

QUEEN'S COLLEGES (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 30 March 1859;—for,

COPY “ of the CORRESPONDENCE which has passed between the Presidents
of the Queen's Colleges in *Ireland* and the *Irish* Government, in reference
to the RESIDENCE of the PRESIDENTS in their respective Colleges.”

Dublin Castle, }
2 April 1859. }

THOS. A. LARCOM.

Sir,

Dublin Castle, 7 September 1858.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you that his Excellency's attention has been given to the Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the progress and condition of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland recently laid before Parliament.

His Excellency entirely concurs in the opinion of the Commissioners, as stated in their Report, which declares that the Commissioners consider that residence should be a condition of holding the office of President, and residence in the sense that the college should be the President's “ home;” and I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to request that you will acquaint me, for the information of his Excellency, whether he may understand that it is your intention, as President of the Queen's College, Belfast, to conform to the recommendation referred to, and to make the college your ordinary place of residence in the sense contemplated by the Report.

The President, Queen's College, Belfast.

I am, &c.
(signed) Naas.

Similar Letters were addressed to the Presidents of the Queen's Colleges of Cork and Galway.

My Lord,

Queen's University, Dublin Castle,
13 September 1858.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 7th instant, referring to the Report of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Queen's Colleges, and requesting me to state, for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, whether it is my intention, as President of Queen's College, Cork, to make the college my ordinary residence, as recommended by the Commissioners.

I am happy to be able to reply, for the information of his Excellency, that the dissensions which had interfered with my residence in the college for some time back having been, as I hope, finally put an end to by the Commissioners' Report, it is my intention to make the college my ordinary residence and home during the college session.

I beg leave, however, respectfully to explain that it will be necessary for me to visit Dublin at intervals, especially in the third term, for the discharge of my duties as Director of the Museum of Irish Industry. His Excellency will be aware from the Report of the Commissioners, and from the evidence annexed, that I accepted the office of President of Queen's College, Cork, on the condition that it should not interfere with my retaining the office of Director of

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the Museum of Irish Industry; upon the faith of this agreement I resigned the two professorships which I then held in Dublin, and also other valuable sources of professional income which I then enjoyed. From that connexion with the Museum of Irish Industry, so identified with my labours and position in science, I cannot separate myself; but I believe that his Excellency will find the time required at intervals for the proper discharge of my duties in the Museum not at all to interfere with my duly carrying into effect the objects of the Commissioners in regard to my residence as President of Queen's College, Cork.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Robert Kane.*

The Right Hon. Lord Naas, M.P.,
Chief Secretary.

My Lord,

14 September 1858.

I HAVE this moment received your Lordship's communication of the 7th instant, requesting to know, for the information of the Lord Lieutenant, whether it is my intention, as President of the Queen's College, Galway, to conform to the recommendation of the Queen's College Commissioners, and to make the college my ordinary place of residence in the sense contemplated by them.

I beg to state in answer, that it is my intention to make the college my ordinary place of residence in the sense contemplated by the Report of the Commissioners.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Berwick.*

The Chief Secretary.

Queen's University Office, Dublin Castle,
9 October.

My Lord,

I DELAYED answering the communication which I had the honour to receive from your Lordship, expressing the opinion of his Excellency regarding the residence of the Presidents of the Queen's Colleges, hoping every week to be enabled in reply to state, that I had succeeded in having my severely afflicted wife, who has been confined to bed for 26 years, removed from this neighbourhood to my house in Belfast College; whilst I deeply regret to say that Mrs. Henry's medical attendants will not incur the responsibility of allowing her, in her present weak condition, to undertake the journey. I have to state that I have made such arrangements as enable me to request your Lordship to be so good as to inform his Excellency that it is my intention to conform to the recommendation respecting the residence of the Presidents contained in the Report of the Queen's Colleges Commissioners, and to make the Belfast College my ordinary place of residence in the sense contemplated in that Report.

I have, &c.
(signed) *P. Shuldham Henry.*

The Right Hon. Lord Naas.

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(*Mr. Beamish.*)

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