief Committee and certain queries put, to be answered.

Five tons of meal to be taken from Mr Russell at £17.13.4. Ten tons of meal to be sent for to Malcolmsen. Three tons and a half of meal at £17.10.11 from Jeremiah Burke. One ton has already been delivered.

Adjourned until Monday 31st 1847.

J Gore Jones.

Monday 31st May 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, Francis O'Brien, Thos Henesy P L G, P B Ryan P L G, J M Labarte, William Baker.

From our reserves to the commissioner for not having..... cooked food.Mr Baker's proposal to draw meal and deliver it (to) our stores when required at 12 shillings per ton, to be accepted. Adjourned to the courthouse to meet on Wednesday.

J Gore Jones.

Ten Tons of meal to be sent for. J G J.

Wednesday June 2nd 1847.

Present:- Wm Baker, Thos Henesy, Francis O'Brien, J Gore Jones.

Edmund Ryan proposed to deliver meal at £12 per ton - to be accepted.

Communication from Mr Labarte of taking Irish inferior meal had been given at No 1 for Anty Cass, enquiring to be distributed.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Thursday June 3rd 1847.

Present:- Francis O'Brien, Wm Baker, J Gore Jones, Dr Knaggs, Patk Cahill.

Prepared estimates for a fortnight. Received estimates for drawing meal.

J Gore Jones.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow Friday.

[No date appears in original]

Present:- William Baker, D M Ryan, Thomas Henesy, M Quinlan, Dr Knaggs, Pat Cahill.

..... estimates for Fever Hospital. Disposal of present business.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

J Gore Jones.

Saturday June 5th 1847.

Resolved that we draw up two hundred and twenty nine pounds one shilling and eleven pence to pay the following items in account:-

Jerh Bourke for 3 tons 2 cwt 2 qrs at £17.10 per ton	54.13. 9
Martin Clear for 2 tons 14 cwt 13 lb at £18 per ton	48.14. 2
B Russell for 5 tons 10 cwt at £17.13. 4 per ton	97. 3. 4

Salaries for No 1, 2, 3, meal store as per cash book	.14. 4
Rent of Committee Room.	1. 0. 0
Carriage of India Meal	<u>13. 6. 8</u>
	£229. 1.11

Submitted a letter from Arthur Esq. stating a certificate had been sent to Mr Curry appointing our known quota the Board of Health and also stating two hundred men only can be appointed.

Dr Knaggs and Quinlan appointed physicians to the Fever Hospital.

Adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

[Here endeth the appalling writing of John Gore Jones. All text since he commenced writing the minutes must be checked.]

Monday 7th June 1847.

Present Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones, Rev Mr Baker, Dr Knaggs, Archibald Cooke, P B Ryan.

A proposal having been received from Dr Knaggs offering Indian meal at Clonmel price with the addition of 8/- per ton for carriage to the stores in Thurles; agreed that fifteen tons be ordered on those terms. The committee adjourned to the courthouse and considered numerous applications from persons who desired liberty to sow turnips and cut turfs, and that other members of their families might be allowed to receive rations during that time. The committee also considered and determined on many applications from Destitute persons to be put on the relief lists.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

H. Cotton

Wednesday 9th June.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J Gore Jones, F O'Brien, J M Labarte I O< P B Ryan, Dr Knaggs.

An order was received from the Relief Commissioners on receipt of a certificate from the Central Board of Health, directing the relief committees of Thurles, Rathealty, Holycrosse, Ballycahill, Burris, Ballymureen, Inch, Moyaliffe, Moycarkey and Moyne "to proceed jointly to provide additional accommodation to be used as a temporary hospital for the purpose of receiving from the said electoral divisions one hundred and twenty poor persons affected with fever or any other epidemic disease; and to provide such nourishment, bedding, clothing, medicines, medical appliances and other necessaries etc. and also four competent nurses and two wardsmails". Dated 7th June 1847.

Resolved that the chairmen of the several committees named in the above order be requested to meet at this committees room at eleven o'clock on Tuesday next to make arrangements for carrying the same order into effect.

That the treasurer be requested to give a cheque for £373 to pay Messrs Malcolmsons of Clonmel for Indian meal supplied for the use of the Thurles Electoral Division; also a cheque for £52 to pay the same parties for meal supplied for the use of the Electoral Division of Rathealty.

Adjourned to Friday next at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday 11th June 1847.

Present Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones, Francis O'Brien, Archd Cooke, Dr Knaggs.

That the treasurer be requested to give check for £4.5 to pay salaries and rent of meal store at Rathealty for fortnight ending 6th June 1847.

The attention of this committee having been urgently called to the necessity of revising the lists of persons receiving rations of food, in order to do justice and prevent fraud; resolved that the heads of families be summoned to attend at the courthouse on Monday next and following days as fixed by the committee, to hear the grounds on which they claim to be entitled to gratuitous relief; and that public notice be given by printed placards of such intended revision. The district supplied by meal store no 3 to attend on Monday next. District of meal store no 1 on Wednesday next; District of meal store no 2 on Friday next at eleven o'clock.

The Fever Hospital having been placed by the Central Board of Health under the control of this relief committee, and an estimate having made of things absolutely necessary for it;

Resolved that proposals be received for a supply of the following articles of good quality:-

70 single bedsteads	100 Bolster cases
8 room buckets with covers	100 Mens shirts.
4 Washing tubs	100 women's chemises.
70 Quilts.	48 Towels
100 pairs blay sheeting calico	Coffins for adults and children.
70 Bed Ticks	70 Bolsters.

That Mr Scott of Cashel be desired to inspect the pump and well in the yard and to propose making it effective.

That Mr Kealy be requested to furnish plans and estimates for the requisite offices and porters lodge in the yard.

Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday 14th June.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J M Labarte, Francis O'Brien, P B Ryan, J Bracken.

Mr Bracken called the attention of the committee to the state of the sewer leading from Main Street to the river, which requires immediate attention.

Specimens of shirting, sheeting etc for the Fever Hospital were submitted for inspection.

The subcommittee of Health are requested to attend to the sewer above named.

Adjourned to the courthouse for the purpose of receiving the relief lists. Revised district supplied at no 3 meal store, and adjourned to 15th inst.

H. Cotton.

Thursday 15th June 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones, Rev Wm Baker, Thos Henesy, F O'Brien, Dr Knaggs, P B Ryan, J Bracken.

The treasurer was directed to pay £187 to Mr Joshua Lester for eleven tons of Indian Meal supplied to the Thurles committee.

The Chairmen of the other relief committees having attended according to summons; It was resolved that the expenses of providing necessary accommodation at the Fever Hospital be born by the several Electoral Divisions which will make use of it, in proportion to the respective valuations under poor law; and upon this basis it appears that the sum now required from the electoral divisions will be in the following proportions:viz:-

Thurles	130.15. 4
Rathealty	12.13. 4
Holycross	47.14. 0
Ballycahill	18. 7. 2
Burris	49. 0.10
Ballymureen	18.17. 4
Inch	35.12. 6
Moyaliffe	45. 1. 8
Moycarkey	32.15. 6
Moyne	<u>49.17. 4</u>
	£434.15. 0

Resolved that the 120 beds be allocated to the several electoral divisions in proportion to their respective valuations: viz.-

Thurles	38	Rathealty	4
Holycross	12	Ballycahill	5
Burris	13	Ballymoreen	5
Inch	10	Moyaliffe	12
Moycarkey	8	Moyne	13

But that if any beds be vacant for four days patients from other electoral divisions may be admitted into them: It being always understood that each electoral division shall only be called on to pay for the support of its own patients.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock tomorrow.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 16th June 1847.

Present Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones, Rev Wm Baker, Francis O'Brien, P B Ryan, J Bracken.

Proposals for beds etc for the Fever Hospital were considered and were ordered to be sent in more particularly and definitely according to a pattern to be seen at the committee room by tomorrow.

A coffin and shroud were ordered for child of Mrs Rea of Stradavoher; coffin and shroud ordered for Widow Houlihan, Pike.

The committee adjourned to the courthouse to receive the lists of persons receiving rations etc.

H. Cotton.

Thursday 17th June 1847.

Present:- Francis O'Brien, Rev Wm Baker, Thos Henesy, J Bracken, Dr Knaggs, J M Labarte.

Resolved that the medical officers attending the Fever Hospital be requested to report on the state of the hospital, number of admissions, number discharged and number of deaths signed by the medical attendants and apothecary. Resolved that the medical attendants and apothecary at the Fever Hospital be requested to visit the hospital morning and evening of each day during the present epidemic and that they also be requested to inspect daily the diet, whey and broth and report thereon weekly.

Francis O'Brien.

Friday 18th June 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr cotton, F O'Brien, Dr Knaggs, P Henesy, P B Ryan, Mr James Gorman, J Bracken.

The treasurer be requested to give Dr Cotton a cheque for £13.12.2 to pay current expenses for the Rathaly meal store for the fortnight ending June 19th. Likewise a cheque for £23.12.11 for the current expenses of the Thurles meal store for the same time. Return from the fever hospital June 16th- Patients in the house this day - 122

Committee adjourned to the courthouse to revise the lists of persons receiving relief.

Adjourned till Monday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Saturday 19th June 1847.

Present:-Francis O'Brien, Thos Henesy, Rev Wm Baker, Dr Knaggs, P B Ryan.

Resolved that the treasurer be requested to give a check for £453.1.0 to pay Messrs Knaggs and Lawless for India meal supplied by them to the meal stores in Thurles nos 1, 2, and 3.

Adjourned to Monday next.

Wm Baker.

Medical Report of the Thurles Fever Hospital for the week ending 19th June 1847.

Patients in Hospital on June 12th	109
do. admitted in this week	<u>43</u>
	152
Discharged 35	
Died 2	<u>37</u>
Remaining on June 10th	115

M Quinlan G Bradshaw.

Monday 21st June.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones, Rev Wm Baker, P B Ryan, F O'Brien, J Bracken.

Memorandum that Patrick Daly was appointed Detector for the parish of Rathealty on June 7th inst but that his appointment was omitted to be entered on that day.

Resolved that the treasurer be requested to give a cheque for £84.4.0 to pay Mr Jerh Bourke for the two tons of meal purchased from him on June 7th.

That the committee, anxious to comply with the wishes of the Relief Commissioners, as expressed in their circulars of the 25th May and 15th inst, judge it necessary to have the relief lists carefully revised; and for this purpose they direct that the Detectors shall forthwith proceed from house to house and to take accurate lists of all the inhabitants, their names, ages, employments and present means of support and report the same to this committee.

Adjourned to the courthouse to revise the lists - Many persons were struck off.

Adjourned till tomorrow.

H. Cotton.

Tuesday 22nd June.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, F O'Brien, Rev Wm Baker, T Henesy, James Gorman,

A coffin and shroud were ordered for Ellen Cormack infant of Bowling Green; The same for Susan Keogh; The same for Laurence Donovan, Fever Hospital Adult.

At the suggestion of the Thurles Committee Mr Moore Labarte, Inspecting Officer, having requested the committee to meet the chairman and members of the other relief Committees joined in the proposed management of the Thurles Fever Hospital under the Act 10th Victoria Chapter 22; and the following gentlemen having attended here this day; viz:-

Major Armstrong, Holycross and Ballycahill,

Wm Armstrong, do. do.

John Molloy, do. do.

Thomas O'Meara, Inch.

Michael Mulvanny, Holycross and Ballycahill.

Rev Dr Cotton ü

Rev W Baker ï

T Henesy ý Thurles Committee

M Quinlan ï

Jas Gorman þ

John Russell, Burriss & Ballymoreen.

Mr Labarte reported that he had received no reply to a letter of the chairman of the Thurles Committee which he had forwarded to the relief Commissioners, communicating the resolutions entered into by the representatives of the seven associated relief committees, on Tuesday 15th inst; and requesting that the estimates for fitting up and for providing necessaries for the fever hospital might be dated and allowed as from the 7th day of June being the first day of a relief fortnight.

It being stated that Mr J Lloyd chairman of the Moyne relief committee had sent to the Relief Commissioners a letter containing strong objections to the resolution proposed here (he himself being present), Mr Labarte thru whom that letter was sent asked to give this committee a copy; and he having replied that he had kept no copy, the chairman was requested to apply to Mr Lloyd for a copy. This was

immediately done. The chairman wrote to Mr Lloyd, who was in this town stating the committees wish on the subject.

Mr Lloyd shortly afterwards attended and the committee discussed the best mode of managing the hospital in future, and directed the chairman to write again to the Relief Commissioners, requesting a reply to the application made to them respecting the estimates sent in.

It was resolved that a committee of fifteen persons be now appointed to consist of delegates from each of the seven associated committees that the hospital may be committed to their especial care and management.

That the following members of the several relief committees be appointed delegates for this purpose viz:-

For Thurles and Rathealty $\frac{3}{4}$ Rev Dr Cotton, Rev W Baker, T Henesy
 Holycross and Ballycahill $\frac{3}{4}$ Major Armstrong and J Molloy Esq..
 Borris and Ballymoreen $\frac{3}{4}$ John Russell and Rev R F Laurence.
 Inch $\frac{3}{4}$ Geo Ryan Esq., Thos O'Meara.
 Moycarkey $\frac{3}{4}$ Rev Geo Peacock, Vernon Lamphier.
 Moyaliffe $\frac{3}{4}$ Rev V L Trenor, Wm B Fogarty.
 Moyne $\frac{3}{4}$ John Lloyd Esq., Rev J Ferguson.

Resolved that the Fever Hospital be now handed over by the Thurles Relief Committee to the joint committee above named.

Resolved that the Rev W Baker and Mr Henesy be requested to continue their services as treasurer and secretary as heretofore. Those two gentlemen being present and having signified their assent to this request, the committee adjourned.

The Thurles committee for ordinary business adjourned till Thursday next at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Thursday 24th June 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, J M Labarte I C, F O'Brien, P B Ryan, Dr Knaggs, T Henesy, M Quinlan.

A letter received from the Central Board of Health dated June 21st announcing that Dr Knaggs and Quinlan have been appointed Medical Officers for the temporary fever hospital in the electoral district of Thurles.

Adjourned to the courthouse to receive applications and hear objections.

Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Monday 28th June

Present:-Rev Dr Cotton, J Gore Jones, Mr Henesy, Rev Wm Baker, Dr Knaggs, F O'Brien.

Report of the Thurles Fever Hospital for the week ending June 26th:-

Remaining in Hospital 115

Admitted this week 48

163

Discharged 47

Died 4

51 51

Remaining this day 112

A circular letter from the Relief Commissioners dated 24th June addressed to the Inspecting Officer was read. It stated that the Lords of the Treasury have directed the Relief Commissioners to insist invariably that no rations shall henceforth be issued of any uncooked food except biscuit or bread; and intimated that unless those directions were strictly complied with, the supplies will be stopped.

Resolved that in compliance with the above circular, we take measures for returning to the distribution of cooked food, as soon as the numbers of our applicants shall admit of that change.

The treasurer is directed to give a cheque on the Bank for £90 to be paid to Dr Knaggs on account of Indian meal delivered for the use of Thurles electoral division; and a cheque for ten pounds to be paid to Dr Knaggs on account of meal delivered for the use of the Rathealty electoral division.

The subject of returning to cooked food was carefully discussed; it was resolved to invite the inspecting officer Mr Labarte to meet the committee at its next meeting and enter fully into the consideration of the question.

Adjourned to the courthouse to revise the lists and to receive applications.

The committee adjourned to Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 30th June 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, J M Labarte, John Gore Jones, T Henesy, Dr Knaggs, F O'Brien.

The subject of returning to rations of cooked food was anxiously considered and it was resolved that a minute be drawn up and a copy communicated to the inspecting officer.

Received a circular from the Relief Commissioners announcing that all distributions of rations under the act 10th Victoria Ch 7 is expected to cease on 15th August next, and that after that time the support of destitute is intended to be provided for under the new poor laws 10th Victoria Ch 31.

Dr Knaggs informs the committee that from various private circumstances he feels it is necessary to resign his seat as a member; an intimation which the committee received with much regret. The chairman is requested to take the proper steps to get the vacancy duly supplied.

The committee repair to the courthouse to revise the lists of recipients and to consider applications.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for two hundred and ten pounds thirteen shillings to be paid to Messrs Knaggs being the balance of their account for Indian meal supplied for the use of Thurles electoral division up to the 25th inst; also a cheque for thirty four pounds nine shillings to be paid to the same parties, for meal supplied for the use of Rathealty electoral division up to same date.

Also a cheque for £3.18.4 to pay Martin Clear for 5 cwt of Indian meal supplied to the committee on the 19th inst for the use of Thurles el. division.

Adjourned to Friday next at one o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday July 2nd 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, F O'Brien, J M Labarte G I, Thos Henesy.

The chairman having requested to write to the Board of Works to ask them to go on with the well in Pike Street, and to finish the main sewer of the town, reports that he is informed that this application shall be laid before the Board without delay.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for £17.3.0 to pay the fortnightly expenses of the three meal stores etc of Thurles Electoral District; also a cheque for £6.6.0 to pay the fortnightly expenses of the meal store in Rathealty Electoral Division, both being up to July 4th inst.

A draft of a letter was submitted by the chairman to be sent to the Relief Commissioners in reply to their circular of the 24th inst recommending a return to cooked food; the draft was agreed to and was ordered to be entered on these minutes and a copy to be forwarded to the Inspecting Officer.

Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Copy of letter sent to J M Labarte Esq. in reply to a circular of the Relief Commissioners of the 24th relative to uncooked food:-

Thurles

30th June 1847.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that this committee has under their anxious consideration the circular of the Relief Commissioners of the 24th inst, with a view of determining how far it may be in our power to give effect to the wishes of the Commissioners that we should return to the distribution of rations of cooked food, our committee, convinced that the recommendation is sound in principle, would be glad to see it carried into practice, and therefore have carefully calculated the means at our disposal and balanced the difficulties which surround each side of the question. And we beg to lay the following detailed statement before the Commissioners in explanation of the circumstances in which we are placed, and by which our operations appear to be materially controlled. Our daily distribution of rations of 1 lb of meal each amount to 6,788. We have 4 places of distribution in various parts of the town and parish, and a staff of 14 attendants at a weekly cost of £7.1.6. The distribution of meal as at present given is completed in about 5 or 6 hours.

The meal is not only very acceptable to all classes of the receivers, but we are assured by medical men that since the use of it has become general the health of the town has signally improved. There is far less diarrhoea and dysentery than there was three months ago and tho' the fever continues among our poor and crowded population, its character has been more mild and the number deaths is considerably diminished. If we return to the distribution of cooked food now that the rations have been augmented to 1 lb of meal each, the following will be our condition. As 1 lb of meal in stirabout or porridge will be represented by about 2 quarts, 6,778 rations will require 13,367 quarts to be given out daily. We have only 4 boilers holding about 320 gallons. Two proper boilings are all which could be made in a day amounting to 640 gallons or 1,280 rations which will be less than one tenth part of the quantity required. The preparation and distribution would be more troublesome so that more hands would be required and must be paid for, and the time consumed would be so much increased, that we fear that many persons would have to wait till a late hour of the evening before they could be served, and this would seriously add to the danger of infection by remaining many hours in crowded masses round the doors of the soup kitchens, especially during the present weather.

If with all these drawbacks, we are only able to supply one tenth of these who come for rations, what will be done with the remainder? On what principle shall we determine the kind of food which each is to receive and how shall we enable the people to comprehend the reasons and fairness of that distinction? At present they have great confidence in us, and believe that we endeavour to treat them all impartially, and in consequence of this belief their behaviour has been uniformly peaceable and submissive. It would be a source of much regret if any sudden change should now occur to disturb that harmony of feeling. In addition to these reasons (of the validity of which we leave the Commissioners to judge) a new one is forced on our attention by a circular letter communicated to us this day, announcing the probability that all granting of rations under the present act will cease on or about the 15th August next, so that not only would an extensive and important change have to be made for a very short period, but it is certain that we could not procure and fit up the additional number of boilers which would be necessary in less than 3 weeks, that is to say full one half of the whole time during which it is contemplated to supply these rations.

Under these circumstances we give it as our deliberate opinion that to attempt the proposed change at present would not be beneficial. At the same time we beg to remark, that we are endeavouring to meet our great object which the Lords of the Treasury seem to have in view by exercising continual vigilance over the lists of applicants for relief, tho' not always with that degree of success which both they and we would desire.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your Faithful servant

Signed H. Cotton

Chairman.

Monday 5th July.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J M Labarte, Thos Henesy, Rev Wm Baker, P B Ryan, Jas Gorman, B White.

A coffin and shroud were ordered for Bess Treacy (alias Tehan) of Pudding Lane Adult.

Complaint having been made that a portion of the meal delivered on Saturday last was unsound. Mr Knaggs the seller was requested to attend this committee. After explanation it was resolved that Mr Knaggs should take back the portion which remains undistributed and give an equal quantity of sound meal in place of it.

Report of the Fever Hospital for the week ending July 3rd:-

Remaining in hospital 112

Admitted this week

48

		160	
Discharged	41		
Died	4		
Remain this 3rd July	<u>115</u>		
		160	160

M Quinlan J Russell Geo Bradshaw.

A cheque was drawn and signed by the treasurer for two hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to pay for meal delivered for the Thurles Electoral Division meal store. Another cheque was drawn and signed by the treasurer for twenty pounds six shillings and six pence to pay for meal and expenses of the Rathealty meal store.

N B This cheque included the sum off six pounds six shillings which was ordered to be drawn on Friday last but was not actually drawn.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 7th July 1847

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, J M Labarte, Mr Hensy, Dr Knaggs, Mr John Guinan (R. Payer), B White, P B Ryan, J G Jones.

A letter was received from the Board of Works stating that they had not funds in hand to enable them to comply with our application to finish the well in Pike Street.

Adjourned to Friday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday July 9th 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Mr A Cooke, P B Ryan, J M Labarte, (B White), Jas Gorman, Mr Henesy, Dr Knaggs, Mr P Cahill, Rev W Baker.

A circular was communicated by the Inspecting Officer in which the Relief Commissioners complain loudly of the great frauds committed in applications for gratuitous relief, and decide that much greater stringency should be used in granting it, especially that the labourers now in employment should be struck off. This committee admit the propriety of the suggestion, and will take measures for reducing the issues of rations in all cases which will fairly admit of the reduction.

It was resolved that no more permissions be given to persons receiving rations to absent themselves from the meal stores under the plea of cutting turf or sowing turnips.

The committee repair to the courthouse to examine applications and hear objections, and to alter the lists accordingly.

The committee adjourned to Monday 12th at 11 o'clock.

Monday 12th July 1847.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Francis O'Brien, Rev Wm Baker.

Report of the Fever Hospital for the week ending July 10th -

Remaining on Saturday July 3rd 115

Admitted this week 55

170

Discharged 37

Died 2

Remain this day 131

170

Signed:- R C Knaggs, Js Laffan, Geo Bradshaw.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for two hundred and thirty eight pounds eight shillings to pay Messrs Knaggs for Indian meal delivered for the use of Thurles electoral division up to July 10th inst; also a cheque for twenty six pounds and one shilling to pay Messrs Knaggs for Indian meal supplied for the use of Rathealty electoral division up to same date.

The committee adjourned to the courthouse to revise the lists etc:- All persons rated to the poor law as high as £6 were struck off.

Adjourned to Wednesday 14th at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday 14th July.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, J G Jones, Dr Knaggs, Mr J Gorman, F O'Brien.

It appearing by close examination of the Poor Rate Valuation book that many occupiers are there charged as for land which they do not really hold, and that their valuations ought to be reduced accordingly, the committee decided to rehear the cases of those persons who were ordered to be struck off on Wednesday last because they were valued at £6 or upwards in that book.

The committee repaired to the courthouse for that purpose.

The clerk was directed to procure from the relief books the names of all the single adult men, with a view of those persons being struck off the lists at as early a date as practicable.

Adjourned to Friday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday 16th July.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Frs O'Brien, J Moore Labarte, (B White), Rev Wm Baker.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for fifteen pounds and fourteen shillings to pay for the fortnightly expenses of the 3 meal stores of Thurles Electoral Division; and a cheque for four pounds thirteen shillings for the fortnightly expenses of the meal store of Rathealty Electoral Division; both sums being up to and for the fortnight ending July 18th.

The relief lists of Thurles and Rathealty were closely examined and a considerable number of able bodied single men were ordered to be discontinued from Monday 19th inst.

The detectors were directed to go thro' the parish and bring in on Monday next a correct list of all those persons who have crops of bere.

Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Monday 19th July.

Present:- Rev Dr Cotton, Rev Wm Baker, Mr A Cooke, Mr T Henesy, Dr Knaggs, J Bracken.

Report of the Fever Hospital for week ending July 17th:-

Remaining from Last Saturday	131
Admitted this week	<u>67</u>
Total treated during the week	198
Discharged	29
Died	2
Remain this day	<u>167</u>
	198

Signed:- Robt Knaggs, Jas Laffan, Geo Bradshaw.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for twelve pounds and six pence to pay Messrs Knaggs for meal supplied for the use of Rathealty meal store up to Saturday 17th inst; also a cheque for two hundred and twelve pounds to pay Messrs Knaggs for meal supplied for the use of the Thurles meal store up to the same date.

Adjourned to Wednesday 21st at 11 o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Wednesday 21st July 1847.

Present:- Francis O'Brien, J Gore Jones, P B Ryan, Rev William Gahan, Dr Knaggs, Thos Henesy.

No business of any importance are before the committee this day; adjourned until the 26th -Monday

J Gore Jones.

Monday July 26th 1847.

Present:- Rev Wm Baker, John Guinan, F O'Brien, J Gore Jones, A Cooke, Benjamin White, P B Ryan.

Sent Constable John Connor up authorised to give orders for meal and handto Mr Baker.

Patients in Fever Hospital - 192.

Adjourned to Wednesday.

J Gore Jones.

Wednesday

Present:- Francis O'Brien, John Gore Jones, Rev Mr Gahan, A Cooke, J Moore Labarte.

Resolved that the treasurer gives a cheque for one hundred and eighty pounds to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for india meal delivered at our stores in Thurles.

J Gore Jones.

Adjourned to Friday next.

Friday 30th July 1847.

Present:- J Gore Jones, Archd Cooke, P B Ryan, Benjamin White, Thos Henesy, J Moore Labarte.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for fifteen pounds nine shillings to pay for the fortnightly expenses of three meal stores etc of Thurles Electoral Division, and a cheque for four pounds thirteen shillings for the fortnightly expenses of Rathealty Electoral Division both up to 1st August.

The lists must be reduced to the lowest possible number, our secretary is therefore authorised to make his reduction in the costing estimate.

Letter from Mr Labarte intimating that the sum of £309 was placed at the disposal of the committee for Thurles and £33 for Rathealty

Adjourned until Monday 2nd August.

J Gore Jones.

[Monday 2nd August.]

Present:- John Gore Jones, Mr Archbd Cooke, Rev Wm Baker.

The treasurer is requested to give a cheque for one hundred and ninety pounds ten shillings to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for meal supplied for use of Thurles Electoral Division, also a cheque for thirty five pounds one shilling and sixpence to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for India meal supplied for the use of Rathelty Electoral Division both up to 31st July.

Adjourned to Wednesday.

J Gore Jones.

Wednesday 4th.

Present:- Francis O'Brien, A Cooke, Dr Knaggs, Jas Gorman.

Adjourned to Friday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Friday 6th August 1847

Present:- John Gore Jones, P B Ryan, Benjamin White.

Adjourned to Monday at 11 o'clock.

Monday 9th August 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, J M Labarte, P B Ryan, Rev Wm Baker.

Resolved that the treasurer be requested to give a check for one hundred pounds to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless on account of Indian meal delivered at Thurles meal stores.

Adjourned to Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Wednesday 11th August 1847.

Received a communication from J M Labarte Esq., informing the committee that the commissioners taking into consideration the distress still existing in the district, they will not object to the committees sending up estimates for another fortnight upon a very reduced scale with respect to numbers; it is therefore resolved that the necessary reductions be made in our relief list so as to meet the wishes of the Relief Commissioners and that our secretary be ordered to prepare our estimate for the ensuing fortnight.

Adjourned to Thursday at 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Thursday 12th August 1847.

Adjourned to Friday 13th at 11 o'clock.

Friday 13th August 1847.

Present:- Jno Gore Jones, J M Labarte, James Gorman, Rev Wm Baker.

Adjourned at four o'clock to Monday the 16th August after revising relief lists.

J Gore Jones.

Wm Baker Clerk John Guinan A Cooke

J Gore Jones.

Tuesday 17th August 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, Rev Wm Baker, Mr Archbd Cooke, Mr John Guinan.

The treasurer is requested to give Messrs Knaggs & Lawless a check for two hundred and two pounds 18/- due to them for india meal delivered at Thurles up ti 14th inst - also a check for sixteen pounds seven shillings for one half ton india meal delivered by Knaggs & Lawless at Rathealty.

The treasurer is also requested to give check for £17.5.8 for fortnightly expenses ending 15th inst for Thurles Electoral Division and a check for £4.8.6 for fortnightly expenses attending Rathealty Electoral Division.

The treasurer is requested to give check to Mr Jerh Bourke for £4.8.6 to pay him for 7½ cwt india meal delivered him being portion of three and half tons bought from him on the 28th May last.

Adjourned until Friday 20th 1847.

J. Gore Jones.

Received communication from J M Labarte Esq. stating that the sums of £233 for Thurles and £23 for Rathealty is at the disposal of the finance committee for use of the above electoral divisions.

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Friday 20th August 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, J M Labarte, Rev Wm Baker, P B Ryan.

Accounts for fortnight ending 15th signed by chairman and ordered to be sent to finance committee.

Adjourned to Wednesday.

J Gore Jones,

Wednesday 25th August 1847.

Present:- Rev Wm Baker, J Gore Jones.

Adjourned to Friday 27th inst.

J Gore Jones.

Saturday August 28th 1847.

Present:- William Baker Clerk, Archibald Cooke, J Gore Jones.

Reduced the lists in accordance with the Commissioners directions.

Signed receipts for the last fortnights estimates.

Adjourned to Monday 11 o'clock.

J Gore Jones.

Monday 30th August 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, Rev Wm Baker, Archibald Cooke.

The treasurer is requested to give a check for one hundred and thirty four pounds $3/2$ to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for meal delivered and the fortnightly expenses at meal store etc and for Thurles Electoral Division.

The treasurer is also requested to give a check for thirteen pounds $18/2$ to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for one ton of meal and fortnightly expenses at meal store for Rathealty Electoral Division.

Adjourned until Wednesday Sept 1st.

J Gore Jones.

Wednesday 1st September 1847.

Present:- Very Rev Dr Cotton, John Gore Jones, Mr Arch Cooke, Rev Wm Baker.

Signed estimate for fortnight to 12th Sept and accounts up to 29th August.

Adjourned to Friday next at eleven o'clock.

H. Cotton.

Friday 11th September 1847.

Present:- John Gore Jones, J M Labarte, Rev Wm Baker.

The treasurer is requested to give check for sixty five pounds 7/4 to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for India meal and fortnightly expenses for Thurles Electoral Division; also a check for seven pounds and one penny to pay Messrs Knaggs & Lawless for half to india meal and the fortnightly expenses for Rathealty Electoral Division.

The account for Rathealty in the fortnight ending 12th inst amounts to £7.6.3; the cheque is given only for £7.0.1 as in the previous fortnight a balance of 6/2 due to the treasurer was excluded in the check then given, the present check gives the treasurer credit for the 6/2 overdrawn on the 30th ultimo.

Adjourned until Monday next.

J Gore Jones.

Monday September 13th 1847.

Present:- William Gahan Clerk, Archibald Cooke, Thomas Hennessy, J Moore Labarte, James Graden, J Gore Jones.

A final audit of our accounts by the present inspector and found correct; six pounds eighteen shillings and four pence being the balance remaining in hands of the treasurer, for which a receipt was given. It was

proposed by Mr Henesy and seconded by the Rev Wm Baker that the thanks of this committee be given to Mr Labarte for his prudent and conciliating conduct

..... agreed that the members of this committee would ...in anygeneral token of approval.

That our chairman be requested to forward this resolution.

Books and documents to be delivered up in accordance with the Commissioners directions.

J Gore Jones.