

CORPORATION MOVES

At the time of the Reform of Limerick Corporation in 1841, the old Corporation held its meetings at the Exchange in Nicholas St. It is to be noted that this Corporation did not administer the whole City of Limerick; St. Michael's Parish was administered since 1807 by 21 Commissioners. I have been unable to find out where said Commissioners held their meetings initially, but from 1827 they were based at 43 George's St. They were not affected by the 1841 legislation and continued to function until 1853, when they were finally merged with Limerick Corporation.

The first meeting of the Reformed Corporation of Limerick took place on 11 November 1841 in the County Court House. The old Corporation at first refused to recognise them, but soon gave in and the new Corporation held its meetings at the Exchange from 17 November 1841.

In 1846, the Councillors felt the Exchange was inadequate and bought the lease on the Commercial Buildings, which had previously housed the Chamber of Commerce, for £600 from James O'Hara.

The first meeting in the new premises took place on 21.1.1847, and the name was changed to the 'Town Hall'.

(One notes in passing that on the occasion of their move to new premises there was a lot of talk of providing a new Museum!)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Mahon', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Dorrough of Limerick

11th November 1841.

Record of Proceedings at a Meeting of the Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Limerick, held at the County Court House in the said Borough on the 11th day of November 1841. said Aldermen, and Councillors having been previously declared duly elected to represent the several Wards of said Borough by the Revising Barristers, who held said Election. (Namely John R. Corbally Esq. Alexander Mc Carthy & William Jesscott Esq. in open Court, as appears by the Return thereof made by said Barristers and lodged in the Custody of the Town Clerk of said Borough. —

First. Alderman Daniel Barrington, and Alderman Michael Turner duly declared to and signed the Declaration of Qualification to Office as prescribed by the Act of 3 & 4th Vic. c. 108. as appears by said Declaration filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Second. The Aldermen and Councillors professing the Roman Catholic Religion were duly sworn to the Oath prescribed by said Act and in the form given by the Act 10th Geo. 4. c. 7. Sec 2. Intituled "An Act for the Relief of Her Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects. —

Third. The Aldermen and Councillors professing the Roman Catholic Religion (being) were duly sworn to the Oath prescribed by said Act, with the other Members of said Council then present (Thirty seven in Number, the remaining three namely James Harvey, Henry Watson, and John Davis Esquires being absent, duly declared to the Declaration of Qualification required by said Act previous to their entering into any other business.

Witness my Hand