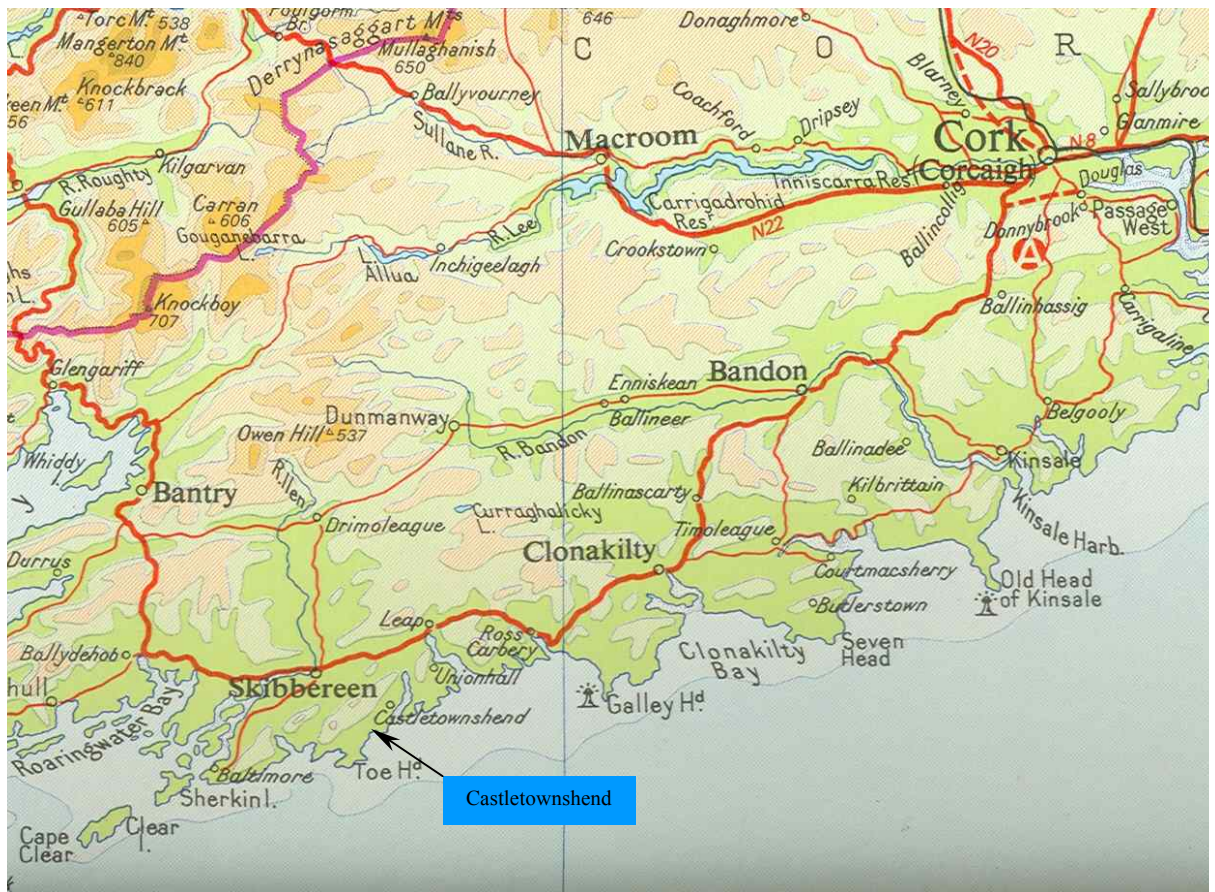


Geraldine Henrietta Townsend [252]



Castletownshend and St Barrahan's Church 1990



The Main Street



The Castle 1998



The harbour



Extracts from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Directory 1837

CASTLE-TOWNSEND, a village, in the parish of CASTLEHAVEN, East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (E.) from Skibbereen; containing 901 inhabitants. This village, which derives its name from Castle-Townsend, the seat of Col. Townsend (*Colonel John Townsend [230]*), is situated on the north side of the harbour of Castlehaven, and consists of one long street, with a shorter one diverging from it, comprising 150 houses, which are mostly small but well built. It contains the custom-house for the port of Baltimore, and is a coast-guard station in the district of Skibbereen, and a constabulary police station. It occupies a gentle declivity, which descends to the bay, and is well adapted for an extensive trade, but has none, except a little in fish. The harbour, which is half a mile wide, is well sheltered, and vessels of 500 tons' burden can anchor within the haven. There is a ferry to the opposite parish of Myross, affording a ready communication with the village of Union-Hall, on the harbour of Glandore. The fine seat of Castle-Townsend was attacked, in 1690, by about 500 Irish troops in the interest of Jas. II., under young O'Driscoll, who were so warmly received by the proprietor and a garrison of 35 men, that in two assaults they lost 40 of their number, with their commander and two other officers. It was attacked again, soon afterwards, by Mac Fineen O'Driscoll, at the head of 400 men, who, having slain five of its garrison of 30 dragoons compelled the rest to surrender. Col. Culliford subsequently retook the castle, after killing ten and capturing five of the Irish garrison. The elegant church of Castlehaven stands on a bold eminence above the village; and the parochial and infants' schools are also situated here. --See CASTLEHAVEN.

CASTLEHAVEN, a parish, in the East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (W.) from Skibbereen; containing 5619 inhabitants. This parish, anciently called *Glanbarrahane*, derived that name from a deep rocky glen dedicated to St. Barrahane, and its modern appellation from the castle that protected the haven. This parish is situated on the harbour of the same name, on the southern coast, and contains 10,421 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act, and valued at £6336 per annum. About two-thirds of the land are cultivated; the remainder is waste, consisting of high barren rocky ridges, or bog. Cultivation is principally performed by the spade, or the heavy old wooden plough. The harbour is more than half a mile in width, and is very secure and well sheltered: it is adapted for vessels drawing 10 feet of

water, which can lie about a quarter of a mile above Reen Head, with the rocks called the Stags in sight. The coast here is bold and picturesque, with several small islands lying off it, the principal of which are Horse Island and one called Blackrock. The Stags are three very conspicuous rocks lying four miles (S. W. 1/2 W.) from the entrance of the harbour; and Toe head is a broad promontory, between which and Gokane point is a small but well sheltered bay. The principal seats are Castle Townsend, the residence of Col. Townsend (*Colonel John Townsend [230]*); Point House, of R. B. Townsend (*Richard Townsend [221]*), Esq.; Drishane, of T. Somerville*, Esq.; Smithville, of T. Townsend (*Thomas Townsend [319]*), Esq.; and Shepperton, of M. Townsend (*Jonas Morris Townsend [222]*), Esq. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Ross, and in the alternate patronage of the Crown and the Bishop: the tithes amount to £600. The church is a large and very handsome edifice, with a lofty square tower supported by buttresses and crowned with pinnacles: it stands in the demesne of Castle Townsend, and was built in 1827, of hewn fawn-coloured freestone obtained from the quarries on Horse Island, at an expense of £1500, of which £1250 was granted by the late Board of First Fruits, and £250 was contributed by Col. Townsend [230]. There is an elegant glebe-house, standing on a glebe of 15 acres. The male and female parochial schools are in Castle Townsend, and are aided by the rector and Col. Townsend [230]. An infants' school was established there in 1835, and is supported by subscription. There are also four hedge schools and a Sunday school in the parish. The ancient castle, the walls of which are still visible near the mouth of the harbour, was built by the O'Driscolls, and subsequently belonged to the family of Touchet, of which George Touchet, Lord Audley, who had been governor of Utrecht, and was wounded at Kinsale in 1602, was created Earl of Castlehaven, in 1616: this title was enjoyed through five generations, but became extinct in 1777. Not far distant from the castle are the remains of the old church of Glanbarrahane; and near it is a well, dedicated to St. Barrahane, still frequented.

* *Somerville connections here at Elizabeth [225], Henrietta [234], Jonas Morris [237], John [316] and Mary [506].*

Transcript of a letter from Elise, wife of Samuel Townsend [443] to Aubrey Townsend concerning Geraldine's inheritance

[undated. black edged with printed address.]

147, Harley Street, W.

Dear Cousin Aubrey,

I had seen the death of Pip Mundy in the Morning post [1889]. It removes one Candidate for the Throne of Castle Townshend. And Gendes' (*Geraldine Townsend [252]*) position will now be materially altered as the two boys come in to 10 Thousand Pounds each a present from McKintock to her Stepfather(?) for his life, after which it was settled on his two boys. The Gel (*Geraldine?*) Pension also of about 600 a year ceases so Gendie will have to lower a flag. I had not heard of Mrs. Smith's (*Elizabeth [444]*) death, & thank you for the information as it enables me to write a letter of Condolence to her daughter who will now inherit the £10,000 my husband made over to his Sister. I believe she also came in to £6,000 at her Mother's death but Mrs. Stocco has eight children & Italians, particularly Garibaldians have little or nothing. I have copied the address on your letter but it was not very legible. I hope you are well this cold weather, which has killed a most Magnificent Persian Cat, that belonged to my darling brother & now I have no Pet & am longing for a little Toy black & Tan Terrier which must be small as I am not strong enough to carry anything heavy. My last was 18 years old when he died. Sam had such a Knack of picking out thoroughbreds.....I hope you have not had a return of faintness & take great care of yourself, Johnson's Bovril is very strength giving for those who cannot eat Meat. Always affectionally yours **E.F.T.**

Transcript of a letter from Geraldine to Edward Mansel Townsend [630] concerning the sale of Castletownshend

[black edged & embossed ' J.STONEMAN & CO. UNIQUE MOURNING No. 151358' /

4th. June 1897.

[embossed] Thornbury House, Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

Dear Mr. Townshend,

Many thanks. I must be short, because the second post by which your paid letter came leaves little time to reply by return. I will just take your letter as the subjects are in sequence. Ever since I refused Sir John Arnott's offer to buy the whole Estate for £70,000 which Mr. FitzGerald, through whom the offer came, thought Sir John would increase to £75,000 my Advisers have been trying to

raise a loan sufficient to buy off all encumbrances, many at 5 per cent, & to get a lump sum down at 4 ¼ per cent. The Drapers Co. entertained & detained all legal documents finally declining - then came two other assurance Co's. - tried for by Mr. FitzGerald & Mr. Pride (Clerk to our Solicitors Messrs. Paul & Kitcat, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. Lastly until this week Mr. Charles Loftus Townshend (*[5C01]*), 15 Molesworth St. Dublin had hoped through a Capitalist friend of his - finally declined as he required the security of the whole of the Kerry Estate (about 8,000 acres) & only half is at my disposal, the other half is settled after my sister's Marriage Settlement of £4,000 on the Estate to her appointment among her children Courtenay Robert Percy, Evelyn Mary Geraldine, (Mrs. Hugh Gillett) & Sydney Charles FitzPatrick Vernon. She therefore cannot help nor would she if she could, as the Cork Estate goes to our nephews Maurice (*[263]*) & Hubert (*[264]*) & failing them & their children - it reverts absolutely to me, as I am my Father's residuary legatee, & he did not settle his Cork Estate on his younger daughters children. - Her horror of my brother's (*Henry [251]*) marriage at 38 (after repeated attacks of delirium tremens) with Miss Hussey de Burgh of 18 years old - & their subsequent conduct & the behaviour of my brother's widow - makes her not willing even to make the acquaintance of these two young men Maurice & Hubert. - She would do nothing to help them - their very name is as a red rag to a bull. My Father settled the Castletownshend Estate on each of them in succession. Besides they have Miss St. Lawrence's £5,000 (for I had to raise the money to pay it off) & Hubert has Shepperton bringing in at least £100 a year. Thanks to you then by your statement Maurice has this further sum of £2,000 from Mr. Paine T. (*Horace Payne Townsend [5D12]*) of Harley Place. I am afraid my offer to sell to the Knight of Kerry will not be accepted. If he bought my half of the Kerry Estate for £17,000 it would leave me enough to buy in the Mansion & demesne of Castle T. say Lots 87, 88 & 89 - & if these took £10, or £12,000 even there would be something left for me to sink into an Annuity & so prevent the loss of the £600 I usually receive every year from Castletownshend. Hitherto the Estate has been a White Elephant on which as my husband had £2,000 a year of his own, I never felt the deprivation of a sixpence. He refurnished the Castle & helped me in every way, though his two sons would never benefit by anything of mine. This brings me to your nomination of trustees in the Event of a Syndicate!! I should object to any body being troubled not of our name. Not even Col. Somerville whose Mother's £5,000 enabled his father to buy the Castlehaven estate (when in the Encumbered Estates Court) & which bring, them in an income of £700 a year. Mrs. Somerville was my Father's elder sister. Miss St. Lawrence had £300 a year the good interest of her £5,000 from the date of her Father's death in 1827 - to her own in 1885. Besides which she & Grandmama (*Henrietta [219]*) lived rent free at the Castle, & had the home farm which brings me in £180 a year at their disposal until Grandmama died in the winter of 1849 & my Aunt (*Elizabeth [235]*) then aged 58 married the Rev. R.K.St. Lawrence in September 1850. I repeat nobody not of our name Townshend would I tolerate as trustees in this affair & would prefer the Estate being knocked down, to the highest bidder. We have been givers not receivers all our lives. I even gave Hubert £5 a month until my Aunt's money had to be raised & I then paid off £5,000 to Maurice's trustees. Certainly not Sir Jocelyn Coghill or anybody not of the name of Townshend should enter into this affair. They say the demesne & Mansion ought to fetch £6 - 7 - 8 - 9 or even £10, to £12,000. It brings me in an occasional sum letting it, as we did when the Railway were at Dunmanway (17 miles off) for £200 a year. Now it is well furnished it ought with the shooting to be at least worth £225 a year. Sir H. Becher offered me £50, a year for the shooting alone. But times have not improved in letting. Mr. Sykes has taken the Castle for seven guineas a week for six weeks from the 15th. June. This is to give you an idea of value. I lend the shooting to Hubert now, in return for his acting as my sub agent at the Castle & when it is unlet, I allow him rooms there. I am very fond of him, he is charming. His brother is so very retiring, & never came near me when I was at Castletown in 1895 - that I hardly can make up my mind whether he is very odd or very delicate or what. Their Mother I have ceased to know since my Father died, & she made away by selling all the heirlooms of Chavenage her husband's (my poor brother's place) 18 miles from Thornbury. Nugent can see anything I have written. Send this on to him. Hubert is in England doing his best I have no doubt to save the worst from happening, & I have all confidence in Mr. Charles Loftus Townshend, 15 Molesworth St. Dublin. Yrs. very sincerely G.H.T.Mundy.

**Transcript of a letter from Samuel Nugent Townsend [432] to Edward Mansel Townsend [630]
concerning the sale of Castletownshend**

7th June 1897

Brunswick Lodge, Kew, London.

My dear Edward,

I was glad to get your letter this morning with Mrs. Mundy's to be re-enclosed herewith. I also had a letter from her by the same post. All the branches of the family having property in Cork have been hit so often and so hard by the Land Commissioners since 1870, that I don't believe even five of them have £1,000 each that they could invest. Your figures appear to be accurate on the basis of the whole being £5,000 a year, but I fear taxes & rates have to be deducted to the extent of nearly £1,000 a year, leaving a nett £4,000 which at 17 years purchase would be £68,000 thus leaving only a margin of £3,000 after the sale. It is at any rate clear that Maurice & Hubert could if they wished put in £7,000 to join with Mundy in the purchase of the Demesne, and if they, the next heirs will not move in the matter effectively they can scarcely expect the remoter branches to pinch themselves in the matter, even if pinching ourselves would avail, which Mrs Mundy appears to agree with and it would not. Hubert perhaps has some offer from Maurice to Mrs. Mundy; I hope so, for I see no other effective combination possible. Ever yrs. S. Nugent Townshend

**Transcript of a letter from Geraldine to Edward Mansel Townsend [630] concerning the sale of
Castletownshend**

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August 6th. 1897.

[embossed] Thornbury House, Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

Dear Mr. Townshend,

You must imagine me reading those very touching verses in the West Cork Eagle which could have escaped my notice had you not told me of them & sent the Copy which I return. I am much disappointed that Hubert has returned to Ireland without a word more to me than a curt telegram to say he had arrived there! Skibbereen on the Post Mark! I cannot, therefore, go into the matter of a Compromise with Madame de Bunsen & her Son-in-law, regarding furniture & heirlooms. It is all too detestable. I should have thought that Gentlemen when they knew the widowed owner, at all events, besought a postponement to November of the Sale (in June) which postponement was granted to the little agricultural tenants that Gentlemen would have abstained from "bidding" & so without a bid "Lot 87" would have been withdrawn! But no - it only egged on Mr. Chavasse & Mr. Somerville & agent to try their miserable luck & they only retired when Mr. C.L.Townshend out bid them by some hundreds when the home of my Father was knocked down to the Collateral kinsman for £14000 - being well worth from £15000, to £20,000. Mrs. Sykes was my Summer tenant at £7 guineas a week. She now pays 10/6 a day to me & 10/6 to Madame de Bunsen to "square" us equally and until my furniture & the heirlooms are removed, the house would be of little use to the present "owners"! - I hear she wants £5,000 for the Chateau on the Rhine, & then to take up her abode at Castletown. Meantime her own people are dead against her purchase voting it a White Elephant, as C.L.T. is a land agent in Dublin & cannot live in Co. Cork. Send me your photo in return for mine. Yrs. very sincerely G.H.T.M.

Sale of the Castletownshend Estate

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND. CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES, COUNTY OF CORK.

SALE ON FRIDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1897.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GERALDINE HENRIETTA TOWNSEND MUNDY, OWNER;
EX PARTE ROBERT STAYNER HOLFORD, PETITIONER.

Continued in the names of
GEORGE LINDSAY HOLFORD and the Right Honorable ALBERT EDMUND, Earl of Morley,
Executors of the said Robert Stayner Holford, as Petitioners.

THE CASTLETOWNSEND ESTATE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Ross.
At his Court, Land Judges, Inns quay, in the City of Dublin,
ON FRIDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1897,

At 12 o'clock noon,
The following Fee-Simple Estate, Fee-Farm Rents, and Premises, including Head Rents payable out of premises in the Town of Skibbereen and Village of Castletownsend:—

LOT No. 1—The Lands of Baurgorm, containing 615a. 3r. 5p. statute measure, situate in the Barony of West Carbery, and County of Cork, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £108 7s. 0d.

The Government tenement valuation is £98 5s. 0d.

LOT No. 2—Part of the Lands of Cappaghmore, containing 381a. 0r. 5p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £113 13s. 10d.

The Government tenement valuation is £88 5s.

LOT No. 3—Part of the Lands of Lissydonnell, containing 222a. 2r. 4p. statute measure, and part of the Lands of Cappaghmore, containing 1r. 32p. statute measure, both situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £43 9s. 6d.

The Government tenement valuation is £34 10s.

LOT No. 4—The Lands of Murrabin, containing 132a. 0r. 7p. statute measure; the Lands of Murrabin North, containing 214a. 0r. 2p. statute measure, and part of the Lands of Lissydonnell, containing 1a. 0r. 17p. statute measure, all situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £68 6s. 8d.

The Government tenement valuation is £82 10s.

LOT No. 5—Part of the Lands of Lisheenacrehig, containing 195a. 1r. 25p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £49 9s.

The Government tenement valuation is £48.

LOT No. 6—The Lands of Rossard, containing 63a. 2r. 6p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The annual rental of this Lot is £24 10s.

The Government tenement valuation is £19 5s.

LOT No. 7—Part of the Lands of Skeagh, containing 551a. 1r. 33p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross annual rental of this Lot is £128 4 10

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 9 15 4

Net annual rental £118 9 6

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £124 15s.

LOT No. 8—Part of the Lands of Drummig, containing 411a. 2r. 23p. statute measure, and the Lands of Lisheenapingina, containing 92a. 0r. 36p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross annual rental of this Lot is £159 17 6

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 14 17 3

Net annual rental £145 0 3

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £170 5s.

LOT No. 9—Part of the Lands of Drummig, containing 62a. 0r. 15p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross rental of this Lot is £21 10 0

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 1 10 0

Net annual rental £20 0 0

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £21.

LOT No. 10—Part of the Lands of Lissanoochig, containing 105a. 2r. 16p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross rental of this Lot is £45 0 0

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 4 12 0

Net annual rental £40 8 0

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £51 10s.

LOT No. 11—Part of the Lands of Lissanoochig, containing 80a. 0r. 12p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross rental of this Lot is £42 0 0

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 4 5 0

Net annual rental £37 15 0

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £47 10s.

LOT No. 12—Part of the Lands of Lissanoochig, containing 128a. 1r. 27p. statute measure, situate in the same barony and county, held in fee-simple.

The gross rental of this Lot is £51 0 0

Deduct lay impropriate tithe rent charge 5 4 2

Net annual rental £45 15 10

The Government tenement valuation of this Lot is £55.

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Lisheenmpingina, Lissanoohig, Labertidaly Curragh, and Marsh, and extend in an unbroken line from the Town of Skibbereen for some miles to the north and north-west.

Lot 14 consists of an absolutely secured fee-farm rent of £194s. 1d., issuing out of the Lands of Derreendangan, containing 212a. 3r. 12p. statute measure, within about a mile of the Town of Skibbereen.

Lot 16 consists of part of the Lands of Marsh, immediately adjoining the Town of Skibbereen, and the Railway Station is on this Townland.

Lot 17 consists of a perpetual yearly rent of £57, payable out of part of the said Lands of Marsh and two other small holdings.

CORONEA AND TOWN OF SKIBBEREEN.

A large part of the Town of Skibbereen is built on the Townland of Coronea, and a number of the leases reserving the well-secured head rents for sale in this matter will fall in in about 52 years, and the purchasers will be entitled to the reversions. The Parish Church of Abbeystrowry is on the property, as also the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, and the National Schools of Abbeystrowry.

The Town Commissioners have constructed waterworks, and the town is well supplied with water for domestic purposes, and is lighted with gas. The Gas Company were granted premises at a nominal rent by the late owner for the benefit of the town.

Lot 18 consists of agricultural holdings and town parks on the Lands of Coronea, adjoining the town, and is held by 16 tenants.

Lots 19 and 20 are other parts of the Lands of Coronea, and each consists of one tenant's holding.

Lot 21 consists of an absolutely secured fee-farm rent of £14 16s., issuing out of part of the same Lands of Coronea, containing 87a. 3r. 3p.

Lot 22—A portion of the Town is built on this Lot, and the remainder of the Lot consists of town parks, all held by one tenant, who has a valuable interest in his holding.

Lot 23 is a head rent issuing out of other part of the Lands of Coronea and premises in the town of Skibbereen.

Lot 24 consists of head and other secured rents payable out of premises in Upper Bridge street, town of Skibbereen, some unlet building ground in hand, and part of the lands of Coronea, and is in an improving part of the town near the Railway Station.

LOTS 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 40, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, and 55, consist of valuable head rents, payable out of premises in the town of Skibbereen, and are really first-class investments for purchasers desirous of acquiring that class of security.

LOTS 25, 27, 37, 41, 42, 43, 51, 52, and 54 are well-secured head rents of smaller amounts suitable for smaller investments.

LOTS 29, 31, 33, 38, 46, 56, and 57 are also well-secured head rents, payable out of premises in the town of Skibbereen.

Lot 44 is Abbeystrowry Church.

Lot 45 includes the Market and Fair Green and Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.

LOTS 58 and 59 adjoin Coronea, and extend from thence to the sea on the south, and are held by 40 agricultural tenants.

LOTS 60, 61, and 62, are contiguous to Skibbereen, and are held by 13 agricultural tenants.

LOTS 63 to 72, inclusive, are contiguous to Skibbereen and extend to the Village of Castletownsend, on the east, and form a large tract of country; they are held by 81 agricultural tenants.

CASTLETOWNSEND.

The situation of Castletownsend is charming, and the small harbour with its quay and boat piers is considered the safest and most sheltered on those coasts, and is much resorted to, and for yachting, cycling, and other pleasure pursuits it is a delightful place of residence, there being also good hunting in the season.

There are a number of gentlemen residing with their families in the village and its vicinity, and their villa residences enhance the attractions of the place.

Lot 73 consists of the Townland of Cooldurragha, which is held by agricultural tenants, and is contiguous to Castletownsend.

Lot 74 is a very valuable head rent, payable by Colonel Somerville, of Drishane House, part of the grounds being included in the Lot. The house and grounds of Glen Barrahan, the residence of Sir John Jocelyn Coghill, Bart., and other gentlemen's residences are also on this Lot.

Lot 75—This is also a very valuable Lot, and consists of the head rent payable out of the residence called "Tally-Ho," and grounds attached. The reversion in these premises on the falling in of the lease, which will occur within the next 11½ years is very valuable.

LOTS 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86 consist of head rents payable out of premises in the Village of Castletownsend. In all cases the rents are purely head rents, and in many of them where the leases have dropped or are on the eve of dropping out, a large increase in the value will accrue to the purchaser.

Lot 87 consists of the Mansion House and Demesne Lands attached thereto, and other Lands adjoining. As before mentioned, it has been the family residence of the Townsends for a very long period. The mansion house is a suitable residence for a gentleman, and so desirable a place is seldom in the market. It is provided with water laid into the house, with modern bathroom, w.c.'s, &c., all in good order, and coachhouse, stables, and other out-offices. The garden contains over an acre, and is walled in. The woods surrounding it are vastly superior to any others in that part of the country, and there is good shooting with wild deer in the upper part of the demesne and woods. The timber on this lot is valued at £925.

For rentals and further particulars apply at the Office of the Land Judges, Dublin, or to

BARRINGTON & SON,

SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS HAVING CARRIAGE OF SALE,

No. 10 ELY PLACE DUBLIN.

THE CASTLETOWNSEND ESTATE.

SALE IN THE LAND JUDGES COURT.

The Castletownsend Estate was put up for auction in the Land Judge Court on Friday afternoon. 87 lots were offered for sale, of which the following were sold:—

A fee-farm rent of £19 4s 1d per annum, issuing out of the lands of Derreendangan, containing 212a 3r 17p. Sold for £420 to Rev Jackson Sherrard, Banagher.

A perpetual yearly rent of £57, issuing out of part of the lands of Marsh, containing 75a 2r 32p statute measure, and part of the lands of Marsh, containing 5a 3r 23p, statute measure. Purchased by James Wolfe, Bantry, for £1,200.

Other part of the said lands of Coronea and premises on the Mardyke, of Skibbereen, containing 32a 3r 6½p statute measure, held in fee-simple. Purchased by Rev G R Sweetman, Skibbereen, for £685.

A fee-farm rent of £14 16s 6d per annum, containing 87a 3r 33p, statute measure. R Fitzgerald, Tralee, £340.

Head and other rents, premises in Bridge street, Upper Skibbereen, and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 3a 0r 31½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. J Travers Wolfe in trust for W W Wolfe, Skibbereen, £560.

A head rent of £19 17s 6d per annum, premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 1a 0r 13½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. J Wolfe, Bantry, £450.

Head rents out of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 6½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. R Fitzgerald, Tralee, £520.

Head rents of premises adjoining Mardyke and Townsend street, Skibbereen, and part of lands of Coronea, containing in all 8a 1r 27p, statute measure, held in fee simple. J T Wolfe, in trust for James S Wolfe, Skibbereen, £565.

Head rents of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, and parts of lands of Coronea, containing 0a 2r 35½p, statute measure, held in fee simple. Rev G B Sweetman, Skibbereen, £660.

Head rents of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, and part of lands of Coronea, containing 0a 3r 39p, statute measure, held in fee simple. T Downes, in trust for T H Marmion, Cappoquin, £655.

Head rents of premises in Bridge street and Hen street, Skibbereen, and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 2r 27p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. J Wolfe, Bantry, £610.

A head rent of £20 per annum for premises on Mardyke, Skibbereen and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 1a 2r 3p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. T Downes, in trust for D Hurley, Skibbereen, £455.

A head rent of £3 8s 6d per annum for premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen and part of the said lands of Coronea, containing 1½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. Same purchaser.

Head rents of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen and part of the lands of Coronea, containing 2½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. W Wolfe, £395.

Head rents of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, part of lands of Coronea, containing 1r 4p statute measure, held in fee-simple. Rev G B Sweetman, Skibbereen, £685.

A head rent of £4 13s 9d per annum of premises in Bridge street, Skibbereen, part of the lands of Coronea, containing 17½p, statute measure, held in fee-simple. W H Corker, in trust for Miss Hodnet Beamish, Grattan's Hill Cork £105.

A perpetual yearly rent of 1s out of the Cattle Market, Skibbereen, rents out of other premises in Bridge street and Mardyke in Skibbereen. T Downes, in trust for Skibbereen Town Commissioners, £120.

A head rent of £8 per annum out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. T S Wolfe, in trust for Mrs K M Wolfe, £150.

Head rents out of Bridge street and Mardyke, Skibbereen. S Wolfe, in trust for John O'Sullivan, Skibbereen, £445.

A head rent out of £10 per annum out of premises in Bridge street and Townshend street, Skibbereen. T Downes, in trust for Jeremiah Crowley, £215.

A head rent of £10 5s per annum out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. T Wolfe, in trust for Mrs Anne Stacey, £200.

Head rents out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. J T Wolfe, £200.

Head rents out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. Jonas Wolfe, Bantry, £416.

Head rents out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. Jonas Wolfe, £65.

A head rent of £13 10s per annum out of premises in Townshend street and Mardyke, Skibbereen. J H Enright, £285.

Head rents out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. J T Wolfe, Skibbereen, £400.

Head rents out of premises in Townshend street, Skibbereen. T Downes, in trust for the tenant, £435.

A head rent of £47 13s 8d per annum, payable out of part of the lands of Castletownsend, containing 19a 1r 11½p statute measure, with the houses and premises thrown in, Castletownsend. John M'Sweeney, Kingstown, £1,145.

A head-rent of £55 14s per annum, payable out of other part of the lands of Castletownsend, containing 1a 3r 11½p, statute measure, and the houses and premises brought in Castletownsend, held in fee-simple. Mr Collins, in trust for Mr Baxter, Castletownsend, £305.

A head rent of £5 5s per annum out of other parts of the lands of Castletownsend, containing 5a 2r 21p, statute measure, with the houses and premises thereon, held in fee-simple. Mr J B Fisher, in trust for Colonel Coghill, Castletownsend, £110.

Houses and premises in the village of Castletownsend, held in fee-simple. Mr Collins, in trust for Mr Townsend, the tenant in tail, £225.

Head rent of £3 1s10d per annum out of other parts of the lands of Castletownsend held in fee simple. Mr Collins, in trust for Mr Townsend, £65.

Head rent of houses and premises in Castletownsend. Mr Collins in trust for Messrs Hennessy Brothers, £760.

Head rent £1 9s per annum out of house and premises in Castletownsend, held in fee-simple, Jonas Wolfe, Bantry, £30.

A head rent of £10 per annum out of premises in Castletownsend, same purchaser, £200.

Demesne lot, consisting of part of the town and lands of Castletownsend, including the mansion house and demesne and Rodger's Island and Cat Island, and premises in the village of Castletownsend, containing in all 279a 3r 3½p, statute measure; the annual rental and estimated value of this lot is £588 1s 8d; the Government tenement valuation is £688. Purchased by Messrs Whitney & Moore in trust for Mr C L Townsend for £14,000.

Messrs Barrington & Son, who had carriage of the sale, obtained leave to receive private offers for the lots unsold.

Messrs Wm Roche & Sons appeared for the owners.

Over £31,000 has been realised on to the

on the contrary, Catholics will be given the power to obtain, after their own methods, and as they consider best, the highest forms of education to which their own people are entitled, and the worthy traditions of Ireland for learning and culture.

THE SALE OF THE TOWNSHEND ESTATE.

Such events as the sale of a great landed property, such as that of the Castletownsend estate, cannot but be regarded with feelings of a very mixed description. By nature, and although possessing in common with all peoples of Celtic origin, an intense desire to be land owners, the Irish are, curiously enough, and in strange contradiction to the occurrences of recent years, a remarkably conservative people, strangely tenacious of old customs and old habits of thought, and staunch admirers of ancient, aristocratic families, and of pedigrees dating back to periods lost in the dim distance of long past centuries. With such characteristics, and holding unconsciously to the traditions which have grown to be part of their national character, it was long ere the sons of Irish soil revolted against a system of landlordism, which, taken as a great whole, had come to be despotic and unjust to the very last degree, and which, in any other land, would in far less time have brought about a state of affairs nothing short of being absolutely revolutionary. And even, when—driven at last to desperation by rack-rents, and similar injustices, with their attendant evils of direct poverty, emigration, and famine—Irish agriculturists rose in their misery, and by means of the terrible Land Agitation demanded fair play and fair rents, it is true that where, as was the case in a few instances, fair play and fair rents were already theirs, agricultural tenants were perfectly willing to remain tenants, and to make no move that would disturb the existing state of affairs, and that with them, good landlords meant satisfied and very peaceable tenants. And amongst these good landlords it is but simple justice to include the owners of the estate which last week passed, for the most part, out of the hands of those who, though they were proprietors of a large and important district, which includes both agricultural and town holdings, passed through the troublous days of the Land war, when lives were daily taken by men grown mad with poverty and suffering, unscathed, and safe in the affectionate esteem of the descendants of those who for hundreds of years had been the tenants of the TOWNSHENDS. And when, added to the fact that the TOWNSHENDS have been good, and kind, and just landowners, is that of their being one of the most ancient and most aristocratic families in the country, it is little wonder that a strong sense of regret should make itself felt that exigencies should have arisen which made it necessary that the estate should change hands. But as this

necessity did arise, and the change was inevitable, and as private ownership in the land is still an existing fact, it is a matter for rejoicing that the estate has passed into the hands of the tenants, and not into the keeping of strangers, and that, at the same time, an entire severance of the old connection has been avoided through the purchase of the demesne and the beautiful old castle by COLONEL TOWNSHEND and another representative of the family—a purchase which has given universal satisfaction. But there is yet another cause for pleasurable feelings in connection with the transfer of the estate, and that is the important part played in the whole matter by the MOST REV. DR. KELLY, Bishop of Ross, whose minute knowledge of the great Land Question—a subject he has studied closely—rendered him particularly well qualified to take part in the matter. With characteristic energy, and a complete absence of ostentation, he took on himself the difficult task of seeing that all the business details supplied for the tenants were in proper form, acting as their adviser and friend with an impartiality and broad-mindedness that has raised him higher than ever in the good opinion of all denominations in his diocese, while his undisguised desire that the sale should go no further than financial matters made absolutely necessary, and his sympathetic wish that the demesne and castle should remain in the TOWNSHEND family proved him to be a man of sterling honour and rigid justice. Of the individual purchasers it would be impossible to speak, beyond mentioning that perhaps the most important buyer was MR. JONAS WOLFE, of Bantry, who has become the owner of Drishane and Glencurragh, two charming residences situated in the pretty village of Castletownsend and in Skibbereen, respectively. For the rest, we can but add that with the tenants, or rather we should say the proprietors, of the estate it now rests to show to the world that it is advisable they should be the owners of their holdings, and that the Irish agriculturalist is worthy and capable of being his own landlord.

THE CORK 'BUS QUESTION.

The City Fathers of beautiful Cork have, in their day and generation, done many funny things; but, perhaps, the silliest of all their silly acts is the apparent desire to throw impediments in the way of one of the most useful enterprises that the citizens could be favoured with. We allude to the 'bus service started by MR. DESMOND. Week after week this subject seems to come before the Corporation, and week after week these intelligent gentlemen put off the consideration of the question, for what object no man in his senses can divine, unless it be to prove beyond all doubt that the Corporation is utterly incapable of conducting its business as all such bodies perform their duty in