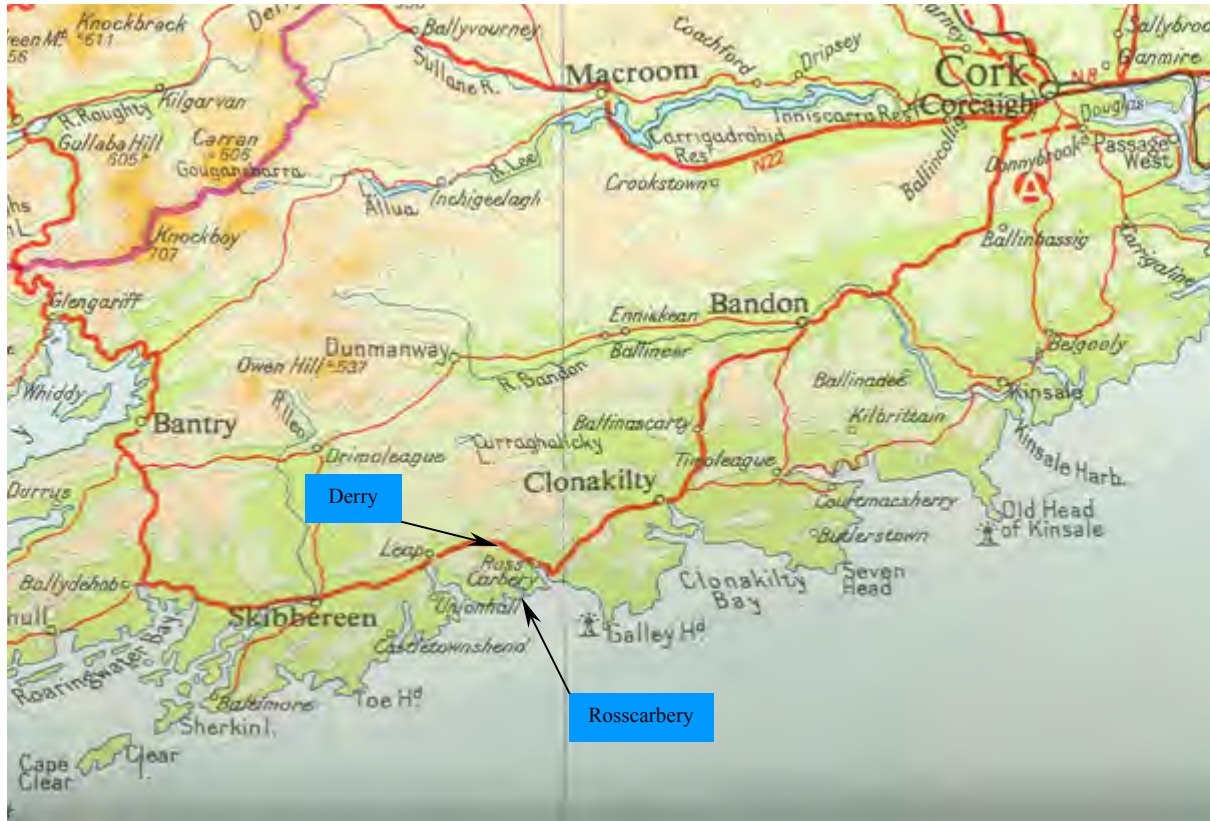


Thomas Hungerford Townsend [502]



Painting of Derry House



Derry ca 1900
Courtesy of the National Library of Ireland



St Fachtna's, Rosscarbery



AT a numerous Meeting of the Gentlemen of the city and county of **CORK**, assembled at the King's Arms Tavern, for the purpose of associating together to assist the Civil Magistrates in the execution of the Laws, held on the 15th day of November, 1792,

The Right Worshipful **HENRY PUXLEY, Esq;** Mayor of Cork,
in the Chair.

Resolved, That in consequence of the repeated interruption of the peace of the county of the city of Cork, and county of Cork, and the violent outrages committed by a certain description of men called **WHITEBOYS**; and the disposition which they still manifest to continue their attacks on the lives and properties of the inhabitants of said counties.

We, whose names are annexed, anxious for the due execution of the laws, are of opinion that a society, under the denomination of the **HANOVER ASSOCIATION**, should be immediately formed, for the purpose of giving the magistrates every assistance in our power, whenever they may think it necessary to call on us.

Resolved, That the Right Hon. the Earl of Shannon is hereby appointed President—the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Vice-President—Sir Henry Brown Hayes, Knt. Treasurer—and Benjamin Hayes, Esq; Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a subscription shall be entered into by the Members of this Association, for the purpose of procuring information, and carrying on prosecutions, where the means of the aggrieved parties are insufficient, and for other contingent expences.

Resolved, That such of our members as may not deem it incompatible with their particular situations, will immediately provide themselves with proper arms to assist the magistrates when called on.

HENRY PUXLEY, Chairman.

Abraham Morris, Esq; being called to the Chair,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Meeting are hereby given to the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Cork, for his spirited exertions as a Magistrate, on a late occasion, and for his proper conduct in the Chair this day.

Signed by order,

BENJAMIN HAYES, Sec.

AT a General Meeting of the Members of the
HANOVER ASSOCIATION, held at the King's Arms
 Tavern, the 7th day of December, 1791;

The Rt. Hon. the EARL of SHANNON in the Chair,

Resolved, That we will pay the sum of Fifty Pounds to any person or persons, who shall within twelve months give such private information to the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, as shall lead to the discovery and apprehending of any one or more of that description of men called White-boys, provided, such person or persons shall be capitally convicted.

Resolved, That we will pay the sum of Fifty Pounds to the person or persons who shall first prosecute to conviction any one of such offenders, and Twenty Pounds for each and every of the next three, who shall be so convicted.

Resolved, That we will pay the sum of Ten Pounds to any person or persons who shall prosecute to conviction each, and every of the first three persons who have been, or shall be guilty of any misdemeanors, under the Act passed in the 27th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to prevent tumultuous risings."

Resolved, that the members of this association pledge themselves to each other and to the public, that so far as they may have power over their tenantry, they will not continue under them any person or persons who shall be hereafter guilty of being in any respect concerned or engaged in any disturbances which may be committed by the above description of people.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, being called to the Chair—

Resolved unanimously, That our sincere thanks are hereby given to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shannon, for the unvaried attention, which at all times, and in all situations he has manifested for the peace and happiness of the county and city of Cork.

Charles Beamish, clk.	Henry Cox	Shannon, President
Robt. Travers, Ban-	Robert Hutchinson	Cerk and Orrery
don	Adam Newman	Middleton
Robt Harding, M. D.	Ed. S. Townsend, clk.	Doneraile
Horatio Townsend, cl	Ed. Hoare	Richard, Cloyne
Nichs. Colthurst	Benjamin Hayes	Rogerson Cutter
George Jack	Rich. Smith, Ballina-	Henry Puzly, Mayor
Sam. P. Townsend	trea	of the city of Cork
Forster Archer, clk.	Robert Strettle	James Sadler
Michael Busted	Francis Orpen, clk.	Thos. Dorman
John Smyth, Ballina-	John Devonsher	} Six of of diplo
trea	Thos. Harding, sett.	
Samuel Townsend,	William Baldwin	Francis Bernard
Whitehall	Thos. Browne	Robt. Warren, Bt.
George Dunscomb	Thos. Harding, jun.	N. C. Colthurst, Bt.
Rich. Digby	Robert Travers	James L. Cotter, Bt.
Grice Smith	Benjamin Hayes, jun.	Joseph Hoare, Bt.
James Boyce	John Shaw	Henry Manuix, Bt.
Thos. Robinson	Francis Busted	Eman. Moore, Bt.
		John Erskine, Dean

George Beamish	John Travers	of Cork
Ed. Allen	Richard Lawton	John Barry, Dean of
Sam. Wright	Wm. Meade	Elphin
Tho. Breviter, clk.	Rowland Smyth	Ed. Deane Freeman
Rob. Uniacke, Lodge	Morgan Donovan	Abraham Morris
Richard Meade, clk.	Wm. Harrington	Augustus Warren
John Foster	John Colthurst, Drip-	Rich. B. Townsend
Robt. Gumbleton	sey	John Gilman, Kt.
Wm. Leader	Rich. Uniack, Mal-	Henry Browne Hayes,
Philip Allen	low	Kt.
James Hingston, clk.	Sam. Swete	John Townsend
Richard Newenham	Charles Evanfon	Wm. Connor, Lismore
James Fratt, clk.	John Meade	Charl. Brderrick, clk.
Robt. Hedges	Robt. Meade, clk.	James Uniack, Mt.
William Spread	James Colthurst	Uniack
Henry Newenham	John Wrixon	James St. Leger, clk.
John Bullen	Sampson Jervois,	Barry St. Leger
Michael R. Westropp	Bandon	Bioderick Chinnery
Wm. Colthurst, Cove	George Rogers	William Crook

Thomas Coppinger	John Purcell	Rob. Atkins, Water-
George Rye	Thomas Warren	park
Francis Cottrel	John Warren, Crook-	Henry Newman, clk.
Edward Delany, clk.	town	Walter C. Williams
Richard Sealy Townf-	John Lawless, clk.	Charles Ferguson
end	Edward Warren	Henry Bagnell
Charles Beamish, clk.	Thomas Townsend	William Warren
Richard Ashe	Robt. Warren, clk.	John Pyne
William Ashe	Edward Warren	Nathaniel Evanfon
Daniel Connor, Bal-	Rob. Warren, Kinfale	W. O'Halloran, M. D.
lybricken	Wm. Lyfaght, Mt.	Sackville Cotter, clk.
Rowland Jackson O'	North	Thomas Ware, jun.
Connor	Robt. Warren, Mt.	Richard M'Guire
Ben. Barter, Annagh	Warren	John Swete
George Bishop	John Dennis	Daniel Perdriau
John Kenny, clk.	Joseph Dennis	John Colthurst, Cove
Joseph Haynes	James O'Brien	Edward Kenny, clk.
Michael Greene	Redmond Uniack	George Davies
John Pixley	Henry Lane	Thomas Austin, Ti-
Richard Martin	Joseph Bullen	moleague
Jemima Browne, Ri-	George Boles	Richard Townsend
verflown	Arthur B. Shatts	Rich. Parker, Passage
James Lombard, Bal-	Tho. Buchanan, clk.	Richard Roberts
lygriffin	James Hea	John Croker
Jeremiah Keller	Henry Osborne, M. D.	Rich. Townsend, Pa-
Edw. Carleton, Wood-	Charles Percival, clk.	lace-town
side	John Hawkes, Sur-	Thomas Waggett
Wallis Adams	mount	George Gumbleton
Harmer Bond	Wm. O'Brien Drury	Edward Dorman
Jeremiah Moore	Henry Ball	Rich. Rogers, clk.
Lulliam Batwell	Sam. Erwin, Kinfale	Rich. Parker, Abby
Brown Flenting	Wm. Stammers	John Drury
Tho. Hamilton, clk.	James O'Connor	John O'Connor, clk.

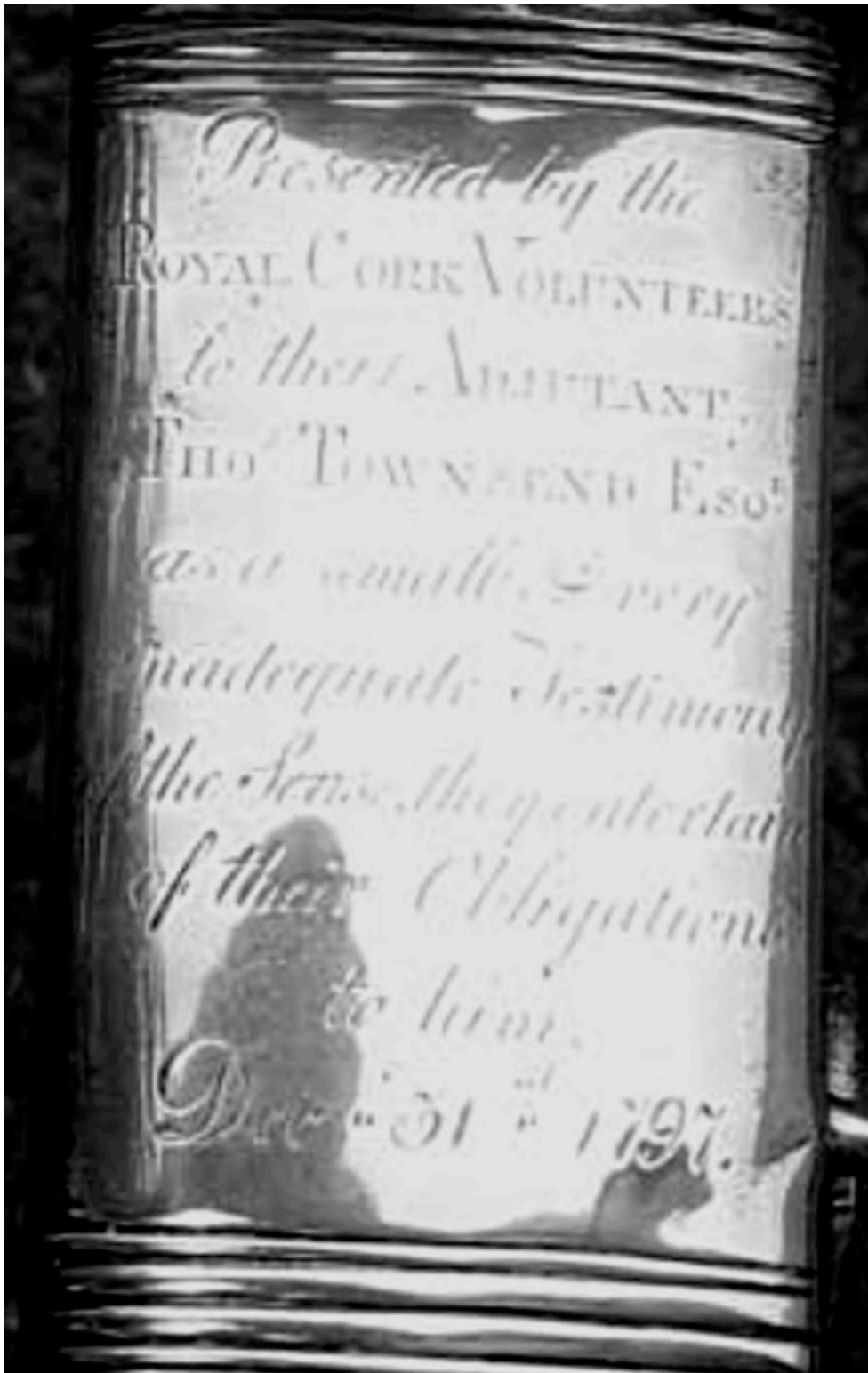
Royal Cork Volunteers Sword



The sword belongs to Mr Tim Somerset Webb and has been in his family for many generations.

The inscription reads:

“Presented by the Royal Cork Volunteers to the Adjutant Thos Townsend Esq as a small and very inadequate sentiment of the sense they entertain of their obligations to him. Dec 31st 1797”.



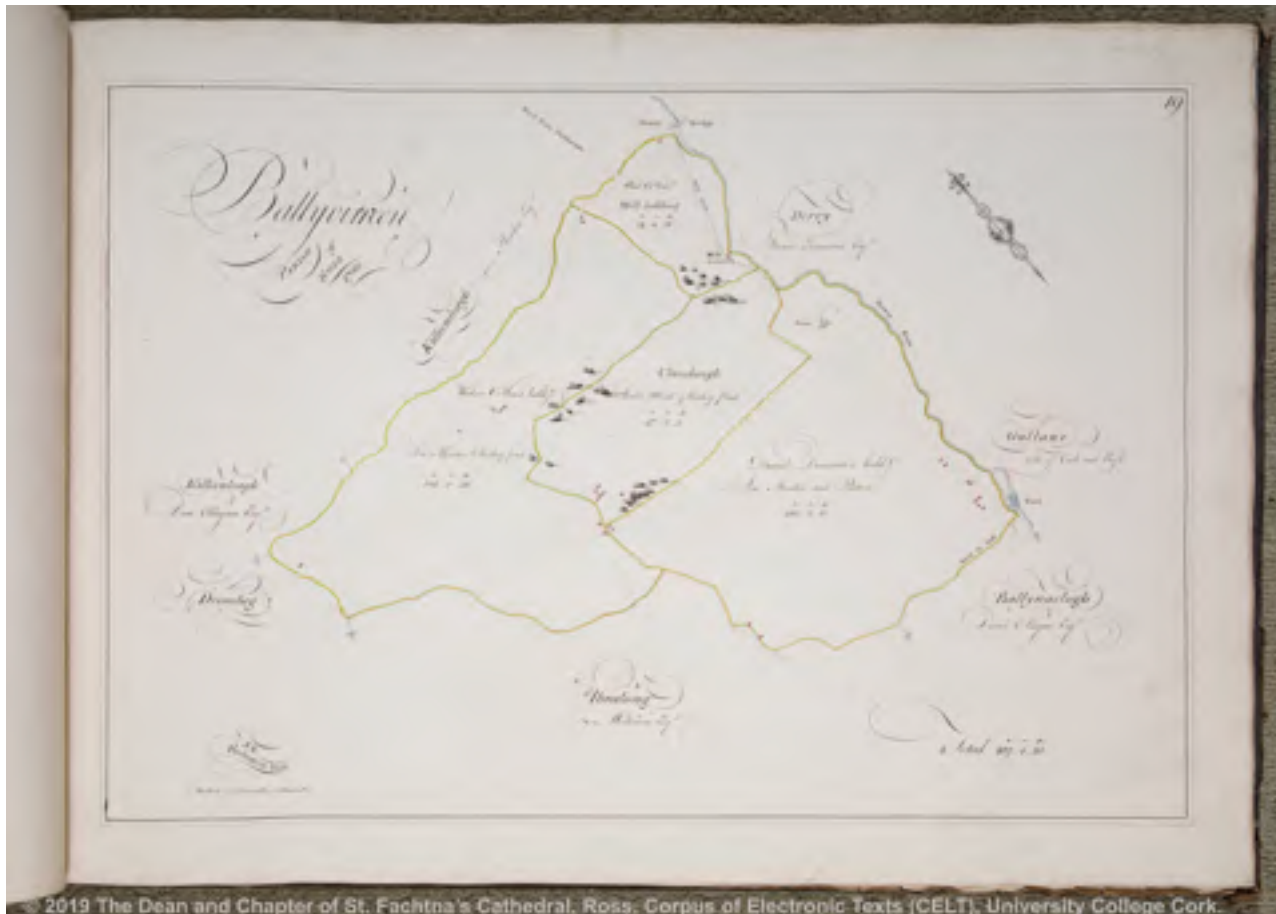


There are thirty-two Townsends with the name of Thomas, though not necessarily as their first name. Of these only three can conceivably meet the criteria:

- Thomas Hungerford Townsend [502] Born 1737. Died 1799. Would have been 60 in 1797 but with a substantial military background.
- Thomas Townsend [509] Born 1770. Died 1847. Would have been 27 in 1797. A possibility before he moved to Dublin.

- Thomas Townsend [603] Born before 1759. Would have been 38 in 1797. In the Munster Volunteer Registry of 1782 his brother (Edward Synge [601]) is shown as the Chaplain of the Muskerry Volunteers; the Adjutant is shown as John Butler. Fifteen years later it could have changed.

**Map of Part of the Derry Estate from Table 5 of the 1787/88
survey of the estate of Sir John Freke**



Royal Cork Volunteers

The Royal Cork Volunteers are something of a mystery and there is no mention of the unit in the Munster Volunteer Registry 1782. There are a number of references to the unit on the internet of which the three listed below are the most common.

In "Popular Songs of Ireland" collected by Thomas Crofton Croker there is, at the top of page 91, the sentence. On the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1798, Mr. Millikin zealously joined the Royal Cork Volunteers, and soon became a conspicuous member of that corps.

‘The Cork Hibernian’, April 19th 1798 records

‘Timothy McCarthy otherwise Sowney, was sent off under an escort of the Royal Cork Volunteers, to be executed this day at Dunmanway, for attacking the house of John Gillan Esq., near that town. Any person now detected breaking into a house can expect no mercy from this example.’

The ‘Cork Advertiser, or Commercial Register,’ of Thursday 7th November 1799 describes a dinner hosted by the Royal Cork Volunteers at the King's Arms Tavern on the 5th November 1799 for General Myers, commanding the district, and for other public characters in the city. “The most perfect unanimity and good order prevailed and the banquet must have commenced early and ended late, as the toasts numbered no less than twenty-one, and would have taken a considerable time to get through.” The Royal Cork Volunteers were given the name ‘Raspers’ by their Commander, Michael Westropp, a City of Cork wine merchant.

The Swete Cup and the Royal Cork Volunteers



Extract (2008) from eBay.

“A Rare George III Sterling Silver Irish/Cork Cup

This rare George III cup has a circular bell shaped form onto a circular swept plain pedestal foot. The cup is fitted to either side with C scroll handles which have gadroon decoration and chased oval terminals. The border also has gadroon decoration.

One side of the cup is engraved with the inscription: '*Presented by the non commissioned officers and privates of the Sixth Company of Royal Cork Volunteers to their much respected Captain John Swete Esq. as a small testimonial of the high sense they entertain of his zeal and unremitting exertions as an officer and of their esteem for his private character marked on every occasion by the most polite attention and friendly regard to them individually June 4th 1808*'.

To the other side of the cup there is a bright cut decorated coat of arms.

This rare and historical cup was made in 1807 by Gordon Terry & Jane Williams of Cork, Ireland. The cup is an extremely good gauge of silver, a good colour and in excellent condition. The hallmarks are very clear.

Dimensions: Height to the top of the handle 26.4cm/10.4", diameter of top 15cm/5.8", diameter of base 11.5cm/4.5", spread across handles 27cm/10.6" Weight: 30.5 troy ounces/950g. Price £6,950.

The Swete family pedigree records a John Swete who was born in 1759, lived in Ballintemple, was High Sheriff of Cork and died in 1836.

Extract from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Dictionary 1837

ROSSCARBERY, a market and post-town and parish, and the seat of the diocese of Ross, partly in the barony of IBANE and BARRYROE, and partly in the Western Division of the barony of EAST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 32 miles (S. W.) from Cork, and 158 (S. W.) from Dublin on the road from Cork to Skibbereen; containing 8714 inhabitants, of which number, 1522 are in the town. The town, which is wholly within the Western Division of East Carbery, is situated on the southern coast, at the head of an extensive creek called Ross harbour, and occupies the summit of a gentle eminence; it consists principally of a square and four small streets, containing 282 houses, mostly of indifferent appearance, and retains but few vestiges of its ancient importance. The manufacture of coarse linen was formerly carried on to a very considerable extent, but has latterly greatly diminished, and the inhabitants are chiefly employed in agriculture and in fishing. Near the town are the extensive flour-mills of Mr. Lloyd, in which more than 5000 barrels of fine flour are annually made. The harbour, situated about half a mile to the west of Dundedy Head, occasionally affords shelter to small vessels, but only in moderate weather; the entrance is nearly dry at low water, and at high water it is rocky and dangerous, especially when the wind is from the sea. On the bar are ten feet at high water of spring, and eight feet at neap, tides. The harbour itself is almost useless from a ridge of sand hills which has accumulated nearly to the height of 12 feet, and extends across the entrance, leaving only a channel of a few yards in breadth on the west side, through which the tide rushes with great rapidity. The inner bay, which is more than a mile in length and about half a mile broad, is, on the receding of the tide, a dry firm sand, and might be reclaimed at a moderate expense. A new line of road has been carried across the bay by a raised causeway, 400 yards long, and connected with the mainland by a bridge at its western extremity. The bay is celebrated for the great numbers of silver eels which are taken in it during the summer months. The market is on Wednesday, but is indifferently supplied; and fairs are held on Aug. 26th, and the 19th of Sept. and Dec. The market-house is an old building in the centre of the square. A constabulary police force is stationed here, and at Milk Cove is a coast-guard station, which is one of the three that constitute the district of Skibbereen. Petty sessions are held every Wednesday, and a court for the manor of Ross every three weeks, at which debts not exceeding 40s. are recoverable. The court-house is a very neat building; adjoining it is the police barrack. The parish comprises 12,535 statute acres, of which 1288 are tithe-free; about three-fourths of the land are arable, and the remainder, with the exception of a portion of bog and waste, is in pasture. The surface is very uneven, rising in some parts into hills of considerable elevation: the soil, though light, is fertile; but, except on the lands of Mr. Townsend*** (Probably William Townsend [504], an accomplished agriculturalist, who died in 1816) and other resident gentlemen who have adopted every improvement in husbandry and the use of the best farming implements, the system of agriculture is in a very backward state: much of the land is cultivated by the spade, and manure is carried to the field on the backs of horses. Several large slate quarries have been opened, of which some produce slate of very superior quality; and copper ore and manganese abound in almost every part, but no efficient means are employed to work them to advantage. The principal seats are Cahirmore, the residence of T. Hungerford*, Esq.; Derry, of the Rev. H. Townsend*** (Rev Horatio Townsend [5D00]); Castle Downeen, of R. Smith, Esq.; Milleen, of the Rev. W. Jennings; Millfield, of Lieut. Lloyd, R.N.; Farley Cottage, of T. Hungerford**, Esq.; and The Hill, of Capt. W. Starkie. The living is a rectory, in the diocese of Ross, partly appropriate to the vicar choral,

and partly to the dean and chapter, in trust for the economy fund of the cathedral: the tithes amount to £776. 19. 4., of which £434. 0. 11. is payable to the vicar choral, and £342. 18. 5. to the dean and chapter. About 130 children are taught in five public schools, of which the parochial male school is supported by the dean and chapter and the vicar choral; the parochial female school-house was built by Lord Carbery; and an infants' school is supported by Miss Townsend [5D10]. There are also four private schools, in which are about 120 children; and two Sunday schools. The Rev. S. Jervois, in 1786, bequeathed £400, the interest of which is annually divided among the Protestant poor, and £10 annually, which is paid as apprentice fees with the most deserving boy and girl in the Sunday school. The Rev. T. Hoare, the present vicar choral, has also given by deed £500, the interest of which is annually divided among the most necessitous poor of the parish. On an island which was formerly joined to the mainland are the ruins of Downeen castle; and at Ballyvoureen are the remains of an ancient house in the Elizabethan style, formerly the residence of the Copinger family. At Temple Faughnan, about a mile and a half from the town, are the ruins of a house erected by the Knights Templars in 1301, and modernised in 1712. Adjoining the town are the remains of the abbey founded by St. Faughnan: the side walls of the choir of the church, rudely built of unhewn stone, are still standing; on the south side are the remains of a circular arch, and adjoining the ruin is the tomb of the Rev. J. Power, who died in 1831: it is much resorted to by pilgrims. In the south wall of the cathedral is an old carved head, said to be that of St. Faughnan. Banduff castle, built by the O'Donovans, and afterwards called Castle Salem, was an extensive building with a walled park and more than 300 acres of oak wood, all now destroyed. In the grounds of Tinneel are the remains of a cromlech. The Rev. Horace Townsend [5D00], author of the Statistical Survey of the county of Cork, is resident at Derry, in this parish.

* Hungerford connections with Barbara Townsend [210] and Richard Townsend [315].

** Catherine daughter of Mary Townsend [506], who married Thomas Somerville, married Thomas Hungerford of Farley Cottage.

*** Thomas' brothers.