and the said representatives not having on any occasion attended though frequently called upon to do so, thought themselves bound to proceed to sign Certificates under this Agreement which they accordingly did after receiving the following from Mr Murray – who at his first meeting with the Parishioners had promised to solicit the consent of the Marquess of Downshire to reduce the amount of Composition

Extract of Letter from Thomas Murray Esq

Edenderry 10th February 1826

Dear Sir

Recd your letter and have pleasure in stating that my Lord has desired me to inform the Parish of Rahue that he will throw off the £5 pr Annm which leaves the Amt payable £40 pr annm to his Lordship –

I am Sir

Your obt Servt

To the Revd S Grepson

Thos Murray

Copy of Certificate of Composition for all the Tithes

We the Revd Shelton Grepson 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 in the County of Westmeath, (being part of the Union of Ardnorcher) Do hereby Certify that an Agreement bearing date the Sixth day of September 1825 has been entered into on the part of the Marquess and Marchioness of Downshire by their Agent Thomas Murray Esq to accept the Sum of Forty pounds by the year for twenty one years as a Composition for the

Rectorial Tithes claimable by them from the said Parish of Rahue, And that an Agreement bearing date the Second day of December 1824 has been entered into by the Revd George Leslie Grepson Vicar of said Union of Ardnorcher to accept the Sum of Forty Pounds by the year for twenty one years as a Composition for the Vicarial Tithes claimable by him from the said Parish of Rahue – We therefore hereby further Certify that the true and just amount of Composition for all Tithes whatever within the said Parish of Rahue is one hundred and ten pounds by the year – Of which Sum of one hundred and ten pounds about two thirds amounting to seventy pounds are due and payable to the Marquess of Downshire and the Marchioness of Downshire as Lay Impropriators and about one third amounting to forty pounds is due and payable to the Revd George Leslie Grepson as Vicar of said Union of Ardnorcher –

Dated at Rahue this eighth day of September 1825

Marquess of Downshire's Part	£70..0..0	£48.0.3	y R e	Shelton Grepson	Commissioners
Vicars Part	40..0..0	£27.13.10		William Bagnall	
Total	£110..0..0	£76.3.1			

Whereas this Certificate has been read and submitted to the Consideration of the persons entitled to vote at a Special Vestry assembled on the Sixth day of March 1826 under the Provisions of the above recited Acts – It is hereby agreed on the Part of the said Vicar to assent to the payment of the above named Composition and also to consent that the same shall continue invariable for the term of twenty one years from the 1st day of December next ensuing the date thereof and that such Composition shall continue to be levied for such term of twenty one years and shall not be subject to any variation in the amount thereof during such period of twenty one years, under the Provisions of the said recited Acts Whatever the price of Corn may be

William Bagnall Chairman Robt Bagnall Laurence Wyer
William Bagnall Edw Lee Thomas Coghlan
Patt Fury

We hereby assent and agree to the Resolution of the Special Vestry above stated

Dated this 9th day of March 1826 Sir

Thos Murray Agent to the Marquis and Marchioness of Downshire

George Leslie Grepson Vicar

A true Copy

Shelton Grepson } Commissioners
William Bagnall