Sir

Athy April 26th 1825

As Commissioners acting under the Tithe Composition bill for the Parish of Kilrush in the Diocese of Kildare, we take the liberty of requesting your advice on the following circumstances —

The Parishes of Kilrush and Ballyshannon have been for many years united and in consequence of one person holding land adjoining in both Parishes, the bounds in that part have been for a length of time defaced, the High Constable in making his return for the Vestry, states that person as holding only 34 Acres in the Parish of Kilrush from which he votes, but by reference to the Down Survey and other Information we find that this person holds 134 Acres and that the additional one Hundred has been taken from the Parish of Ballyshannon which has not agreed to the bill, the Incumbent in settling with Kilrush for a specific Sum evidently got no allowance whatever for this land, which he now claims from us as worth 12 pounds p Year, the Parishioners are unwilling to make any allowance Pray are we competent to decide the matter and if so in what manner. We also find 158 Acres of heath Bog, worth about fifty pounds p Year produced from selling the peat for cutting turf, the surface of this Bog is of no value relative in its present state, nor has any part of it been ever set to any person, but the turf Banks are given to the Landlords tenants as an appurtenance to their farms — Pray can we assess this bog from the value of the turf Banks, can we assess plantations

We have the Honor to be Sir
your Humble Servants
John Bagot
Terence Coole } Commissioners

To the Right Honourable
Henry Goulbourne
Dublin Castle

Dublin Castle
30th April 1825

Gentlemen

I have to acquaint you in reply to your Letter of the 26th Instant, that having consulted the Law advisers of the Crown he is of Opinion that the bog and plantations are to be assessed according to their Respective Annual Values in their present state —

As to the bounds of the Parishes you cannot by that question but you can act according to such information as you can obtain and if you are Mistaken, such Mistake may be afterwards corrected —

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
H. Gregory

Rev. John Bagot
Mr. Terence Coole
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