

Observations on the following Applotment -

In preparing the valuation of those parts of the Parish of Lismore of which the Tithes belong to the Dean of Lismore, We have not been assisted by any general Survey of the Parish. The sum to which the Expenses of the Applotment and Valuation are limited by the Acts of Parliament under which the Composition was effected having been exhausted in carrying into effect the Agreement for a Composition for tithes in the other parts of the said Parish, the tithes whereof belong to the Dean and Chapter, and an Application having been made to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant to ascertain whether any greater advance could be made in consequence of the great extent of this Parish, and having been informed that no fund had been provided for any such extraordinary expenses, We were obliged to rely upon Maps and other Documents in the possession of individuals, particularly those which are in the Lismore Castle. In some instances where no such Maps could be procured, We have depended upon Returns given to the occupiers of Lands by Surveyors who had at different Periods surveyed their farms, using however the precaution of obliging the persons who produced such Returns to verify them upon oath. The manner in which these Surveys were made must unavoidably give rise to some mistakes to which a general Survey would not be liable. Under these circumstances We do not presume that our Return of the Decuage of every holding is free from error, but We have endeavoured to attain accuracy by a close inspection of every farm, and a comparison of its contents with the Return made to us by the occupier or his Landlord. We have, according to the best of our Judgment, and to the time which we were enabled to devote to this Applotment divided the Arable lands into five Classes, considering that this number would be sufficient for the Arrangement of such lands according to their proper Qualities without material injury to any Individual. To these We have added a Class for Woodlands. The Applotment of the Composition on each farm is made by dividing the total Contents into these Classes, according to their intrinsic Value without Reference to the effects of negligent Cultivation, or of any recent Expenditure of Capital. The Composition stated in our Return for the entire was fixed ~~upon~~ by adding together the amount of the Composition on each separate Class.

The Lands in the first Class being averaged at Forty shillings an acre per annum, and the annual Composition for the same Class being fixed at Three shillings per acre, the comparative annual Values and the Composition of those in the other Classes will be respectively represented by the Annexed scale -

	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
1 st Class. the average annual value being 40 per acre, the annual Composition is	3	0
2 ^d Class 30 per acre	2	6
3 ^d Class 20 per acre	1	8
4 th Class 13 per acre	1	2
5 th Class 6 per acre	=	6
Woodland 2 ⁴ / ₆ per acre	=	2

The following Applotment was made in order to carry into effect an agreement entered into between the said Dean of the one part and the Parishioners of said Parish of the other part at a Vestry held at Lismore Cathedral on the sixth day of March 1829, and subsequently duly confirmed. By this agreement the sum of Four hundred pounds was taken as the annual Composition for 21 years for all the Tithes of a certain distinct district in said Parish, consisting of the Townlands hereinafter mentioned, and which Tithes were payable to the said Dean.

Dated this 11th May 1829

John Musgrave }
Thomas Wily } Commissioners.