Copy of First Certificate for Vicarial Tithes

We the Revd Shetton Grefson and William Bagnall Commissioners duly appointed and sworn by Virtue of an Act made in the Fourth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth Entitled An Act to provide for the Establishing of Compositions for Tithes in Ireland for a limited time, also of an Act made in the Fifth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth Entitled An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament to provide for the Establishing of Compositions for Tithes in Ireland, to ascertain and fix a true and just Composition for all Tithes arising, growing, yielded or payable within the Parish of Rahue, (being part of the Union of Ardmorchee) in the County of West Meath to the Revd George Leslie Grefson Vicar of said Union of Ardmorchee, Do hereby Certify that an Agreement has been entered into on the part of the said Revd George Leslie Grefson Vicar of said Union of Ardmorchee to accept of the Sum of Forty Pounds by the year for twenty one years as a Composition for the Tithes claimable by him from the said Parish of Rahue as Vicar of said Union of Ardmorchee. We therefore hereby further Certify that the true and just amount of Composition for all Tithes Claimable by him as Vicar of said Union of Ardmorchee within the said Parish of Rahue is Forty pounds by the year, of which Sum the Whole Forty Pounds is due and payable to him as Vicar of said Union of Ardmorchee.

£40 0s 0d

Signed at Rahue this 8th day of March 1825

Shetton Grefson Commissioner for Revd G.L. Grefson for the Parish

The above Certificate having been read and submitted to the Consideration of the Vestry assembled at a Special Vestry held in Rahue on Tuesday the 22nd day of March 1825 it was agreed to assent to the Composition of Forty Pounds therein stated and that such Composition shall be invariable and shall continue to be levied for the Term of twenty one years from the date of said Certificate and shall not be subject to any variation in the amount thereof during such Period of twenty one years whatever the price of Corn may be

William Brennan Chairman — William Bagnall
Edwd Lee — John Ryland
Thomas Coughlan

I hereby assent and agree to the Resolution of the Special Vestry stated on the other side

Dated this 1st day of April 1825 fine

George Leslie Grefson
Vicar

A True Copy — Shetton Grefson, William Bagnall } Commissioners

Parish of Rahue 6th September 1825

At a Special Vestry held this day in obedience to an order from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant under date the 9th of August last directed to the Churchwardens to reassemble a Vestry held under His Excellency Precept of the 1st of October 1824 - It was mutually agreed between the Marquiss of Downshire and the undersigned on the part of the Parishioners that the Sum of seventy five pounds per Annum for twenty one years without variation, be paid in lieu of all Rectorial Tithes claimable by him from the Parish of Rahue from the date hereof with the following proviso that whereas the Representatives of the late Hamsworth Usher hold the said Tithes by a lease of which one or two years are yet unexpired - the said agreement is not to come into operation until the above named lease shall have expired in case the said Representatives shall not consent to come into this agreement William Brennan Chairman - Robt Bagnall Arthur Judge Darby Daly Hugh Geoghegan Laurence Smith Frederick Codd John Walsh James Fery John Connolly -

In pursuance of a power committed to me under the hand and seal of Thomas Murray Esq Agent to the Marquess and Marchioness of Downshire, here produced and dated 26th day of August 1825 to annex his Name to the above named agreement, I hereby assent and agree to the same and sign on behalf of Thomas Murray — Shetton Grefson

The above Clause respecting the Representatives of the late Mr Usher was inserted under the Impression that the Composition for the Rectorial Tithes did not necessarily follow the Agreement of the Ecclesiastical Incumbent. But the Commissioners having been afterwards undeceived