

FIRST MINUTES OF THE DROGHEDA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Drogheda April 19th, 1790

Whereas by an Act passed in the present year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the improvement of the Port and Harbour of Drogheda and the better regulation of the Police of said town, it is enacted that the Mayor and Recorder of said town, the Representatives in Parliament for the time being for said town, also the Representatives in Parliament for the time being for the Counties of Meath and Louth, and six Aldermen and seven of the Common Council of the Corporation of Drogheda shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for improving and cleansing the Harbour of said Town from the Bridge of said Town to the Sea

And that within one Calendar month from the passing of the said Act, the Mayor. Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons of said town should elect and appoint six Aldermen and seven Members of the Common Council to be together with the other Persons, wherein named Commissioners for carrying the said Act in Execution.

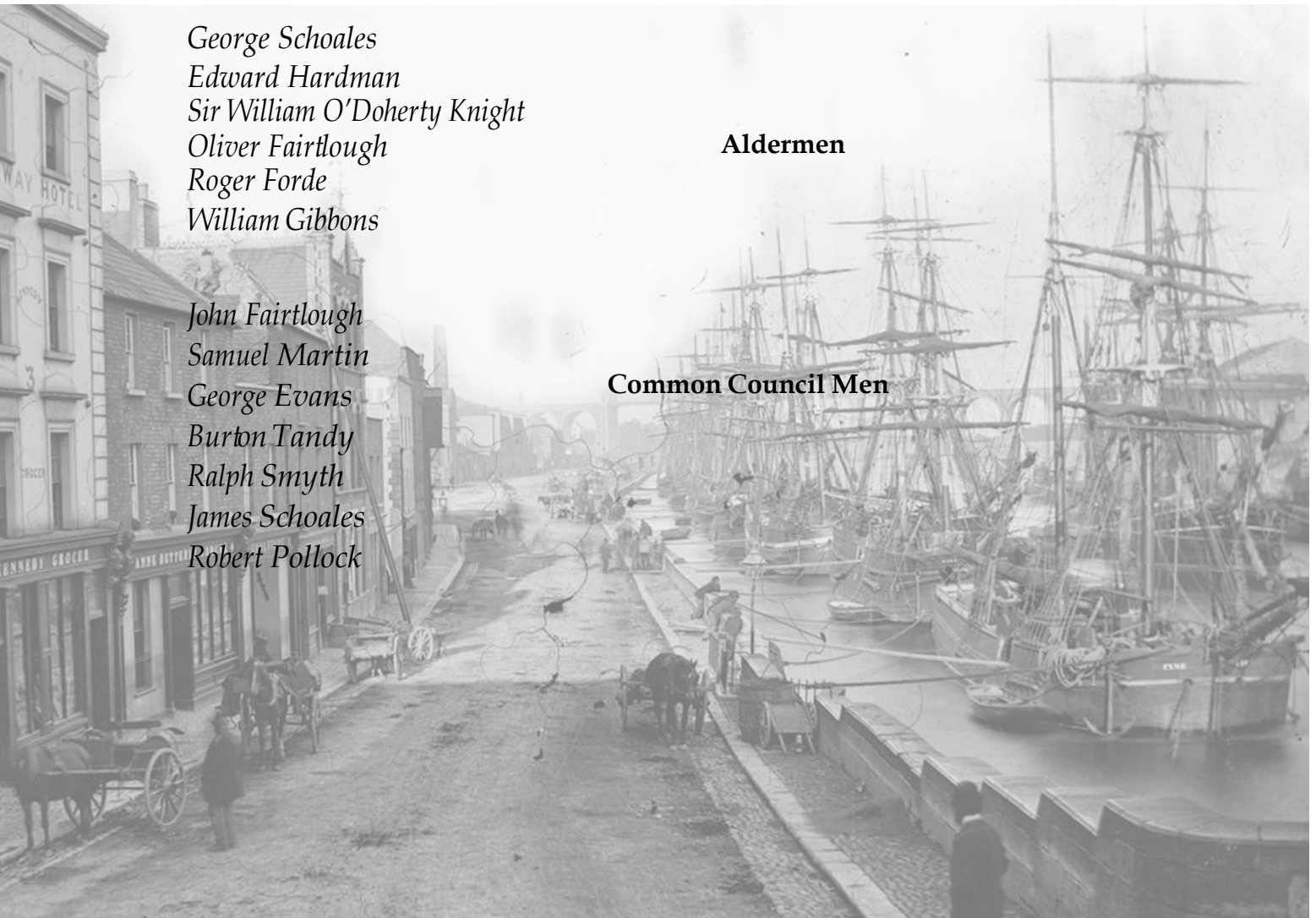
And Whereas in pursuance of said recited Act. The said Mayor and Sheriffs and Burgesses did at their General Quarterly Assembly held on Friday the 16th day of April Instant elect the following six Aldermen and seven Common Councilmen of said Corporation Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid - That is to say

George Schoales
Edward Hardman
Sir William O'Doherty Knight
Oliver Fairtlough
Roger Forde
William Gibbons

Aldermen

John Fairtlough
Samuel Martin
George Evans
Burton Tandy
Ralph Smyth
James Schoales
Robert Pollock

Common Council Men



And the said Commissioners having been appointed this day for meeting at the Tholsel of Drogheda for the Purpose of taking the Oath prescribed by the said recited Act. And the Town Clerk having attended and having administered the Oath prescribed by said Act to Graves Chamney Esquire Mayor of said town which Oath is hereunto annexed, and the said Mayor then administered the said Oath to the following Commissioners. That is to say, George Schoales, Edward Hardman, Sir William O' Dogberty, Oliver Fainlough and Roger Forde. Aldermen.

James Schoales, Bunon Tandy, Robert Pollock, Samuel Martin, Ralph Smyth and George Evans. Common Council Men.

And also to William Meade Ogle as one of the Representatives for this Town and County.

Who have respectively taken and subscribed to the said Oath.

" I A.B.do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and knowledge execute the several Powers and Trusts committed to me in and by an Act of Parliament in force in this Kingdom entitled an Act for improving the Port and Harbour of Drogheda and the better regulation of the Police of said town without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice".

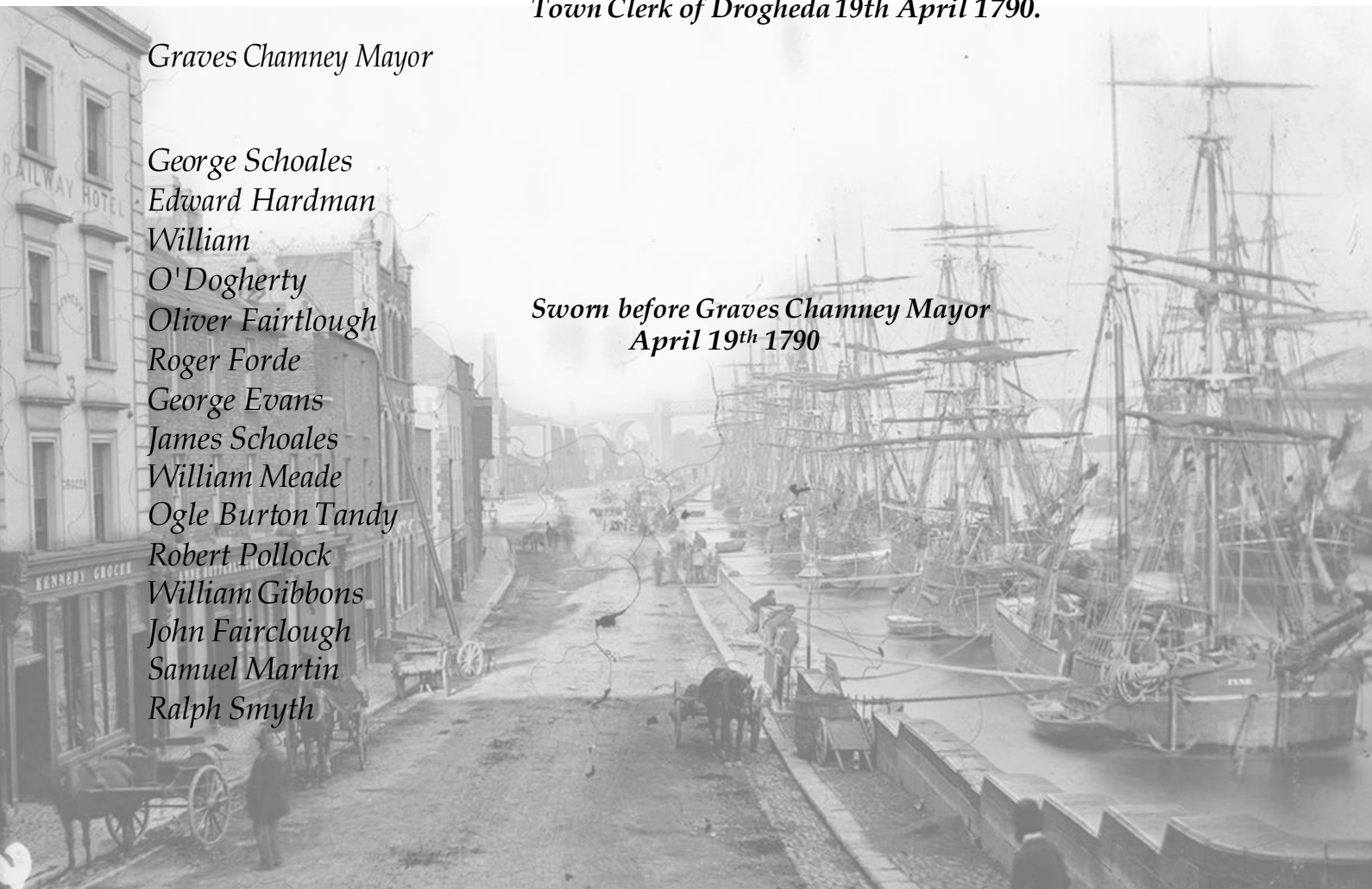
So help me God.

**Sworn before William Holmes
Town Clerk of Drogheda 19th April 1790.**

Graves Chamney Mayor

George Schoales
Edward Hardman
William
O' Dogherty
Oliver Fairtlough
Roger Forde
George Evans
James Schoales
William Meade
Ogle Burton Tandy
Robert Pollock
William Gibbons
John Fairclough
Samuel Martin
Ralph Smyth

**Sworn before Graves Chamney Mayor
April 19th 1790**



The said Commissioners then unanimously elected Mr. Thomas Collins to be Treasurer. They also appointed Mr. Robert Collins to gauge and ascertain the Tonnage of all foreign Ships arriving in this port at a Salary of Ten Pounds per annum.

Resolved that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be borrowed on debentures of One Hundred Pounds each paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Coping and walls of the Bridge on the Track Road at Greenhills be repaired under the inspection of Alderman Roger Forde.

Ordered that any notices which shall be issued for any meeting of the Commissioners shall be served at least four days previous to such meeting.

Ordered that Summonses be issued for a meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Monday the 7th June next for the purpose of taking into consideration, the state of the Harbour and the works that have been carried out for the improvement thereof and to make such orders for the further improvement of the Harbour as shall be deemed expedient.

Ordered that the Punts be continued at work as usual.

Signed by Order Mr. Thomas Collins, Treasurer.

