

GRAND JURIES BILL (IRELAND.)

AMENDMENTS

TO BE PROPOSED TO CLAUSES

By Mr. W. S. O'Brien.

Be it Enacted, That before the Spring Assizes to be holden in the year *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven*, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland shall cause each county in Ireland to be divided into parochial districts and baronial districts, such that each parochial district shall be formed either by the union or the division of existing parishes, so as to contain a population of not less than *Two thousand* persons, nor more than *Five thousand* persons, according to the census taken in pursuance of an Act passed in the first year of His present Majesty, and such that each baronial district shall be formed by the union or division of existing baronies, so as to contain a population of not less than *Fifteen thousand* persons, and not more than *Thirty thousand* persons, according to the census aforesaid; and so that each such parochial district shall lie wholly within one such baronial district; and the Lord Lieutenant shall cause to be transmitted to the several Grand Juries of the several counties of Ireland, at their first Meeting for the transaction of county business at such Spring Assizes to be holden in the year *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven*, Tables, exhibiting such division, and specifying in regard of each parochial district the townlands or ploughlands, or other principal denominations, comprised in such parochial district, and in regard of each baronial district the several parochial districts comprised in such baronial district.

Amendment
to CLAUSE 3.

And be it Enacted, That at the Spring Assizes to be holden in the year *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven*, the collectors of County Cess for the several baronies in each county in Ireland, shall lay before the Grand Juries of the several counties respectively, returns of all persons in each parish within their respective collections who shall have paid in the two levies of County Cess next immediately preceding such Assizes, a total sum of at least *One Pound* each; and such returns shall specify the actual amount so paid by each individual, and the townland, ploughland or portion thereof in respect of which such cess shall have been paid by each such person; and the several Grand Juries shall at such Spring Assizes in the year *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven*, and the several Fiscal Boards shall at every ensuing Spring Assizes, cause Lists of such persons to be printed as the Roll of Parochial Electors for each parochial district respectively,

Amendment
to CLAUSE 4.

respectively, and shall appoint a time and place for holding an election within such parochial district, and shall name some person in each parochial district to preside and take the votes at such election, and every such election shall be held within *One* Fortnight after the termination of such Spring Assizes as aforesaid.

Amendment
to CLAUSE 6.

And be it Enacted, That the persons duly qualified to be electors for such parochial district, by having paid cess in respect of lands or tenements situated within such parochial district to the amount of at least *One* Pound in the two preceding levies as aforesaid, shall at such time and place as has been appointed as aforesaid, proceed to elect, by a majority of the votes of the electors present, one person to be the Warden for such parochial district, from among the persons who shall have paid in such two preceding levies of county cess a total sum of each, and each such Warden shall continue in office until a new election shall take place after the Spring Assizes in the year ensuing; and such new election shall be holden in all respects in like manner with the first election, as hereinbefore directed.

Amendment
to CLAUSE 7.

And be it Enacted, That a special or presentment Sessions shall be held for each baronial district in the interval between one Assizes and another, at such time and place as the Grand Jury or Fiscal Board of the county in which such baronial district is situated shall appoint; and the Wardens of the several parochial districts comprised in each baronial district shall hereafter be qualified to vote and act at the special or presentment Sessions holden for such baronial district, and together with such Wardens every magistrate deriving an income of the annual value of *Fifty* Pounds from real property situated within such baronial district, shall be qualified to vote and act at such special Sessions; and every person shall likewise be so qualified who shall be the known agent to estates situated within such baronial district of the yearly value of *Two thousand* Pounds; and after the Spring Assizes of *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven* no other persons except such as are qualified according to the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be qualified to vote or act at any special presentment Sessions; any Act now in force to the contrary notwithstanding.

Amendment
to CLAUSE 8.

And be it Enacted, That at each such special Sessions in the several counties of Ireland there shall be chosen by and from among the persons qualified to vote and act at such special Sessions, such number of baronial deputies from each special Sessions in each county as is specified in Schedule (I.) to this Act annexed; and such baronial deputies shall continue in office until the first special presentment Sessions to be holden subsequent to the Spring Assizes in the year ensuing after their election; and at such special Sessions in each succeeding year a new election of baronial deputies shall be holden in all respects in like manner

manner as at the first election ; and the several baronial deputies shall assemble at the time and in the manner hereinafter directed, and shall form the Fiscal Board of the county in which the baronial district for which they are chosen is situated ; and all the fiscal powers and duties heretofore enjoyed and performed by the Grand Juries of the several counties in Ireland, shall hereafter be enjoyed and performed by the several Fiscal Boards constituted as aforesaid, subject nevertheless to the provisions hereinafter contained in this Act ; and provided also, That whenever any duty is by this Act imposed upon the several Fiscal Boards, such duty shall be performed by the several Grand Juries in Ireland, until such Fiscal Boards shall have been fully constituted under this Act, namely, until after the first Spring Assizes of the year *One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven*.

SCHEDULE (I.)

IN the following Counties, each Special Presentment Sessions shall send *Four* Baronial Deputies to the Fiscal Board in each County :

Carlow.	Kilkenny.	Louth.
Kildare.	King's County.	Westmeath.
Longford.	Leitrim.	Wicklow.
Fermanagh.	Meath.	Dublin.
Monaghan.	Queen's County.	Waterford.
Sligo.	Wexford.	

In the following Counties, each Special Sessions shall send *Three* Baronial Deputies to the Fiscal Board of each County :

Armagh.	Kerry.	Londonderry.
Cavan.	Limerick.	Roscommon.
Clare.		

In the following Counties, each Special Sessions shall send *Two* Baronial Deputies to the Fiscal Board in each County :

Cork.	Down.	Tipperary.
Antrim.	Galway.	Tyrone.
Donegal.	Mayo.	

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