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Extracts from Old Minute Book of Duhallow Hunt, 1800 to 1808.

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[The minute book opens with a record of the first founding of the famous Duhallow Hunt and the rules adopted for its regulation. The reader will note the large number of well known names among the original members, and also the payment of hound-tax, the rent of coverts, and the small total of items paid for "keeping" the country.]

THE first entry is: At a meeting of several gentlemen held at Cecilstown on Monday, the 29th September, 1800, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to :—

That a club be formed, to consist of the following members, to be called the Duhallow Hunt, and to meet and dine at Cecilstown the first Monday in every month.

That the yearly subscription of each member be two [two scratched out and "three" put in pencil over the two] guineas, to be paid in advance on or before the first Monday in November in each year.

That a committee be appointed, to consist of the following six [six scratched out and "seven" written over it in pencil] members who shall have power to meet and enter into such further resolutions for the government of this club as they shall think fit ["four to make a quorum" added].

That Arthur Bastable [over Arthur Bastable in pencil is written "Wm. Wallis"] be appointed treasurer and secretary for this year.

At a meeting of the committee appointed to draw up resolutions for the regulation of the Duhallow Hunt, the following were agreed to this day of October, 1800:—

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That the commencement of this club be from 29th September last, which day shall in future be the commencement of the year to and for which time the annual subscription of two ["three" in pencil over the "two"] guineas is to be paid in advance on and before the first Monday in each November [in pencil "last day of the November meeting"] subsequent to the 29th of September, and on which day officers for the ensuing year are to be chosen [from "subsequent to chosen" erased in pencil].

That the first Monday in every month (October, January and April excepted) the 29th September, St. Stephen's Day and Patrick's Day be the days of meeting and dining together of this club.

That when a gentleman is proposed to become a member of this club the person proposing him, being an original member, shall pay a deposit of two ["three" in pencil] guineas as and for his subscription (if admitted) for that year, to be returned if rejected, and that he be balloted for the next meeting day.

This minute was altered in ink as follows :—

That when a gentleman is balloted for and admitted the member proposing him shall pay three guineas as and for his subscription, otherwise the ballot to be made void for that year, and that he be balloted for the next meeting day after that on which he shall be proposed.

That no gentleman be balloted for except on a meeting day, and the time of balloting be from half-past four to eight o'clock. One black bean in seven to exclude.

That any person who shall happen to be rejected shall not be balloted for until twelve months after, and if twice rejected shall be considered ever after inadmissable.

That any gentleman who shall omit to pay his subscription in advance on or before the first Monday [altered to "last meeting day"] in November in each year shall be considered no longer a member.

That a president and vice-president be appointed every meeting day, the vice-president one day to be president the next, and to appoint a vice-president who is to succeed him as president, and appoint a vice-president.

That a treasurer and secretary be appointed every year who is to keep the accounts of the club.

That no stranger be permitted to dine at the club unless introduced by the president.

That the bills of the day are to be paid by the treasurer, being first signed by the president, which signature shall authorize the treasurer to discharge the same, provided the same does not exceed at the rate of six shillings and sixpence each man [this minute is erased].

That the uniform coat of the hunt be a blue frock with black cape and Duhallow Hunt button and a blue and yellow striped waistcoat. [This minute erased.]

That the uniform coat of the hunt be scarlet.

That the secretary do give notice in the newspaper, two posts, before each day of meeting, and where the members are to meet and dine.

That the secretary do give notice in the newspaper three posts before first Monday in November in each year in the following words :—

The members of the Duhallow Hunt are to take notice that Monday, the — day of November next [altered to "that the last day of the November meeting"] will be the last day for receiving subscriptions. Any gentleman neglecting to pay on or before that day will be no longer considered a member.

That the president shall have the power of removing occasionally the place of dining from Cecilstown to Mallow until proper accommodation be provided at Cecilstown. [This minute erased.]

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That the club dine together in Cork one day in each assizes, of which due notice is to be given.

That the time of receiving subscriptions be enlarged for this year only to the first Monday in December, many gentlemen who were appointed original members not having been informed of it. [This minute erased.]

That any member wishing to suggest any new regulation to be adopted by the club do give it in writing to the president, to be by him submitted to the committee.

That the club be considered as closed from this date, and that no gentleman be hereafter admitted but by ballot.

COMMITTEE.—

William Wrixon.	William Lysaght.	William Wrixon Beecher.
William Harris.	John Lysaght.	James P. Glover.
Robert de la Cour.	John N. Wrixon (in pencil).	

Elected 26th December, 1801.

MEMBERS OF THE DUHALLOW HUNT—

Names and Residences.	Names and Residences.
William Wrixon, Ballygiblin.	Nicholas Wrixon, Ballygiblin.
William Lysaght, Mount North.	Matthew Deane Freeman, Castlecor.
Edward Deane Freeman, Castlecor.	Ralph Westropp, Cork.
William Wrixon Beecher, Creagh.	James FitzGerald, Cork.
John Longfield, Longueville.	James Chatterton, Cork.
Richard Hare, Mallow.	Robert Swayne, Bantyre.
William Harris, Assolas.	William Dore, Mallow.
Denham Jephson, Mallow.	John Lysaght, Woodpark.
Sir James L. Cotter, Rockforest.	Charles Bastable, Bettyville.
Lord Doneraile, Doneraile.	Revd. Freeman Crofts, Churchtown.
John Wallis, Westwood.	Robert Atkins, Firville.
Hugh Norcott, Springfield.	Capt. Rowland, Cork.
John Newman, Dromore.	Henry Lysaght, Elmvale.
George Crofts, Churchtown.	James Baggs, Mallow.
Colonel Howarth, Mallow.	Nicholas Lysaght, Mount North.
Major Croker, Quartertown.	Henry Wrixon, Blossomfort.
Revd. R. Woodward, Mallow.	Edward Lysaght, Mount North.
John Nash, Ballymagooley.	John Fennell, Cahir Abbey.
Sands. Palmer, Mallow.	John G. Newsom, Cork.
James Purcell, Glounanore.	Revd. M. Beecher, Dromore.
Richard Foot, Millford.	Thomas Harris, Assolas.
George Stannard, Priory.	James P. Glover, Rockspring.
William Franks, Carrig.	Nicholas G. Evans, junr.
Nicholas G. Evans, Carker.	William Longfield, Longueville.
James Gubbings, Kenmare Castle.	Henry Longfield, Longueville.
Thomas Ware.	Robert Longfield, Longueville.
W. Atkins, Waterpark.	Thomas Dorman, near Cork.
Capt. Porter, Besborough.	Joseph Gubbings, Kenmare Castle.
A. Newman, Kinsale.	Edward Allen, Cork.
Robert de la Cour, Mallow.	William Wallis, Mallow.
John Wrixon, Ballygiblin.	Edward Lombard, Aldworth.

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Names and Residences.	Name and Residences.
Thomas T. Coppinger, Carhue.	Pierce Hayes, Gurteen green.
Revd. A. McClintock, Kanturk.	John Milwood, Cahirmee.
John Gregg, Currimount.	Revd. Robert Bullen, Newmarket.
Arthur Bastable, Spring grove.	Holmes Hayes, Gurteen green.
John N. Wrixon, Cork.	William Crofts, Mallow.
William Purcell, Altimira.	John Philpot, Clonribbon.
Henry Evans, Carker.	William Bullen, Ruskeen.
Walter Evans, Carker.	Charles Crofts, Bantyre.
Nath. Evans, Carker.	Nicholas Hennessey, Mallow.
James Hill, Doneraile.	John Hennessey, Mallow.
John Power, Ruskeen.	Michael Nash, Carrigoon.
John Glover, Mallow.	Jeremiah Morgan, Cork.
John Purcell, Templemary.	Richard Newsom, Cork.
James T. Glover, Droumcorbet.	Moses Newsom, Cork.
Revd. F. M. Cronin, Kilpatrick.	John Seward, Dromore.
Richard Harris, Killroe.	George Purcell, Cork.
Thomas Holmes, Ballyhaura.	James Purcell, Cork.
Thomas Flynn, Mount Ruby.	James Purcell, Altimira.
Samuel Wrixon, Mallow.	Richard Maguire, Cork.
Revd. Francis Hewitt, Lombardstown.	Luke Philpot, Duarigille.
Edmund Kenifeck, Cork.	George Foot, Cecilstown.

MEMBERS ADMITTED BY BALLOT :—

Lieut. Wilmot, Royal Artillery.	Arthur Gibbings.
Lieut. Ross, Royal Artillery.	Richard Tucker.
Richard Newman, Kinsale.	William Atkins, Mallow.
Robert Bowen, Mallow.	John Don Roche, Cork.
Henry Thornhill (Castle Kevin).	William Hart.
Revd. John Chester, Mallow.	Richard Barrett, Mallow.
Revd. Robert Longfield.	George Foot, Millford.
William Busteed.	

Mallow, 1st December, 1800. At a General Meeting of the Club this day, pursuant to notice, the following members paid their subscriptions :—

Sir James L. Cotter.	Joseph Gubbings.	Honourable R. Hare.
Robert de la Cour.	Ralph Westrop.	Denis Jephson.
James Baggs.	Jeremiah Morgan.	Henry Croker.
Nicholas Hennessey.	William Dore.	John Newman.
John Lysaght.	William Wallis.	John Longfield.
John Seyward.	Edward Howarth.	Thomas T. Coppinger.
James Gubbings.	William Franks.	

The President proposed Lieut. Ross, Lieut. Willmot, Richard Newman, Robert Bowen ; seconded by Vice-President.

The vice-president appointed the Honourable Richard Hare to be his vice next meeting day, to be held at Carmichael's, on St. Stephen's Day.

Mallow, December 26th, 1800. At a general meeting of the club this day, pursuant to notice, the following gentlemen were balloted for:—Lieut. Willmott and Lieut. Ross, of the Artillery; Richard Newman, Robert Bowen—Admitted.

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Mallow, February 2nd, 1801. At a general meeting of the Club this day, pursuant to notice, the following gentlemen were balloted for:—

Admitted—Henry Thornhill.	Admitted—William Busteed.
,, Rev. John Chester.	,, Arthur Gibbings.
,, Rev. Robert Longfield.	,, Richard Tucker.

The vice-president appointed Robert De la Cour, esq., to be vice-president next meeting day.

March 17th, 1821. At a general meeting of the club this day, pursuant to notice, the following gentlemen were balloted for:—Admitted—William Atkins, John Don Roche.

Mallow, May 4th, 1801. At a general meeting of the club pursuant to notice, the following gentlemen were balloted for:—William Harte, admitted.

The Vice-president appointed the Rev. Richard Woodward vice-president the next meeting.

Mallow, 7th September, 1801. At a general meeting of the club, pursuant to public notice, William Wrixon, esq., reported to the club that the committee have taken into consideration the propriety of the Duhallow Hunt contributing for a purse to be run for at the ensuing Mallow races by county of Cork-bred hunters, and that the committee recommend it to the club to resolve the same. On proposing said resolution to the club, it was unanimously resolved that each member shall subscribe one guinea for the said purse, to be paid to William Wrixon Beecher, esq., steward.

At a general meeting of the club, this 29th of September, 1801, the following gentlemen were balloted for and admitted:—George Foot, of Millford; Henry Lysaght, Elmvale; Col. Bradford, Rev. D. Blake, Capt. Hunter, Richard Peard, Coole.

Col. Gibbings, president; William J. Harte, vice-president, who appointed W. W. Beecher vice for next.

At a meeting of this club, pursuant to notice, the 2nd day of November, at Carmichael's, the following gentlemen were admitted:—U. P. Williamson, esq.; Edmond Roche, esq.

At a general meeting of the club, held the 8th December, 1801, at Carmichael's, Mallow,

R. H. Purcell, Altimira,	Henry Milward, Cork,
John Coppinger, of Carhue,	Arthur Blennerhassett, Kerry (and
Col. Baird, 67th Regt.	Elmgrove),
Gerald Thornhill, Castlekevin,	Capt. Roberts, 62nd Regt.,
Capt. Fisher, R. Artillery,	Hen. Evans, Royal Navy,

were ballotted for and unanimously admitted. William Johnson Harte, president (absent); William Wrixon Beecher, vice-president, who appointed John Newman, of Dromore, esq., vice for the next day.

At a meeting of the club, at Carmichael's, the 26th December, 1801,

William Harrington, Cork,	John Croker, of Ballinaguard,
Hen. Foot, Millford,	Chr. Crofts, Velvetstown,
Clem. Hume, Mallow,	William Longfield, Longueville,
John Evans, do.,	John Barry, M.D., Mallow,
William Perry,	

admitted.

December 26th, 1801. Robert De la Cour was unanimously chosen one of the committee, in the room of William Lysaght, deceased.

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March 1st, 1802. The vice-president has appointed Ralph Westrop, esq., to be vice-president next meeting day.

March 17th, 1802. At a general meeting of the club, William Coppinger was unanimously admitted.

At a general meeting of the club, 4th of June, Henry Longfield (Longueville), was unanimously admitted.

At a meeting of the Duhallow Club, held on Monday, the 5th day of December, the following gentlemen were unanimously admitted:—

John Smyth, of Temple Michael. Francis Harvey, of Cork.
Rev. Arthur Hyde, of Cork. Capt. O'Dell.
Hon. Colonel Mahon, 9th Dragoons.

The vice-president has appointed Edward Lysaght, esq., to be vice-president the next meeting day.

Monday, 3rd November, 1806. Resolved—That a difference of opinion having occurred as to the right of possession of the Duhallow Hunt Cup, the time for challenging the same be enlarged to Monday, the 1st day of December next, on the usual hour, of a deposit to be paid to the treasurer at the time of challenge, Captain Porter and Mr. Newsom to be exempt from paying any deposit. The race to be four miles over Mallow course, such day during the next meeting as the steward shall appoint, carrying twelve stone, to be rode by grooms, the horses to qualify over a four-foot wall and a sporting ditch, to the satisfaction of the steward.

Resolved—That the club shall meet and dine together at Carmichael's, in Mallow, on Monday, the 1st of December next.

Resolved—That the annual subscription shall stand at three guineas, to be paid in advance the first Monday in November, and that the appropriation thereof shall be determined on the next day of meeting.

Resolved—That subscriptions for the present year shall be open until next St. Stephen's Day for the old members of the club, who shall be at liberty to enroll their names as members on paying to the treasurer their subscription of three guineas.

Monday, December 1st. At a meeting of the hunt held this day, John Nash, esq. was unanimously admitted a member.

In pursuance of the resolution of 3rd November, Captain Porter has named his horse "Marquis" to run for the cup.

December 6th. Mr. William Purcell has challenged the cup, and named his horse "Messenger" to run for the cup, and paid his deposit to Mr. Atkins as president.

Friday, 26th December, 1806. John Hennessey, Henry Langley, Edward Riordan, esqrs., were unanimously admitted.

Resolved—That the Duhallow Hunt Cup having been, conformably to the resolution of the hunt on the 3rd day of November last, challenged on the 1st day of this month by Henry Porter, esq., observing the rules ordained for that purpose, and the challenge having been left open for the entire of the week during which the club was to have met, and William Purcell, esq., having been the only challenger, it is the unanimous opinion of the hunt that all further challenge is for the present precluded, and that the treasurer be requested forthwith to claim the cup for Mr. Newsom as the property of the club, and to await the result of the present challenge.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1807. Horace Townsend, Edmond Morrogh, and Thomas G. French, esqrs., are unanimously admitted.

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TREASURER OF THE DUHALLOW HUNT CLUB. *Dr.*

To Subscriptions received for the year commencing 1st November, 1804.

[Here follow the names of 32 members, each paying £2 5s. 6d. Total, £72 16s.]

Subscriptions received for the year commencing 1st November, 1805.

Amount of subscriptions to the old club	£72	16	0
Hon. Richard Hare	22	15	0
Hon. Hayes St. Leger	22	15	0
Hon. William Hare	11	7	6
Robert De la Cour	11	7	6
James Baggs	5	13	9
Doctor Galway	5	13	9
Brook Brazier	5	13	9
	£158	2	3

CONTRA. *Cr.*

1804. Nov. 5.	By cash paid in part of Carmichael's bill ..	£1	10	5
„ 16.	„ Do. for advertisements to the *Cork M. Chronicle*	1	13	7
1805. Mar. 18.	„ Do. for two members' dinners to Carmichael ..	0	6	6
„ 21.	„ Do. for advertisements to the *Mercantile Chronicle*	1	6	0
April 14.	„ Do. to Guiry, earthstopper..	2	5	6
„ 21.	„ Do. for one hundred circular letters.. ..	0	13	0
„ 28.	„ Do. to Howlahan, earthstopper	3	8	3
May 1.	„ Do. Mr. Wrixon's draft to , earthstopper	1	14	1½
„ 14.	„ Do. to James Connell, a year's rent of Ballybeg	6	16	6
„ 16.	„ Do. to William Linahan, earthstopper ..	2	5	6
	„ Do. to Deloohery for Tullig break	7	19	3
„ 30.	„ Do. to William Reddane, earthstopper ..	3	8	3
	„ Do. for advertisement to the *Cork Evening Post*	2	12	0
„ 31.	„ Do. to Arthur O'Keeffe for Regan's break ..	13	13	0
	„ Do. to Philip Foley, earthstopper	3	8	3
June 2.	„ Do. a second draft to Arthur Keeffe ..	13	13	0
	„ Do. to James Coghlan for Ballybeg ..	6	16	6
Oct. 26.	„ Do. for advertisement to the *Mercantile Chronicle*	0	16	9½
		74	6	5
	Balance in the Treasurer's hands	83	15	10
		£158	2	3

The club was furnished with a counterpart of the above account on 11th of Nov., 1805.

ROBERT DE LA COUR, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER OF THE DUHALLOW HUNT CLUB. *Dr.*

1805. Nov. 4.	To balance of last account	£83	15	10
Dec. 3.	„ A subscription from Simon P. Davis ..	5	13	9
„ 23.	„ Do. from Joseph D. Freeman ..	11	7	6
	„ Do. from Dr. Norcott	5	13	9

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1805.						
Jan.	14.	To a Subscription from Edward Lysaght	..	£5	13	9
May	6.	,, Do. from Henry Porter ..	..	5	13	9
Oct.	6.	,, Do. from Ralph Westrop	..	11	7	6
				129	5	10
Nov.	3.	Balance due to the Treasurer on this account	..	25	18	8
				£155	4	6

The club was furnished with a counterpart of this account on the 3rd of Nov., 1806.

ROBERT DE LA COUR.

1805.		CONTRA.		*Cr.*		
Nov.	12.	By cash for Mr. Wrixon's draft to Mr. Glover for the cover at Glover's Glin ..	..	£12	0	0
,,	26.	,, Do. for do. to Peter Tyrrel for the Hound Tax		33	19	7½
Dec.	4.	,, Do. for do. to William Guiry for earthstopping		2	5	6
1806.						
Jan.	21.	,, Do. to James Glover for the rent of Ballybeg..		13	13	0
		,, Do. to the Widow Hartnett for part of do. ..		7	0	0
Mar.	6.	,, Do. to John Kennedy for earthstopping ..		3	8	3
,,	19.	,, Do. to William Reddane for do.		3	8	3
April	14.	,, Do. for advertisements to the *Cork Mercantile Chronicle*		0	10	11½
,,	27.	,, Do. to T. Conoll for earthstopping at Kilcoleman		1	2	9
		,, Do. to Darby Shea for do. at Castlepark ..		1	14	1½
		,, Do. to Coffree for do. at Carrigathereham ..		3	8	3
		,, Do. to Howlahan for do. at Clogheen ..		2	14	6
May	12.	,, Do. to James Coghlan for do. at Ballibeg ..		6	16	6
		,, Do. to J. G. Cookery for Tullig break for 1785 and 1786		7	19	3
		,, Do. to P. Shea for fencing at Grange, etc., etc.		10	0	0
		,, Do. to Keeffe for Regan's break		13	13.	0
		,, Do. to Denis Sullivan for earthstopping ..		2	5	6
June	4.	,, Do. for earthstopping at Poulnaraha ..		1	2	9
		,, Do. to P. Sheean for fencing at Grange, etc ..		12	0	0
,,	9.	,, Do. to Drake for earthstopping		1	2	9
,,	10.	,, Do. to Linahan for do.		2	5	6
July	2.	,, Do. to Blakeney for do.		1	2	9
		,, Do. to P. Dawley for do.		1	2	9
		,, Do. to Leveney for do.		1	2	9
		,, Do. to James Glover for Carrig covers ..		3	8	3
		,, Do. to do. for earthstopping ..		1	2	9
		,, Do. to Hartnedy for earthstopping		2	5	6
	17.	,, Do. to John Clear for do. at Shanballymore ..		2	5	6
Oct.	6.	,, Do. for advertising meeting of 29th Sept. last		0	3	9½
				£155	4	6

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TREASURER OF THE DUHALLOW HUNT CLUB. *Dr.*

To Subscriptions received for the year commencing 1st of November, 1806.

[Here follows a list of 29 members, each paying £3 8s. 3d., and one (Jos. D. Freeman) paying £11 7s. 6d.; and an item of £22 15s. cash restored by William Bullen of his collection.]

Total	£133	1	9
Balance due to R. D.	3	3	3
	£136	5	0

1806.	CONTRA.			*Cr.*
Nov. 3.	By balance of last account	£25	18	8
„ 25.	„ cash to Peter Tyrrell for Hound Tax.. ..	35	6	2
Decr. 8.	„ Do. to Patrick Sheean for fencing at Grange and Kilmaclenin	4	11	0
„ 11.	„ Do. to David Finn for half-a-year's rent of the new cover at Kilmaclenin	10	0	0
	„ Do. to Widow Hartnett on account of rent for the covers at Grange	7	19	3
„ 15.	„ Do. to William Guiry, earthstopper	2	5	6
„ 26.	„ Do. to John Carmichael for balance of the dinner bill of 1st inst...	1	19	0
	„ Do. to do. for do. of this day	2	5	6
1807.				
Jan. 17.	„ Do. to Mr. Glover for one year's rent of the cover at Glover's Glin	8	0	0
	„ Do. for Mm. Wrixon's acceptance of Jer. Hore's bill for one year's rent of Ballybeg Glin, due 29th September last	13	13	0
Feb. 2.	„ Do. to J. W. Wrixon for ploughing the new cover at Kilmaclenin	20	0	0
Mar. 4.	„ Do. to the *Cork Mercantile Chronicle* ..	2	9	0
Aug. 28.	„ Do. to the *Cork Evening Post*	1	17	11
		£136	5	0

List of the Subscribers to the Duhallow Hunt who have paid their Subscriptions for the year commencing 29th Sept., 1807.

[Here follows a list of 22 members, each paying £3 8s. 3d., and one, as before, paying £11 7s. 6d., and an odd sum of 5s.; total of whole being £86 14s.]

CONTRA. *Cr.*

An Account of money expended by the Treasurer for the year commencing 29th September, 1807.

1807.				
Sep. 29.	Paid dinner for twelve at Carmichael's	£1	19	0
Oct. 4.	„ By order of William Wrixon, esq.	3	8	3
Nov. 2.	„ Dinner for ten at Carmichael's	1	12	6
	„ For a new club book	0	12	0

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		Paid Carmichael for a bottle wine, omitted to be charged in the bill of the 4th November ..	£0	5	5
Nov.	9.	Widow Hartnett, per order of Wm. Wrixon, esq..	3	8	3
Dec.	1.	Paid Tyrell (Hearth ?), per order Col. Wrixon ..	38	16	7
,,	11.	,, David Finn, per order Col. Wrixon ..	9	15	0
		,, John Gregg, per order Col. Wrixon ..	13	13	0
Mar.	17.	,, A messenger going to Cork with advert. ..	0	3	9½
,,	20.	,, By order of Col. Wrixon	1	2	9
,,	25.	,, By order of Do. to a Carrig earthstopper ..	1	2	9
			£75	19	3½

29*t September*, 1808. William Beecher, president.

James Cotter,	Answered for by	R. D. L. Cour.
Arthur J. Creagh,	,,	E. Lysaght.
Geo. Crofts,	,,	J. Freeman.
Geo. Purcell,	,,	A. Bastable.

unanimously admitted by ballot.

Members present—W. W. Beecher, R. De La Cour, Richard Hare, Jo. Freeman, John Wrixon, John Barry, Richard Newson, John Nash, Ed. Riordan, A. Bastable, E. Lysaght, George Bruce.

Robert De La Cour appointed treasurer for this year.

November 14th, 1808. John Nicholas Wrixon, esq., president.

Members present—John N. Wrixon, W. Wrixon Becher, Henry Porter, Dr. Barry, Ed. Reardon, Nicholas Wrixon, John Lysaght, Richard H. Purcell, William Purcell, James W. Glover, John M. Wrixon, Ed. Lombard.

The president appointed Ed. Lombard, esq., to be president the next day.

November 16th. Thomas Glover and James O'Mullane unanimously admitted.

Members present—William Wrixon, John Wrixon N., Nicholas Wrixon, John Wrixon M., William Purcell, Richard P. Harris, John Lysaght, Ed. Lysaght, J. P. Glover, Ed. Reardon.

November 19th, 1808. Edmond Lombard, esq., president.

Members present—Ed. Lombard, Robert De La Cour, James Baggs, William Wrixon Becher, Henry Porter, John Hennessey, John M. Wrixon.

The president appointed H. Porter, esq,, to be vice-president the next meeting day.

The following resolution was entered into the above day :—Resolved—" That in order to obviate any future mistake to the challenging of the Duhallow Hunt Cup, the same shall . . . " (*not completed*).

The cup was challenged by Ed. Lombard, esq., in conformity with the above resolution, to be run for at the next Mallow meeting. Horses, etc., to carry twelve stone.

(*End of Minute Book*).

[Having been informed by gentlemen in the Duhallow country that long prior to A.D. 1800, the hunt was known as " The Castlecor Chace ;" and having been told by one that he had somewhere seen a silver button bearing this device, I mentioned it to others, and among them to William Norton Barry, esq., the hospitable owner of Castlecor, who up till 1893 was the well-known and popular master of the pack, and he most kindly lent me the two buttons which are here engraved the full size. Both are of solid silver, and are parcel gilt. One has engraved upon a ribbon, which is gold upon a silver ground, " The Castlecor Chace." Its companion has a stag in full chase, with antlered head thrown back, within a wreath, inscribed " The Castlecor Chace," all gilt, upon a silver groundwork. These are the first examples of parcel-gilt hunting buttons that we have met with. They have additional local interest in

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having the stamps of the Cork Guild of Goldsmiths, which are well marked upon the back of each, viz., the Cork town mark of STERLING and I. H. the maker's stamp for John Hillery, who flourished in 1752 ("The Goldsmiths of Cork," by Cecil Crawford Woods. *Journal of the R.S.A.I.*, September, 1895), so that we may reasonably infer that these buttons, possibly the only memorials that remain of this sporting pack, are a century and a half at Castlecor. To further illustrate this, I am enabled by the courtesy of Lieutenant Hans Fell White, R.N., the hon. secretary of the Duhallows, to engrave the gilt button of the hunt as worn in the early part of the present century.

I have also seen another silver button of this club with the "sterling" mark. It is one of a set, and belongs to a member of the hunt whose family have been associated with it since its foundation. It has engraved upon it a fox, with "Duhallow," and the date "1800." The shank of the button has been repaired, and the solder has filled up the stamp with the maker's name, leaving only the first and last letters visible. These are "T . . . N," probably for Thomas Harman, who was admitted a freeman in 1786.—R. DAY.]

The Sacred Tree of Clenor.

BY JAMES BYRNE, M.R.S.A.

IN the November number of the *Cork Historical and Archæological Journal* for 1894, Mr. Coleman inquired if the Sacred Tree in the parish of Clenor was still extant. As I live in the neighbourhood, I should have informed Mr. Coleman long ere this that the tree, or as it is generally known, the *Crann a hulla*, is still living; but I waited until I could get it photographed, which was kindly done by Major Grove White, of Kilbyrne, Doneraile.

The *Crann a hulla* stands alone on the back of a fence on the road side, in the townland of Annakissy, about two miles south-east of

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