

THE INCORPORATED
SOCIETY OF THE
ATTORNEYS &
SOLICITORS OF IRELAND

First General Meeting of the Council
Elected for the year Ending 1st December 1865.

Summoned for One O'Clock to Elect a President
2 Vice Presidents and a Secretary and transact
other business. -

Wednesday 14th December 1864. -

Present	Present	Excused
Messrs Orpen	" Ellis	M ^r Reeves
" Felly	" Crozier	M ^r Goodman
" Barlow	" Sternan	
" Foley	" Roche	
" Daly	" Cooper	
" Colles	" Macroy	
" Anderson	" Nunn	
" Tryffe	" West	
" Read	" Dix	
" Davis	Harzett	

M^r Barlow in the Chair. -

Scrutineers
Report of
the Ballot
for a
New Council

The Secretary laid on the Table the Report
of the Scrutineers as to the result of the Ballot for a
new Council, taken on 11th instant, which Report
had been adopted at the General Meeting of the
Society, (held pursuant to adjournment,) on the
12th instant. -

Ordered That same be inserted on the Minutes,

Letters from
Messrs Goddard,
Beamish, Adair
& Armstrong
Resigning their
Seats on the Col

Read Letters from the following four Gentlemen
resigning their seats as Members of the Council, vizt.
Archibald H. Goddard, George Beamish, Samuel
J. Adair, and Richard C. Armstrong. -

Ordered That said resignations be accepted, and
that the Secretary do write to Messrs Henry Mills,
Edward J. Stapleton, - Edward L. Alma, - and
Josias D. Meade, (the four Gentlemen appearing
next on the supernumerary List to fill Vacancies.)

The Incorporated Society of the
Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

Report of Messrs^{rs} Colles, Walker, Thorp,
Scott and Molloy, xxxxxxxxxxxx
together with the President, Vice
Presidents and Secretary of the
Society, being the Scrutineers appointed
to preside over the Ballot for a
Council for the year Ending
1st December 1865.

We the Scrutineers in pursuance of the
Resolution entered into at the General Meeting of
the Society held on Saturday the 26th day of
November 1864, at the Solicitors' Hall, have
to Report as follows —

That said Ballot commenced on
Thursday the 1st day of December Instant, and
terminated on same day, having remained
open from Eleven to Four O'Clock and we find
the result of the Scrutiny of said Ballot to be as
follows. —

That 125 Members Ballotted one of whose slips we discarded, not being in accordance with Rule 9- and that after striking off such Members of the outgoing Council as the Provisions of the 10th & 13th Rules of this Society were applicable to, the under named Gentlemen having the number of Votes severally attached to their names, do form the Council for the year to terminate on the 1st of December 1865.-

No ^o	Names	Votes	No ^o	Names	Votes
1.	R. J. J. Orpen	120	17.	W ^m Fundlater	80
2.	A. Barlow	115	18.	George Beamish	73
3.	Edward Reeves	102	19.	R. J. J. Macroy	71
4.	W ^m Roche	102	20.	H. J. T. West	70
5.	John Hazlett	97	21.	Thos. Crozier	60
6.	David Fitzgerald	93	22.	P. J. Kelly	36
7.	John F. Goodman	92	23.	G. C. Colles	33
8.	Kesey Daly	90	24.	E. G. Foley	33
9.	John Fyffe	90	25.	B. Humphrey	26
10.	W ^m Read	90	26.	Arthur Molloy	26
11.	A. H. Goddard	88	27.	J. Davis	25
12.	W ^m J. Cooper	86	28.	Arthur Ellis	20
13.	Matthew Anderson	85	29.	J. F. Adair	19
14.	W ^m Gibson	85	30.	R. O. Armstrong	17
15.	Henry T. Dix	83	31.	Charles Fernan	17
16.	John McNamara	82			

And that the following are the 10 Members
 having the next greatest number of Votes, on the Ballot
 after the Council, and as such Eligible to fill any
 Vacancies that may occur during the year -

No ^o	Names	Votes	No ^o	Names	Votes
1.	Henry Mills	16	6.	Henry A. Dillon	12
2.	Edw ^d T. Stapleton	16	7.	Ralph B Brunler	11
3.	Edw ^d L. Alma	15	8.	Meas ^r D. Kennedy	11
4.	Jos ^s D. Meade	15	9.	Geo. W. Shannon	11
5.	Richard Scott	14	10.	Henry Ebbs	10

Which We submit as our Report
 this 8th day of December 1864 -

James Colles
 Rich^d Walker
 Dan Dray
 Richard Scott.
 Arthur Molloy

Scrutineers -

John H. Goddard.
 Secretary.
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 Four Courts -
 Dublin -

Report

of
Messrs. Coates, Walker,
Shoep, Scott, and
Mottley together with the
President, Vice Presidents and
Secretary, being the Sentiments
expressed to preside over the Ballot
for a Term for the year
Ending 1st December 1865.

Secretary's Office
Solicitors Buildings
Four Courts
Dublin

"to know if they will act on the Council"

The Council then proceeded to Ballot for a President, two Vice Presidents, and a Secretary, for the year ending 1st December 1865, when the result of the Ballot was

Result of Election of President Vice Presidents and Secretary

announced to be as follows -

As President-

Richard J. T. Orpen Esq ^{re} ,	19 Votes,
Arthur Barlow Esq ^{re} ,	1 Vote,

As Vice Presidents,-

Arthur Barlow Esq ^{re} ,	18 Votes,
Edward Reeves Esq ^{re} ,	17 Votes,
Fesey Daly Esq ^{re} ,	1 Vote-

As Secretary,

Arthur Barlow, Esq ^{re}	1 Vote,
John H. Goddard,	19 Votes,

Mr. Orpen was accordingly declared to have been duly Elected as President,-

Messrs Barlow and Reeves as Vice Presidents - and Mr. Goddard as Secretary, for the ensuing year,-

Bye Laws approved of, Notice as to change of hour of weekly meetg

The Bye Laws of the Council were then approved of, subject to an objection by Mr. Anderson, as to hour of Mr. Anderson's weekly meeting, which he wished to have changed from one o'clock to three as formerly, and respecting which he handed in the following notice of Motion

"I will on the next day of meeting of the Council move that the hour of meeting of the Council shall for the future be 3 o'clock instead of one as at present"

(Signed) "Matthew Anderson"

Bank Receipt for £54-16-6 Draft for £10, for Expenses,

The Secretary produced Bank receipt for Lodgment of £54-16-6, which was marked by the Chairman,-

A Cheque for £10, for Office Expenses was ordered to be drawn -

Mr. Neilson's Complaint agst Mr. Fyffe

Read Letter from Mr. James H. Neilson, Solicitor complaining of the Conduct of a Member of this Council in having personally served notice of a Chancery Cause Petition on a Client of his on the 2nd instant, and requesting to know the opinion of the Council thereon. -

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Mr. Fyffe's
Explanation

Mr. Fyffe, a Member of the Council who was present, having stated that he was the person alluded to in Mr. Neilson's letter, and having explained the matter to the Council, -

The Council
considered the
explanation
satisfactory.

Ordered, "That they consider his explanation satisfactory, and that Mr. Neilson be so informed, also, that they dissent from the expressions contained in his letter, as to the conduct of the member alluded to therein", -

Letter from Mr.
Downing as to
a Question of
Retainer, and
enclosing Docu-

Read Letter from Mr. M. Coarthy Downing, Solicitor, Dublin enclosing for consideration of this Council, Copy of a Statement which had been laid before Mr. R. R. Warren, D. C. and Copy of his opinion thereon, in reference to a question of Retainer involved in recent transactions between the Conservators of Fisheries of the Bantry District and Mr. Downing, -

Documents read
and

The statement and opinion having been also read and discussed,

to be considered
as soon as
possible.

Ordered "That the Secretary do write to Mr. Downing thanking him for his communication, and stating that as the principle involved appears to be of great consequence to the Profession, it shall be fully considered as soon as possible", -

Mr. Ellis's
Notice of
Motion as to
Certificate
Duty.

Read notice of Motion handed in by Mr. Ellis, as follows,

"Notice of Motion for first Meeting of Council, -
"To appoint a Committee to carry into effect the Resolution adopted at the late General Meeting of the Society - with reference to the Attorneys License and the management of their Profession", -

Some discussion
ensued as to
giving a week's
Notice, -

Some discussion having ensued upon the construction of the Bye Laws, as to whether such Motion could be moved at this meeting where the notice had only been handed to the Secretary on the 12th instant, - and the Chairman and several of the Council being of opinion that it required

and
to strike out
the concluding
words, -

the usual week's notice - and also that the concluding words "and the management of their Profession" should be struck out. Mr. Ellis said that in consequence of the Council being shortly about to rise for the Holidays, and

Mr. Ellis moved that the Standing Orders in order that his notice be now received, instead of lying over be suspended, till the next Meeting of the Council, and would also strike and agreed out of his notice the words "and the management of their" to strike out "Profession", which being accordingly done, and Mr. Davis the concluding having seconded the motion, same was passed - Mr. Ellis words of his then named Messrs Arthur Ellis, William Roche, John St. Notice, - Nunn, John Tuffe, and John F. Goodman, together with Special Comm. the President and Vice Presidents of the Council as a Special appointed to Committee to carry out the object contained in his notice of Carry out the object Motion -

Read Letter from Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society, London, as follows,

Incorporated Law Society, W. S.

Chancery Lane, London, W. C.

12th December 1864

Letter from Mr. Williamson relative to Retaining Counsel,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 6th instant was laid before the Council at their last Meeting, - I am now desired to inform you, that according to the practice in England, advising on a case does not operate as a Retainer to Counsel. -

The Council also direct me to state that an attempt was made by this Society in the year 1848, to establish the Rules a print of which I enclose, but the Bar have not thought fit to adopt them. As between Solicitors, however, these Rules are in the main acquiesced in

John St. Goddard Esq. Secretary. Incorporated Law Society "Dublin"

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully E. W. Williamson, - Secretary

Secy. to write thanking for same Letter from Secy. of Cork Law Society as to Retainers Consideration of same Postponed

Ordered. That the Secretary do write to Mr. Williamson thanking him for his Letter and enclosures, -

Read Letter from Secretary of the Cork Law Society, enclosing Draft Requisition proposed to be sent to Sir Thomas Staples, Baronet, Father of the Irish Bar, to procure a reconsideration by them of the Rule as to Retainers, -

Read also Draft Requisition,

Ordered. That further consideration of this matter be

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"adjourned to next Meeting, and that meantime,
"the purport of M^r. Williamson's Letter, be Communicated
"to the Secretary of the Court Law Society"-

Secy. to purchase
14th & 15th Vic
C. 88.-

The Secretary was directed to purchase a copy of the
Act 14th and 15th Victoria Chapter 88, for the Library,

Suggestions
as to taking
new Publication

Read Entries in "suggestion Book" by Members of this
Society, as to taking new Publications for use in the Solicitors
Hall, and discontinuing the extra copies of some Newspapers

No alteration now taken, - On consideration it was,

to be made - Ordered - "That no alteration be made" -

M^r. Shannon's

Read Letter from M^r. George W. Shannon, Solicitor,

Letter as to Regis-
tration of Titles

as to calling a Meeting of the Society to consider the
subject of the Attorney General's Bill as to Registration
of Titles -

Same

of Titles -

to be again

Ordered - "That same be again considered this

considered, -

"day week" -

650 Copies of the

Ordered - "That 650 Copies of the Report of the

Report, to be Printed

"Council for the year 1864, be Printed" -

Summon Council

Ordered - "That the Council be summoned for
"this day week," -

M^r. Dix's

M^r. Dix handed in the following Notice of

Notice of Motion

Motion, vizt:

as to giving

"I will move on next Meeting that a sum

Prizes to Ap-

"be allotted out of the Funds of the Society to be offered

prentices &c.

"as Prizes for the best answering at the Examination of

"Candidates for Apprenticeship, and also at the Examination

"of Apprentices seeking admission as Attorneys and that

"it be referred to a Sub Committee of the Society to make

"arrangements as to the mode of offering such Prizes and

"the respective amounts thereof." -

(Signed) "Henry T. Dix"

Ordered Lastly That all Members not Excused
on account of absence from Town or on account of
illness be fined pursuant to Bye Laws. -

Wm. J. Hooper

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