

to the Town Clerk,
of Limerick City.

"Office of Divisional
Commissioner,
R.I.C., Limerick,
7/1/21.

Dear Sir,

I write to express to you my horror at the brutal murders of Mr. Clancy Mayor of Limerick City and Mr. O'Callaghan ex-Mayor during last night. I beg you will convey to their relatives the expression of my sincere sympathy. I am aware that these gentlemen had consistently done their utmost to preserve law and order in the City of Limerick. For such men no matter what be their political opinions, one can only feel great respect. I fear that their endeavours to preserve the peace have led to this atrocious crime. I can assure you that the Police Authorities will use every endeavour to bring the murderers to Justice whoever they may be.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. Prescott Decie,
Div. Commissioner, R.I.C."

"Town Hall,
Limerick,
16th March, 1921.

Sir,

In view of the fact that Alderman Clancy, the late Mayor and Councillor O'Callaghan, the late ex-Mayor, were murdered by certain members of the Forces of the Crown we do not believe in and we cannot accept your phrases of sympathy. We further decline to convey these phrases to the bereaved relatives.

You say that the Police Authorities will endeavour to bring the murderers to justice. The time to have done this was when Mrs O'Callaghan telephoned to William Street Barrack subsequent to the murder of her husband and prior to the murder of Alderman Clancy.

These men though of a peaceable disposition, as you say, had the confidence of every section of their fellow-countrymen, including the I.R.A.

We are, Sir,

Yours,

The Members of the Limerick Corporation.

General Decie,
Divisional Commissioner,
R. I. C.,
LIMERICK."