The CLARE of '28

GOD SAVE IRELAND !

TO THE PATRIOTIC

WOMEN & MEN OF CLARE.

TO THE CLERGY, LAITY AND

ELECTORS

OF THIS GALLANT COUNTY.

Friends, Dear Friends and Compatriots,

It has pleased the Omnipotent to deprive Ireland of the personal services of the mighty apostle of Home Rule---Isaac Butt !

O'Connell and he were the great Tribunes who aroused from apathy, and all but despair-the dormant energies of a down trampled people ; and long shall their memories repose embalmed in the innermost shrines of the Irish Heart !

Although feeble to emulate where genius and ability were so transcendent, it is given to all true men to unite in the maintenance of the Nation's Cause !

It shall be mine to trace out the path of the mighty dead, and then assiduously devote the remaining hours of my life to treading in their foot prints !

As an original member of the Home Rule League, and consequently a sentinel on guard over the cause of the people—it becomes my first duty to proclaim that the present is no ordinary Election.

A vacancy in the representation has occurred through circumstances which I need not refer to, and in fulfilment of a solemn pledge given, I come before the Electors of Clare once more. I have no new policy to proclaim—no strange principles to enunciate. I am 'through good & ill for Ireland still.'

And here in view of existing circumstances, it is meet I should refer to a paragraph in my address to the Electors in August, 1877. I could not consent to divide the Liberal Interest and secure a Tory Triumph, and I wrote :---

> " The lamented death of our esteemed friend, SIR COLMAN O'LOGHLEN, leaves a vacancy in the representation of our County—to fill which, I, at the call of my Brother Home Rulers, place myself at your command."
> " At the period of his first Election, happening to be also a Candidate, I retired in his favour—sooner than expose our county by division in the Liberal ranks, to the risk of having an enemy or a stranger imposed on its representation ! "

Well ! a new opportunity has arisen presenting new occasion for a like personal sacrafice of ambition, and the nominations of to-day show how it has been met by a new candidate in the field. I leave to my countrymen to draw their own conclusions.

I have said that I have no new policy to declare ; but let me in brief repeat the old that The Emancipation Struggle is historical, and my humble part in the sustainment of O'Connell in Clare is my traditional honour. For the future let me say, that I am, and shall be for the right of Ireland to HOME-LEGISLATION—for TENANT PROTECTION and FIXITY of TENURE on the broad basis, laid down by the Farmers' Clubs of Clare and other places—for EDUCATION in its Primary, Intermediate and University Phases, as outlined and approved by the Catholic Hierarchy of Ireland—for the Repeal or Reform of GRAND JURY LAWS, for the Equalization and Extension of the FRANCHISE, and for all other acts and measures which Irish National Organization may recommend or decree.

Recognizing the necessity of community of action by Irish Members in the House of Commons. I adopt as my code of policy in that assembly, the recommendation given almost simultaneously by the illustrious John, Arch-Bishop of Tuam, and Mr. Mitchell Henry, namely : of greater energy and more unflinching zeal in pursuit of the National Cause. It shall be my pride and pleasure and duty to act in accord with your loved and valued representative—the true and pure minded Lord Francis Conyngham ; and to follow, so far as my humble labours will permit the cause of action inaugurated and pursued by Mr. Parnell, Mr. Mitchell Henry, and the band of Irish Patriots, who deem national honour paramount to a weak surrender to the enemy.

Can I say any more ? The pride of the old time is still strong within me, and the redemption of its record is my highest ambition.

Let me conclude as I commenced—GOD SAVE IRELAND, and God Save All who have Irish interests, and not personal or professional, or oligarchical interests at heart. Again, Men & Women of my own Clare. I am not only your obedient servant, but

YOUR ATTACHED FRIEND,

Signed, **The O'GORMAN MAHON.**

Newpark, 8th May, 79.

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THE CLARE ELECTION.

The O'Gorman Mahon!

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A LETTER FROM

COLONEL, THE O'GORMAN MAHON

To the London "Daily Telegraph"—and published in that Journal on

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, '79

To the Editor of "The Daily Telegraph."

SIR---Referring to a paragraph in "The Daily Telegraph" of yesterday, headed "Election Intelligence," I find it stated that there is not "practically" any candidate now in the field for the representation of Clare except Captain Vandeleur. At the last election, in 1876 out of four candidates, I was second on the poll by a majority of several hundreds. After that election, responding to the call of the people, I pledged my word—and I now repeat it—that, if alive at the next election, I would place myself at the disposal of the constituency of my native county, and poll to the last. It is on record that for more than fifty years I have been a "Home Ruler" in the most extended sense of the term, even when that term Home Rule* was unknown, and a shorter name was given to the movement. Home Rule is really the question at issue now. Fixity of tenure to the tenant, while preserving to the landlord his just and legitimate rights, the right of parents to decide on the education of their children, and equality of franchise, command my support. I am not a new convert to these principles, as my native County and the Borough of Ennis, both of which I represented in Parliament, well know.

Since yesterday's paragraph in "The Daily Telegraph" is calculated to mislead as to my determination to contest the county, I trust that you will, in the spirit of justice, give this letter a place in your next publication.

I am, yours obediently,

THE O'GORMAN MAHON.

Hanover-square Club, April 11.

*REPEAL.

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FARMERS

AND

ELECTORS OF CLARE,

BEWARE OF

POLITICAL APOSTATES AND TRÁITORS !!!

Read the following Leter from the "Freeman's Journal," from your tried and truest friend, CASEY the Galtee Boy, on your present Candidate

PETER O'BRIEN,

Who wants to get on the Bench at the sacrifice of your interests and National Independence, let your motto be

O'GORMAN MAHON FOR CLARE!!

To the Editor of the Freeman.

Mitcheltown. May 3rd, 1879.

Dear Sir—Could any of your readers inform me whether Mr. "Peter O'Brien," whose address to the Electors of Clare has appeared for the past few days in your Journal, is the gentleman who acted as junior counsel for Mr. Patten S. Bridge in the trial of Bridge v. Casey in December, 1867. If he be the same person I find it difficult to believe that one the audacity of whose language towards Mr. Butt (leading counsel for the defendant) astonished the court, and whose ill-concealed hostility towards the witnesses for the defence, ~~are~~ illustrated by a cross-examination severe to excess and often bordering on absurdity, whilst his contemptuous sneers at their wretched and miserable appearance, and openly expressed doubts as to the veracity of their pitiful tales, was the subject of universal condemnation---I cannot, I repeat, believe that such a gentleman is sincere in the views put forward by him on the Land Question in his address. The men of historic Clare are the best judges of their own interests, and if they return as their representative a gentleman who certainly did his duty well by Mr. Bridge in the Queen's Bench they will not be surprised if one of his first acts should be to defend Mr. Bridge's conduct in the House of Commons

YOURS TRULY,

J. SARSFIELD CASEY.

Your prent Candidate PETER O'BRIEN, is the man Mr. Casey, "the Galtee Boy," enquires for above.

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HURRAH FOR CLARE

A GLORIOUS VICTORY CERTAIN!

COLONEL, THE O'GORMAN MAHON

Endorsed by the Home Rle League of Great Britian, London, & also bythe Hme Rule League of Dublin.

The following is a Copy of a Telegram received last [illegible] from W. J. OLIVER, Sectary of the Home Rule Confederation of GREAT BRIAIN to The O'GORMAN MAHON.

At a meeting of the Executivo-day, the fo.owing resolution was unanimously adopted :—

"That to save the historic County oflare, from the political disgrace of electing a Whig or Tory, the Executive of THE HOME RULE CONFEDRATION, dem it their duty to express a hope that the Clare Electors will triumphantly return the : Nationalisand Hme Rule Candidate, The O'Gorman Mahon."

The followng is the Dublin Telegram.

"Resolution passed this 18th May, th; in asmuch as it has been the custom of Home Rule Leigue, when a Home Rule Candidate has been confroned wih either a Whig or Tory opponent, to request the Patriotic Electors to give their undivided support to Le Hme Ruler; and as we find that the Home Rule Candidate now before Clare is, Colonel, The O'GORMAN MAHON. We therefore recommend the Electors to vindicate the principle of Self-Government for Ireland by recor[illegible] their vote for him."

ELECTORS & MEN OF CLARE

You are now called up as your fatherswere in '28 to strike the blow for National Independence, and prove to Ireland, that the same noble Spirit of '28 burns within your bosom, by returning

Colonel. The O'GORMAN MAHON for Clare!!

God Save Ireland!

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