

LIMERICK COUNTY PRISON.

RETURN to Two Orders of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 28 April and 30 June 1879 ;—for,

(ORDER, 28 April.)

RETURNS “of the Number of PRISONERS who have committed SUICIDE in the
COUNTY LIMERICK PRISON since the Appointment of the present Governor of that
Prison:”

“And, of the Number of PRISONERS who have been removed from that Prison to the
LUNATIC ASYLUM since the Appointment of the same Official.”

(*Mr. O'Sullivan.*)

(ORDER, 30 June.)

RETURN, “supplemental to that Ordered on the 28th day of April, showing the Number
of PRISONERS committed to the COUNTY LIMERICK PRISON since the Appointment
of the present Governor on the 31st day of May 1862, who were considered by the
Medical Officer to be INSANE on Committal, or within Forty-eight Hours after-
wards:”

“And, EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS relative to the PRISONERS who committed
SUICIDE, and to those who were not considered INSANE on Committal.”

(*Mr. James Lowther.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
30 June 1879.

RETURN of the Number of PRISONERS who have committed SUICIDE in the COUNTY LIMERICK PRISON since the Appointment of the present Governor of that Prison; and, of the Number of PRISONERS who have been removed from that Prison to the LUNATIC ASYLUM since the Appointment of the same Official; also, RETURN showing the Number of PRISONERS committed to the COUNTY LIMERICK PRISON since the Appointment of the present Governor on the 31st day of May 1862, who were considered by the Medical Officer to be INSANE on Committal, or within Forty-eight Hours afterwards; and, EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS relative to the PRISONERS who committed SUICIDE, and to those who were not considered INSANE on Committal.

LIMERICK COUNTY PRISON.

Number of Prisoners who committed Suicide in County Limerick Prison since the Appointment of the present Governor on the 31st May 1862	-	-	2
Number of Prisoners removed from County Limerick Prison to the Lunatic Asylum since the Appointment of the present Governor on the 31st May 1862	-	-	152
Number of Prisoners who were considered by the Medical Officer to be Insane on being Committed to Prison, or within 48 hours afterwards	-	-	140*

* This includes Five who were acquitted by Juries on the ground of Insanity when offence was committed, or who were found incapable of pleading when arraigned.

STATEMENT with reference to TWO PRISONERS who committed SUICIDE.

W.K.—Had deserted his wife and children, returned after six years' absence, had an interview with his wife, during which he attempted to murder her with a knife. Her depositions were taken in his presence at the hospital to which she was removed, and on the following day he hanged himself from the cell ventilator with a portion of his shirt.

J.O'N.—Committed in the forenoon for one month in default of paying fine, his wife having been committed two days previously to female prison for trial on several charges of robbery. He strangled himself on the evening of same day. This man was about three years previously committed to City Gaol for attempting self-destruction, a fact not known to any person in this gaol, or to the constabulary who arrested him.

STATEMENT relative to PRISONERS who were not considered INSANE on Committal.

J.S.—An eccentric character, labouring under delusions. Removed to asylum 17 days after committal for 12 months in default of bail.

D.L.—Became insane consequent on frequent attacks of epilepsy.

M.C.—A vagrant, who wore grotesque attire and lived by mendicancy; generally regarded as of unsound mind.

M.R.—A pauper, committed for assault on workhouse matron. Was certified as a lunatic on the seventh day after committal.

D.C.—Under

D.C.—Under sentences for assault, &c. Had been previously a patient in the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum.

M. McG.—A twice returned convict, under sentence for attempting to pick pockets. Had been struck on the head with a stick by the man whom he attempted to rob.

A.C.—Discharged from the Army as an incorrigible character. I believe he was feigning insanity, and he was found to be sane immediately after his removal to Dundrum Asylum, 27th December 1869.

J.G.—A very turbulent pauper, who spent most of his time between the Limerick Workhouse and the gaol.

W.C.—Under court-martial sentence. Twelve days after committal he made, without provocation or cause, a murderous attack on prison officers. Was subsequently certified to be a dangerous homicidal maniac.

J.O'S.—Sentenced to 12 calendar months' hard labour. Ten days afterwards he was certified to be insane.

M.R.—Discharged from the Army as a lunatic. Had been under observation for lunacy in City Gaol previous to his transfer here. Admitted to superintendent of district asylum that he had been feigning insanity both in the Army and in the prisons. Escaped from asylum, and has not been retaken.

T. McJ.—I believe this man was feigning insanity. The resident superintendent and visiting physician of the asylum are of this opinion. He escaped from the asylum, and has not been retaken.

Limerick Male Prison,
7 May 1879.

F. McG. Eagar,
Governor.

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