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## The Origin of the Drogheda Argus.

**W**E print the original agreement between the founder or editor and the printer of the "Argus." The first part of the document down to the signatures is in the handwriting of "Js. Dowds," who also signs "For L. Fallon." The agreement appears not to have been sufficiently definite as to how and when the "one pound sterling" was to be paid. So the second paragraph is written, evidently by Mr. Levins the new witness. But here again there appears to have been some uncertainty or obscurity, as in three places marked with a \* star the name "Fallon" is obliterated, and "Kelly" written over it. However, the success of the *Argus* does not appear to have been affected in any way,—it has flourished from that day to this, and is a credit to historic Tredaugh.

W. T.

### Memorandum of Agreement

BETWEEN

PATRICK KELLY & L. FALLON, WHO PURPOSE PUBLISHING A WEEKLY PAPER TO BE CALLED THE "DROGHEDA ARGUS."

PATRICK KELLY having a house & shop & Prefs & Types does agree to give the use of them & to provide composers & press men, Ink, paste, & waste paper for such publication, & to read the proof sheet for the sum of four pounds per week to be paid out of the first receipts. After such sum of four pounds is paid to P. Kelly\* the next pound of receipts is to be paid to L. Fallon. Then the next pound of receipts per week is to be given to P. Kelly, & all further profits to be divided share & share alike between them.

*Witness*

THOMAS LYNCH.

For L. FALLON,

Js. D. DOWDS.

PATK. KELLY.

And it is further agreed that the aforesaid Patrick Kelly will pay to the above Laurence Fallon for three months from the first publication of the Argus one pound sterling per week, whether the profits of the publication pay it or not—moreover, when the weekly profit of the Argus exceed Five pounds—Mr. Kelly\* is to get the surplus until the profits reach two pounds per week over the four pounds, which Patrick Kelly charges for the expenses of the Printing, &c,—and any profits arising over the two pounds shall be equally divided share & share alike. In the first place, Mr. Fallon is to receive from Mr. Kelly\* one pound per week for thirteen weeks, profit or loss, by the publication, and at the end of the Thirteen weeks the aggregate profit may be ascertained after allowing Mr. Kelly for Printing &c. four pounds per week, and one pound per week to Mr. Fallon—and another pound per week to Mr. Kelly for profit—so that there can be no division of profit unless the weekly profits of the Argos exceed six pounds per week. The first payment of one pound per week to be made to Mr. Fallon on the first Saturday of publication.

Drogheda: 15th Sepr 1835.

*Present*

MICHAEL LEVINS.

THOMAS LYNCH.

PATK. KELLY.

L. FALLON.

Endorsed: "Memorandum of Agreement between Patk. Kelly & Lauc. Fallon."