

Special Meeting - 15th July 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on Friday 15th July 1904.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (presiding)
Other members :- Messrs. C. Hore, A. Kinsella, M. Murphy, James Sinnott, M. A. Ennis, J. Donohoe, C. H. Peacocke, John Bolger, M. Browne, M. J. Furlong, Lord Viscount Stopford H. M. G. John Sinnott, and J. Bolger.

The two latter Gentlemen, being the representatives of the Rural District Councils of Gorey and Enniscorthy respectively, and it being the first time they attended they subscribed the usual statutory declaration.

The Secretary, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council and Mr H. Webster, County Surveyor were in attendance.

Courtown Harbour.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, moved the following resolution:-

"That application be and is hereby made to the Local Government Board for Ireland for a Provisional Order in pursuance of section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 for transferring to the County Council of Wexford, the business arising in the County of the Commissioners of Courtown Harbour, under the Act of the 5th year of George IV cap CXXII, as amended by the Act of the 11th year of George IV cap CXXII as amended by the Act of the 1st year of William IV cap CXXI."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Mr Browne moved as an amendment: "That the resolution past at last meeting of the County Council be adhered to, and that we wait till the proposed conference on the Marine Works Bill, has been held,

before finally agreeing to take over Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Murphy seconded.

The following resolution from the Courtown Harbour Commissioners was laid before the meeting: "That we consent to the transfer of our powers under the Courtown Harbour Act 1824, and all rights and properties vested in us to the County Council, of the County Wexford and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Board and to the County Council."

After some discussion Mr. Brown consented to withdraw his amendment and the original motion of Sir Thomas A. G. Esmonde, was put and declared carried.

Mr. Murphy being the only dissentient

Mr. Ennis moved; Mr. Peacocke seconded and it was adopted: "That we delete from the report of Courtown Harbour Committee, paragraph 7 relating to suction dredgers and substitute therefor: "That in the event of the Government neglecting to provide effective appliances for the dredging of the fishery harbours of the County within a reasonable period - that the Co. Council take into consideration the advisability of providing either singly or in conjunction with one or more adjoining Counties one or two small suction dredgers for the purpose of dealing effectively in future with siltage in the fishery harbours of the County."

Edmund Stone