

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMITTEE

ON THE

LONGFORD ELECTION PETITION.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

NAMES of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Longford.

1. GEORGE WILLIAM WOOD, Esq.

2. SIR JOHN HANMER, BART.

3. COLONEL ROBERT FERGUSON.

4. Henry Halford, Esq. 5. Ross Donn'elly Mangles, Esq.

6. WILLIAM FORBES, Esq.

CHAIRMAN, LORD ASHLEY.

Veneris, 8° die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over at 5 minutes past 11.—All present except Mr. Forbes.

Names again called over.—All present.

Petition of Anthony Lefroy, esq. a candidate at the last election, read.

Agent: Mr. J. Courtenay.

Counsel: Mr. Serjeant Wrangham, Mr. Bere, Mr. Lefroy.

For sitting Member:

Agents: Messrs. Farrer & Co.

Counsel: Mr. Austin, Mr. F. Robinson, Sir J. Bayley, bart.

Resolved, "That no witnesses can be examined who shall have been present during any of the proceedings (except the Agents as above, and the clerk of the peace, who is only about to be called to produce certain documents)."

Sections of the Act 4 & 5 Vict., c. 58, relating to costs, read.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham was heard to open the case on the part of the petitioner.

Mr. John Verschoyle Crawford (clerk of the peace), sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere.

produced three poll-books.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.

Poll-books delivered in.

On the vote of James Doherty, 246, poll-certificate, No. 1,473; voted for Messrs. White.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven.

Sabbati, 9° die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over.—All present.

[Adjourned till Monday, at Eleven.

Luna, 110 die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over at 5 minutes past 11.—All present, except Mr. Forbes.

Names again called over .- All present.

Mr. John V. Crawford sworn: Produced affidavit of registry of James Doherty.

Mr. Austin objected to the vote of James Doherty being inquired into, the objection to the voter being one anterior to the time of registration.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham heard against the objection.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

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Martis, 12º die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over .- All present.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham was further heard against the objection taken by Mr. Austin to his inquiring into the vote of James Doherty.

Mr. Austin heard in reply.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock,

Mercurii, 13º die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over .- All present.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

Motion made, "That the vote of James Doherty may be inquired into." Question put.

The Committee divided:

Ayes, 4. Sir J. Hanmer. Mr. Halford. Mr. Forbes. Lord Ashley. Nocs, 3. Mr. G. Wood. Colonel Ferguson. Mr. Mangles.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Parties again called in, and informed of the Resolution of the Committee.

Mr. John V. Crawford sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere.

Mr. George Gardiner sworn, and examined by Mr. Serjeant Wrangham.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson objected to Mr. Serjeant Wrangham's impugning the vote until he had shown that there had been a bonâ fide opposition raised to it before the assistant-barrister, and submitted that this had not been proved in this case.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham was heard against the objection.

Mr. Robinson heard in reply.

Mr. George Gardiner again called, and examined by the Committee.

Room cleared.

Motion made, "That as it appears that the claim of James Doherty was not sufficiently objected to before the assistant-barrister, the Committee will not proceed further in the examination of his vote."

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3. Mr. G. Wood. Colonel Ferguson. Mr. Mangles. Noes, 4. Sir J. Hanmer. Mr. Halford. Mr. Forbes. Lord Ashley.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, "That the Committee will proceed with the examination of the case."

Parties called in, and informed of the decision of the Committee.

Mr. Charles Brassington sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Thomas Sherrard sworn, and examined by Mr. Lefroy.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

Jovis, 14º die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over .- All present.

Mr. Andrew Johnson sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham was heard to contend, in support of his interpretation of the words in the 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 88, " of the clear yearly value of not less than 10 l., over and above all rents and charges," and against the vote of James Doherty.

Mr. Robinson was heard, in support of his interpretation of the vote of James Doherty.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

Veneris, 15° die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over .-- All present.

Mr. Robinson was further heard in support of his interpretation of the words, "clear yearly value," and in support of the vote of James Doherty.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham was heard to comment on the cases cited by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson handed in his statement of the construction of the words "clear yearly value; viz." That in the ordinary practice of cultivation, the land should be fairly capable of producing the sum of 10l. a year clear profit above all rent and charges, and the expenses of production."

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham handed in his statement; viz. "What a solvent tenant could fairly afford to pay for the land, over and above the rent and charges to which the voter is liable in respect of the same."

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

Motion made, "That in the opinion of this Committee, the test to be adopted for ascertaining the qualification of a 10 l. freeholder be, 'That a solvent tenant could fairly afford to pay 10 l. a year for the land, over and above the rent and charges to which the voter is liable in respect of the same."

Amendment proposed, "To leave out all the words after the word be, in order to insert the words, That in the ordinary practice of cultivation, the land should be fairly capable of producing the sum of 10 l. a year clear profit above all rent and charges and the expenses of production."

Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question," put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 4. Sir. J. Hanmer. Mr. Halford. Mr. Forbes. Lord Ashley. Noes, 3. Mr. G. Wood. Colonel Ferguson. Mr. Mangles.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main question put and agreed to.

Resolved, "That in the opinion of this Committee, the test to be adopted for ascertaining the qualification of a 10% freeholder be, that a solvent tenant could fairly afford to pay 10% a year for the land, over and above the rent and charges to which the voter is liable in respect of the same."

Parties called in, and informed of the resolution of the Committee.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Doherty is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

2. On the vote of Francis Coulon, 146 poll; 1,791 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. Austin stated that in consequence of the decisions of the Committee, he, on the part of Mr. White, declined further to defend the seat.

Mr. John V. Crawford sworn, and examined by Mr. Wrangham.

Mr. Charles Brassington sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere,

Mr. George Gardiner sworn, and examined by Mr. Serjeant Wrangham.

Resolved, "That the vote of Francis Coulon is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

3. On the vote of James Coulon, 184 poll; 1,690 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

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Mr. John V. Crawford again examined.

Mr. Andrew Johnson sworn, and examined by Mr. Lefroy.

Mr. George Gardiner again examined.

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Resolved,

Resolved, "That the vote of James Coulon is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

Mr. Thomas Courtney sworn, and examined by Mr. Bere.

4. On the vote of Lawrence Murtagh, 1,496 certificate; 152 poll; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. John V. Crawford again examined.

Mr. George Gardiner again examined.

Mr. Andrew Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Lawrence Murtagh is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

5. On the vote of James M'Cormick, 1,782 certificate; 74 poll; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. John V. Crawford examined.

Mr. George Gardiner examined.

Mr. Andrew Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James M'Cormick is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

6. On the vote of John Furey, 1,683 certificate; 6 poll; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Furey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

7. On the vote of John Rooney, 1,741 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

Sabbati, 16° die Aprilis, 1842.

Names called over.-All present.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Rooney is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll." Mr. Thomas Courtney sworn and examined.

8. On the Vote of John Cody, 2,358 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. John V. Crawford sworn and examined.

Mr. George Gardiner sworn and examined.

Mr. Charles Brassington sworn and examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Cody is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

9. On the vote of Bryan Carney, 2,723 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. George Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bryan Carney is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

10. On the vote of James Gill, 1,738 certificate; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Gill is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

11. On the vote of Bryan Jordan, 2,297; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bryan Jordan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

12. On the vote of James Leach, 1,828; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Leach is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

13. On the vote of James McCormick, 2,020; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James M'Cormick is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

14. On the vote of James M'Cormick, of Tasking, 1,604; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gnrdiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James M'Cormick, of Tasking, is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

15. On the vote of Patrick Newman, 1,502, voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Newman is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

16. On the vote of Michael Reynolds, 1,830, voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Reynolds is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

17. On the vote of Michael Simonds, 2,022; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Simonds is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

18. On the vote of John Baxter, 1,649; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, sworn and examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Baxter is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

Mr. Leay and another Counsel appeared and claimed to be heard in defence of the voters whose votes were impugned, and stated that they had their instructions from Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker being called upon to state on what authority he had instructed Counsel to appear in the matter, stated that he was requested so to do by Mr. O'Connell.

The room was cleared.

Resolved, "That this Committee cannot admit the application made by Counsel to be heard in the matter before them."

Parties again called in.

19. On the vote of Patt Magrath, 1,764; voted for Messrs. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Magrath is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

20. On the vote of John Clancy, 2,872; voted for Messrs. White-

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Clancy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

21. On the vote of Thomas Mulvey, 1,641; voted for Mr. L. Wnite.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Mulvey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

22. On the vote of Edward Mulvey, 1,640; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

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Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Edward Mulvey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

23. On the vote of Martin Mulvey, 2,316; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Martin Mulvey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

24. On the vote of John Moran, 1,819; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Moran is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

25. On the vote of Patrick Newman (of Knockskea), 1,688; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Newman is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

26. On the vote of Michael Dooner, 1,636; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Dooner is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

27. On the vote of Patt Dowd, 1,798; voted for Mr. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Dowd is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

28. On the vote of Thady Dowd, 2,269; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thady Dowd is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

29. On the vote of Michael Gilleasy, 1,691; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Gilleasy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

30. On the vote of William Fanell, 2,830; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

31. On the vote of Thomas Fanell, 1,804; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

32. On the vote of Thomas Fanell (of Ballintubber), 1,780; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Fanell (of Ballintubber), is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

33. On the vote of John Ledwith, 2,304; voted for Mr. L: White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Ledwith is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

34. On the vote of Michael Sweeny, 2,337; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Sweeny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

35. On the vote of James Victory, 1,506; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Victory is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

36. On the vote of Terence Flood, 1,854; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Terence Flood is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

37. On the vote of Patrick Coheavy, 1,845; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Coheavy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

38. On the vote of James Higgins, 1,656; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Higgins is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

39. On the vote of William Higgins, 1,657; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Higgins is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

40. On the vote of John Banks, 1,720; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Banks is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

41. On the vote of Matthew Cullum, 2,433; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Matthew Cullum is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

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42. On the vote of John Cullen, 1,610; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Cullen is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

43. On the vote of Patt Connor, 1,844; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Connor is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

44. On the vote of Christopher Cahill, 1,743; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Christopher Cahill is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

45. On the vote of Bryan Conway, 2,778; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bryan Conway is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

46. On the vote of Patrick Donohoe, 1,847; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Donohoe is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

47. On the vote of Patrick Doyle, 1,848; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Doyle is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

48. On the vote of John Flood, 1,612; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Flood is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

49. On the vote of John Fagan, 2,059; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.
Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Fagan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

50. On the vote of James Finnen, 2,508; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Finnen is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

51. On the vote of Christopher Fitzsimons, 2,503; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Christopher Fitzsimons is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

52. On the vote of James Fagan, 2,048; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.
Mr. G. Gardiner examined.
Mr. C. Brassington examined.
Resolved, "That the vote of James Fagan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

53. On the vote of Patt Flood, 1,745; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Flood is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

54. On the vote of Patt Finnegan, 1,728; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Finnegan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

55. On the vote of Marks Fanell, 1,698; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford, examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved. "That the vote of Marks Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

56. On the vote of Stephen Grier, 2,060; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Stephen Grier is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

57. On the vote of Mr. Peter Harkin, 1,700; voted for L. White. Mr J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Peter Harkin is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

58. On the vote of Daniel Heany, 2,061; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Heany is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

59. On the vote of Michael Kiernan, 1,760; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Kiernan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

60. On the vote of Thomas Kelly, 2,066; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Kelly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

61. On the vote of Andrew Kilbride, 1,850; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Andrew Kilbride is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

62. On the vote of Patrick Kelly, 1,537; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Kelly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

63. On the vote of Thomas Kelly, 1,538; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr, J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Kelly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll.

64. On the vote of John Macken, 2,071; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Macken is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

65. On the vote of Matthew M'Gruk, 2,077; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Matthew M'Gruk is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

66. On the vote of Bernard M'Ginness, 2,073; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bernard M'Ginness is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll." 67. On 208.

67. On the vote of Michael Matthews, 1,833; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Matthews is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

68. On the vote of William M'Loughlin, 1,661; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William M'Loughlin is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

69. On the vote of Edward Naunery, 1,749; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Edward Naunery is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

70. On the vote of Edward O'Neil, 1,596; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Edward O'Neil is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

71. On the vote of Hugh O'Neil, 2,506; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. Thomas Sherrard sworn and examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Hugh O'Neil is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

72. On the vote of Mathew Plunket, 1,834; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Mathew Plunket is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

73. On the vote of Hugh Reilly, 1,528; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Hugh Reilly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

74. On the vote of Thomas Rogers, 1,837; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Rogers is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

75. On the vote of James Reilly, 1,751; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Reilly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

76. On the vote of Dennis Sherridan, 1,617; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Dennis Sherridan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll.

77. On the vote of Daniel Smith, 1,752; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Smith is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

78. On the vote of Thomas Sherridan, 1,718; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Sherridan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

79. On the vote of John Simons, 1,852; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.
Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Simons is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

80. On the vote of John Sullivan, 2,054; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Sullivan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

81. On the vote of Terence M'Cormick, 2,461; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Terence M'Cormick is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

82. On the vote of James Reynolds, 1,567; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Reynolds is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

83. On the vote of John Rogers, 2,477; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. -Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Rogers is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

84. On the vote of Peter Maguire, 1,673; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Peter Maguire is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

85. On the vote of Laurence Reynolds, 2,480; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Laurence Reynolds is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

86. On the vote of Patt Kiernan, 2,068; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Kiernan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

87. On the vote of John Kiernan, 2,451; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Resolved, "That the vote of John Kiernan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

88. On the vote of William Kenny, 2,067; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Kenny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll.

89. On the vote of James Lynch, 1,706; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Lynch is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll." 208. B 3

90. On the vote of James M'Cue, 2,851; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James M'Cue is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

91. On the vote of John Dooner, 1,682; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined. Resolved, "That the vote of John Dooner is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

92. On the vote of Thomas M'Cormick, 1,642; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas M'Cormick is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

93. On the vote of Michael Mulfall, 1,686; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Mulfall is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

94. On the vote of Patt Kenny, 1,984; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Kenny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

95. On the vote of Thomas Gannon, 1,733; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Gannon is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

96. On the vote of William Fitzsimmons, 1,861; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Fitzsimmons is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

97. On the vote of Patt Coffee, 1,768; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Coffee is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

98. On the vote of Daniel Patridge, 2758; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Patridge is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

99. On the vote of James Kenny, 2,570; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Kenny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

100. On the vote of Laurence Keane, 2,747; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Laurence Keane is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

101. On the vete of Peter M'Loughlin, 1,761; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Peter M'Loughlin is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

102. On the vote of Thomas M'Loughlin, 1,763; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas M'Loughlin is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

103. On the vote of Michael Spollen, 1,767; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Spollen is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

104. On the vote of Bryan Mannion, 2,686; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bryan Mannion is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

105. On the vote of John Fanell, 2,276; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

106. On the vote of Christopher Mulloy, 2,455; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Christopher Mulloy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

107. On the vote of Bernard Reilley, 2,475; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bernard Reilly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

108. On the vote of John Victory, 1,719; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Victory is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

109. On the vote of Bernard Newman, 2,602; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Bernard Newman is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

110. On the vote of Patrick Casey, 2,369; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Casey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

111. On the vote of John Casey, 1,794; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Casey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

112. On the vote of Laurence Casey, 2,653; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. T. Sherrard examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Laurence Casey is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

113. On the vote of Daniel Cunningham, 1,796; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Cunningham is a good vote, and must be retained on the poll."

114. On the vote of James Dowd, 1,799; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Dowd is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

115. On the vote of Patrick Fanell, sen., 2,285; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Fanell, sen., is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll." [Adjourned till Monday at Eleven.

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Names called over .- All present.

116. On the vote of Michael Quinn, 2,995; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford sworn, and examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner sworn, and examined.

Mr. C. Brassington sworn, and examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Quinn is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

117. On the vote of Simon M'Vitty, 2,879; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined:

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Simon M'Vitty is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

118. On the vote of James Leavy, 1,868; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Leavy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

119. On the vote of Patrick Heslan, 2,648; voted for Mr. L. White:

Mr. J. V. Crawford.

Mr. G. Gardiner. Mr. C. Brassington.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Heslan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

120. On the vote of William Fanell, 2,957; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford.

Mr. G. Gardiner. Mr. C. Brassington.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

121. On the vote of William Donohoe, 1,853; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Donohoe is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

122. On the vote of James Canavan, 2,639; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. .!. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Canavan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

123. On the vote of Daniel Colreavy, 1,721; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Colreavy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

124. On the vote of Matthew Colreavy, 1,678; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Matthew Colreavy is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

125. On the vote of William Bratton, 2,769; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of William Bratton is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

126. On the vote of Charles Walker, 2,344; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Charles Walker is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

127. On the vote of John Payne, 1,826; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Payne is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

128. On the vote of James Kenny, 1,814; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Kenny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

129. On the vote of Michael Kenny, 1,813; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Michael Kenny is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

130. On the vote of James Kenny, of Lisrevagh, 1,491; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Kenny, of Lisrevagh, is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

131. On the vote of Daniel Gara, 2,387; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Daniel Gara is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

132. On the vote of Thomas Fanell, 2,904; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brässington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

133. On the vote of Thomas Flanagan, 2,380; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. A. Johnson examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Flanagan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

134. On the vote of Patrick Fanell, 2,666; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of Patrick Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the

135. On the vote of John Finneran, 1,807; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined.

Mr. C. Brassington examined. Resolved, "That the vote of John Finneran is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

136. On the vote of John Fanell, 1,806; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

137. On the vote of Hubert Fanell, 1,481; voted for Mr. L. White. Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Hubert Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

138. On the vote of Cornelius Fanell, 2,286; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined.
Mr. G. Gardiner examined.
Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Cornelius Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

139. On the vote of Andrew Fanell, 2,667; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Andrew Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

140. On the vote of John Fanell, 1,805; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Fanell is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

141. On the vote of Patt Eagen, 1,801; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Patt Eagan is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

142. On the vote of Thomas Daly, 1,475; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of Thomas Daly is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

143. On the vote of John Chapman, 1,598; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of John Chapman is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

144. On the vote of James Corcoran, 1,793; voted for Mr. L. White.

Mr. J. V. Crawford examined. Mr. G. Gardiner examined. Mr. C. Brassington examined.

Resolved, "That the vote of James Corcoran is a bad vote, and must be struck off the poll."

Mr. Thomas Courtney sworn, and examined.

Mr. Serjeant Wrangham applied to the Committee to report the names of the voters whose votes have been struck off as persons who ought not to have been placed on the register of voters.

Room cleared.

Resolved, "That Luke White, esq. is not duly elected a knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Longford.

"That Anthony Lefroy, esq. is duly elected, and ought to have been returned a knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Longford."

Motion made "That the Committee do report to The House that they have altered the poll taken at the last election, by striking out the names of the following persons (insert the list of voters struck off) as not having had a right to vote at such election, and who ought not to have been placed on the register of voters for the said county."

Whereupon an amendment was proposed to leave out all the words after the words "such election."

Question

Question "That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question," put. The Committee divided.

Ayes, 4. Sir J. Hanman. Mr. Halford. Mr. Forbes. Lord Ashley. Noes, 3. Mr. G. W. Wood. Colonel Ferguson. Mr. Mangles.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original motion put and agreed to.

Resolved, "That the Committee in virtue of the 79th section of the Act to amend the law for the trial of controverted elections, desire to call the instant and serious attention of The House to the state of the law as it materially affects a very considerable portion of the Parliamentary franchise in Ireland.

"They allude especially to the conflicting decisions which are so frequently given by Committees of this House, in respect of the issue technically termed 'the opening of the registry,' and to the impracticability of affirming, with the contradictory opinions of learned Judges before them, not only the right meaning and application of the words 'beneficial interest' (introduced for the first time into the 2d & 3d Will. iv., c. 88, s. 1, but also the true interpetration under the statute of the terms 'clear yearly value' inserted into all the forms of oath, in Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Schedule C. of the same Act, required to be taken before the assistant-barrister by persons claiming to be registered as voters.

"That the Committee are unanimously of opinion that without some declaratory Act on the part of the Legislature, it will be altogether impossible for future Committees to arrive at any consistent or satisfactory conclusion."

Resolved, "That the foregoing Resolution be reported to The House."

Ordered to report.

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