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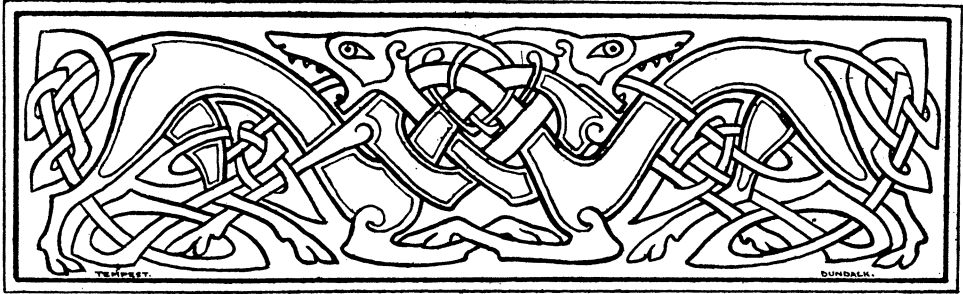
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From Journals of the House of Commons.

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A.D. 1613.

Summoned in Castle of Dublin 18 May, 1613 :—

County of Louth.	Christopher Verdon de Clonmore in Legibus eruditus armiger.	Richard Gernon de Stabanan.	
Town of Drogheda	John Blakeney, Alderman.	Roger Bealinge, Generosus.	
Borough of Athirdee	Barnebas Matthew.	Patrick Dowdall Fitzpatrick	} Generosi.
Town of Dundalk	William Cashell	Richard Ellis	
Borough of Carlingford	Marmaduke Whitechurch	Roger Hope	} Armigeri.

Journal H. C. I., Vol. I, p. 5.

ASSEMBLED 14 JULY, 10 CAR. I, 1635.

Drogheda	Thomas Pippard, Merchant. Richard Brice.
County of Louth	
Borough of Atherdee	
Borough of Carlingford	
Borough of Dundalk	Peter Clynton, Esq. Oliver Cashell, Esq.

A.D. 1635. First Parliament of Charles I. Burgesses of Corporations which are Post Towns :—

Dundalk	Peter Clynton, Esq. Oliver Cashell, Esq.
Drogheda	Thomas Peppard, Merchant. Richard Brice.

A.D. 1639. Second Parliament of Charles I, opened in Castle of Dublin 16th March, 1640 :—

Town of Drogheda	Thomas Peppard, Armiger. ¹ Richard Brice, Arm.
County of Louth	Christopher Bellew, Miles. John Bellew, Arm.
Borough of Carlingford	Joshua Carpenter, Arm. Bernard Sandes, Generosus.
Borough of Dundalk	Oliver Cashell Nicholas Smith, } Generosi.

N.B.—The High Sheriff did not return any Member for Athirdee, for which he was summoned before the House, 21 March, 1639, to appear within ten days. But no names are subsequently recorded as returned. Speaker's Warrant for electing and returning Members for Atherdee and other boroughs elsewhere renewed 21 Oct., 1640.

A.D. 1647. Assembled 26 March, 22nd Car. I., 1647. This appears to be the same as that assembled 1640 :—

Drogheda	Joshua Carpenter.
County of Louth	Philip Lord Lisle. ² Colonel Lawrence Crawford. ²
Borough of Carlingford	
Borough of Dundalk	

Assembled at Chichester House, 8th May, 1661 ; dissolved 8th August, 1666. Dissolution declared to both Houses by the Lord Chancellor on the 7th August.

Town of Drogheda	Moses Hill, Arm., Lieut.-Colonel. William Toxteth, Arm., Alderman.
County of Louth	Thomas Stanley, Miles. Henry Bellingham, Arm.

1.—Died 1640. New Writ ordered October 3rd, 1640.

2.—New,

Borough of George Rawden, Arm., Major, afterwards Miles and Baronet.
 Carlingford Edward Vernon, Arm.

Borough of Wolston Dixie, Arm.
 Dundalk Nicholas Combes, Arm.

Borough of { John Ruxton, Arm. ; dead.³
 Atherdee { John Chambers, Arm. ; dead.
 { Erasmus Smith, Arm. } Elected in
 { Richard Stephens, Arm. } their place.

Wm. Toxteth complained to the House that Arthur Dillon, late Sheriff of Meath, had dispossessed him of the castle, town and lands of Dollardstown, Co. Meath. Ordered to be inquired into 11 Dec., 1661.

Summioned and assembled at Dublin, October 5th, 1692 :—

Louth Sir William Tichborne, Knt.
 Thomas Bellingham, Esq.
 Borough of James Tisdall, Esq.
 Atherdee Henry Tichborne of Blessington, Esq.
 Borough of William Shaw, Esq.
 Dundalke Thomas Percival, Esq.
 Borough of Zaccheus Sedgwick, Esq.
 Carlingford Elnathan Lum, Esq.
 Borough of Robert Aylway, Esq.
 Dunleer Blayney Townley, Esq.

Prorogued to September 5th, 1693. Parliamēt dissolved before the appointed time by proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant.

Summioned at Dublin, 27th August, 1695 :—

County of Sir Henry Tichborne, Knt.
 Louth Thomas Bellingham, Esq.
 Borough of Brabazon Moore, Esq.
 Atherdee James Tisdall, Esq.
 Borough of Kilner Brazier, Esq.⁴
 Dundalke Thomas Percival, Esq., Alderman of Drogheda.
 Borough of Sir John Hanmer, Knt. and Bart.
 Carlingford Zaccheus Sedgwick, Esq., lately deceased.⁵
 Elnathan Lum, in place of Sedgwick.

3.—John Ruxton with two others accused of high treason, Nov. 4, 1665.
 Nov. 11.—He with Robert Shapcote, John Chambers, Thos. Boyd, Alex. Staples, Abel Warren and Thomas Scott summioned to make their defence at the bar of the House.
 Nov. 14.—Accused of the plot (1663) to surprise the Castle of Dublin and seize the person of the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant.
 Nov. 17.—They were expelled the House. Mr. Shapcote, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Scott and Mr. Ruxton were placed on their knees at the bar of the House and had their judgment pronounced. The other three had left town.

4.—Col. Kilner Brazier was member for Borough of Johnstone, Co. Donegal, next Parliament, 1703.

5.—Writ for new election ordered 30th August, 1695.

Borough of Blayney Townley, Esq.
 Dunleer Robert Allaway, Esq.
 Com. Vill Hon. Lord Charles Moore. †
 Drogheda Edward Singleton, Alderman.
 Dissolved June 14th, 1699.

Queen Anne's First Parliament. Summoned at Dublin, 21 Sept., 1703 :—

County of Right Hon. Charles Lord Moore.
 Town of Edward Singleton, Alderman, died in 1710.
 Drogheda John Graham, Esq., took oath and seat June 2, 1710.
 County Thomas Bellingham, Esq.
 of Henry Tenison, Esq., died in 1710.
 Louth Sir Henry Tichborne, Bart., took oath and seat June 2, 1710.
 Borough of James Tisdall, Esq.
 Ardee Robert Chambré, Esq.
 Borough of { Charles Deering, Esq.
 Carlingford { Arthur Hill,¹ Esq., died in August, 1704.
 { Ephraim Dawson, Esq., took oath and seat March 3, 1705 ; unseated
 { on petition March 10, 1705.
 { William Balfour, Esq., took oath and seat March 17, 1705.²
 Porough { Henry Bellingham, Esq.
 of { James Somerville, Esq., died.³
 Dundalke { Richard Tisdall, Esq., took oath and seat July 16, 1707.
 Borough of Stephen Ludlow, Esq.
 Dunleer Blayney Townley, Esq.
 Dissolved May 6th. 1713.

Queen Anne's Second Parliament. Summoned at Dublin, 25th Nov., 1713 :—

Co. of Town Henry Singleton, Esq., Recorder of Drogheda.
 of Drogheda John Graham, Esq.
 County of Richard Tisdall, Esq.
 Louth Stephen Ludlow, Esq.
 Borough of James Tisdall, Esq.
 Ardee Michael Tisdall, Esq.
 Borough of Henry Brooke, Esq.
 Dundalk Henry Bellingham, Esq.

1.—Ephraim Dawson returned in place of A. Hill.

2.—Mr. Balfour, Esq., returned in place of Eph. Dawson, re-elected on petition March 16, 1705.
 E. Dawson took the oath and subscribed the declaration, also oath of abjuration, 3 March, 1704-5.

FOR DAWSON.

FOR BALFOUR.

Lord Dungannon
 Christopher Moore
 Henry Bellingham
 &c.

3.—Richard Tisdall, Esq., returned in his room. Mr. James Leigh, 28th July, lodged a petition complaining of undue election, but withdrew it, August 5, 1707.

Borough of Brigadier-General Hans Hamilton.
 Carlingford James Stannus, Esq.

Borough of Blayney Townley, Esq.
 Dunleer Peter Ludlow, Esq.

Dissolved August 1st, 1714, by the death of Her Majesty Queen Anne.

First Parliament of George I. Summoned at Dublin, 12th November, 1715 :—

County of	{ Henry Singleton, Esq. John Graham, Esq., died before August 27, 1717. John Leigh, Esq., took oath and seat 9th Sept., 1717 ; expelled 17th September, 1717. Edward Singleton, Esq., took oath and seat 8th Nov. 1717, <i>v.</i> Leigh
Town of	
Drogheda	
County of	Hon. Robert Moore, Esq.
Louth	Richard Tisdall, Esq.
Borough of	Hon. William Moore, Esq.
Atherdee	Michael Tisdall, Esq.
Borough	{ James Hamilton, Esq. Called to the House of Lords as Viscount Limerick. Henry Brooke, Esq. Hon. Henry Morrison, ⁴ Esq., took oath and seat 13 July, 1719, <i>vice</i> Hamilton, died. James Tisdall, Esq., took oath and seat 5 Oct., 1721, <i>vice</i> Morrison.
of	
Dundalk	
Borough	{ Blayney Townley, Esq. James Stannus, Esq., died. Wm. Stannus, Esq., took oath and seat 9 Dec., 1721, <i>vice</i> J. Stannus.
of	
Carlingford	
Borough	{ Stephen Ludlow, died. Thomas Fortescue ; unseated on petition, 21 Dec., 1715. Richard Tenison. Blayney Townley ; unseated on petition 21st December, 1715. William Aston took oath and seat 15th Sept., 1721, <i>vice</i> Ludlow.
of	
Dunleer	

For the Parliament summoned to meet at Dublin, 12th November, 1715, a double return of Members was made for the Borough of Dunleer—viz., Stephen Ludlow and Thomas Fortescue, Esqrs., by one indenture : Richard Tenison and Blayney Townley, Esqrs., by another. The two former petitioned that they were duly elected and returned. This was read November 15th. The indentures and return were laid before the House next day, and on the 18th Mr. Hartley Hutchinson, Deputy Clerk of the Crown, was ordered to remove from the file the indenture by which Messrs. Tennison and Townley were returned.

The petition was inquired into, and the following resolutions laid before the House by the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and agreed to, 21 Dec., 1715 :—

1. That Stephen Ludlow is duly elected for Dunleer.
2. That Thomas Fortescue is not duly elected for Dunleer.
3. That Richard Tenison is duly elected for Dunleer.
4. That Blayney Townley is not duly elected.

4.—Spelt Morrison, pp. 486 (list of members) and 690 (list), but Henry Mervyn in record of taking seat, pp. 512 and 727,

The House also resolved that John Forster, Sovereign of Dunleer, had been guilty of several irregularities at this election, and he was summoned to be taken into custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, 26th Jan., 1718. He was brought to the Bar of the House and reprimanded by the Speaker.

First Parliament of George I. Summoned at Dublin 29th August, 1723 :—

Co. & Town Henry Singleton, Esq.
of Drogheda Edward Singleton, Esq.

First Parliament of George II. Summoned at Dublin 14th November, 1727, but date of meeting postponed to 28th November :—

County and Town of Drogheda	{ Henry Singleton, Esq. Called to the House of Peers as Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas. Francis Leigh, Esq., took oath and seat Nov. 11, 1741. William Graham, Esq. (Right Hon. after 1741), died. John Graham, Esq., took oath and seat November 7, 1749.
County of Louth	{ Faithful Fortescue, Esq., died. Henry Bellingham, Esq., took oath and seat October 26, 1741. William Aston, Esq., died. William Henry Fortescue, Esq., took oath and seat in October, 1745.
Borough of Atherdee	{ Robert Parkinson, Esq. Wm. Ruxton, Esq., took oath & seat Oct. 10, 1749 (<i>v.</i> Aston), died. John Ruxton, Esq., took oath and seat November 25, 1751. John Donnellan, Esq., died. Tichborne Aston, Esq., took oath and seat Oct. 16, 1741, died.
Borough of Dundalk	{ Thomas Fortescue, Esq. Hans Hamilton, Esq., died. John Hamilton took oath and seat September 23, 1729.
Borough of Carlingford	{ Robert Ross, jun., Esq. Henry Townley, Esq. (afterwards H. T. Balfour), died. John Macarell, Esq., took oath and seat October 28, 1741.
Borough of Dunleer	{ Francis North, Esq., died. Mr. Prime Sergt. Singleton elected to serve for Drogheda. Wm. Tenison, Esq., in room of Mr. Singleton ; died before May 3, 1728. Thos. Tenison, Esq., in room of Mr. Wm. Tenison, decd., took oath and his seat, Oct. 20, 1729, for the second session. Anthony Foster, Esq., in room of F. North, Esq., decd., took oath and his seat March 21, 1737.
Co. Louth	Thomas Tipping, sworn Nov. 13, 1755 (Henry Bellingham, died.).

Co. of Town of Drogheda Francis Leigh, Esq.
John Graham, Esq.

Co. Louth Henry Bellingham, Esq., died.
Thomas Tipping, sworn November 13, 1755.
Wm. Henry Fortescue, Esq.

Borough of	Robert Parkinson, Esq.
Atherdee	John Ruxton, Esq.
Borough of	Thomas Fortescue, Esq.
Dundalk	John Hamilton, Esq.
Borough of	Robert Ross, Esq.
Carlingford	John Macarell, Esq.
Borough of	Thomas Tenison, Esq.
Dunleer	Anthony Foster, Esq.

The First Parliament of King George II was remarkable for the number of petitions presented complaining of undue election. In the County of Louth there were the following :—

Co. Louth—William Aston petitioned Nov. 30, 1727, against Richard Tisdall, who was declared not duly elected.

Dunleer—James Forth petitioned December 1, 1727, against Francis North, but the latter was (Jan. 17) declared duly elected.

Carlingford—William Stannus petitioned Dec. 2, 1727, against ———— on the ground of bribery and corruption. The case was important. The House resolved that the witnesses were to be examined in the most solemn manner, Dec. 19, 1727.

Atherdee—Philip Tisdall petitioned Dec. 12, 1727, against ————. This petition was again presented October 16, 1729, in the second session, but was withdrawn October 24, 1729.

Members of Parliament from other sources :—

DROGHEDA.	CARLINGFORD.
Chas. Lord Moore (Wm. III & Anne), 1689-1714 ?	1785 R.H. Sir J. Blaquiére, K.B. Thomas Coghlan, Esq.
LOUTH COUNTY.	ATHERDEE.
1559. Nicholas Taaffe of Ballyragen.	1715. Wm. Moore of Ardee, v. Henry Moore of Ardee.
1738. Alan Bellingham, Esq.	1785 John Ruxton, Ardee. Charles Ruxton, Ardee.
1702-14. Robert Moore (Anne).	
17—. Faithful Fortescue, Corderry.	
17—. Anthony Foster.	
1768. John Foster, Speaker in 1785.	
1785 Rt. Hon. John Foster.	
Thos. J. Fortescue, Ravensdale.	
DUNDALK.	DUNLEER.
1785 R.H. Robt. Ld. Visct. Jocelyn. Hon. Geo. Jocelyn.	1785 John Wm. Foster of Rosy Park. Henry Coddington of Oldbridge. 1758. John Foster, afterwards M.P. Co. Louth.