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Gweedore Hotel Visitors Books

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Dear Sir
Mr Ellis

We have been staying at the Spinden Hotel for four days
Considering that the House is not yet finished and consequently cannot be expected to possess all the advantages of an old established Inn it is very comfortable – The Beds are excellent – the Landlord & his wife most determined seem anxious to please and give every satisfaction.
Such an accommodation in our District underlying a resting place which hitherto possessed no such advantages deserves to be encouraged and we hope will meet with that support so justly due to the Noble and Excellent proprietor Lord G. A. Hamilton
we have the honor of meeting a man from whom we received the most marked kindness and attentions
September 19 – 1842.

Mobile Regt
Fort Longe
Enniskillen
Jas B. Sutton
Rectory Belfast
Thos Johnston
Grove Lodge

October 3rd 1842

I have been staying here for some time on business and have found the accommodation to far exceeding expectations, the beds are good & comfortable and the other accomodation better than could be expected in such a district

Robt Montgomery
Surveyor & Valuer of Lands
Sligo

October 6th & 7th

The warmest thanks are due from the travelling Public to the noble Proprietor of this House for having afforded them, in so remote a district of this magnificent County, a substantial and cleanly Hotel, - but added to these thanks, a hearty & healthy sentiment of gratitude should be kindled in the breast of every lover of Ireland, & indeed of every cosmopolite, towards that Landlord, who not only lives & spends his Income in his own Country, but so far as it has in his Power, looks after his own Estates, & whose evident wish is to improve the moral & social condition of his Tenantry — Though in the zeal of good the management of this House is good & unexceptionable —

That such improvements may be the shadows of prosperity coming events in Old Ireland is the heartfelt wish of one unpossessman —

Warren Miller Jones,
Lower Charlton Kent

Lady Stewart, Mr Taggart, The Misses Mansfield Mr W Style Mr Hugh Law Mr Henry Mansfield and Mr A Stewart visited the Gurdon Hotel and were much gratified by the accommodation afforded

October 14th 1842

County Inspector Anderson, with Sub Inspector Fox & Hunt enjoyed the most comfortable accommodation provided in this Remote part of the County by Lord G. Hill and which was enhanced greatly by the exceedingly great attention of the Host & Hostess the most civilized Inn could afford nothing more comfortable. The Resident Magistrate James Little Esq was also of the party -

November 6. 1842.

I happened in the Gurdon Hotel last night indeed it was currently reported out to come on that occasion. I must in justice say that the accommodation exceeded what I expected in this remote Town I have been visiting Gurdon for 5 years. I knew it belonged to Lord Hill because the possessor, he constant between appearance of this country when I first saw it & the present improved & progressing state is certainly very marked. Travellers are not the Persons who have most occasion to be grateful for Lord Hill's goodness.

Sam Savage
Insp. Gen. Schools

Extract from my Journal.

Mr 20. 1843

Most agreeably surprised by finding a very Comfortable hotel in a district of Country through which I had wandered in the year '38. at which time I was obliged to find shelter in a most miserable Cottage and sleep in a bed where I most certainly excited a civil warmy only safety arose from the divided opinion of the Combatants for had they all pulled the same way, I should most certainly have been dragged out of bed. Now the Case is altered. there is a most Comfortable & Commodious Inn, in a district of Country where the only accommodation a Travellor could get was such as I have described above, and this that reflects much credit on the Spirited Landlord, and proprietor of the soil for a great certainty around - as also on the kind and attentive hostess who takes Care of the Comm. I have had only time to stop for Lunch which has served in most Comfortable style, but I took occasion to walk through the Comm, and must add my tribute of praise to those which may be found in the Journals regarding Mr Fisher this a most wealthy and enterprising Companion and who also abounds in anecdote, of all kinds.

Thos M. Cartadgian.
Clarenville Hotel.

Mr Wright's Hotel Clarenville

County Inspector Anderson and myself Spent this day here, and were well attended. found the House and accomodation with bed and attendance extremely good. Found the host and hostess extremely kind.

27th May 1843.

M A Wright

Having reduced my Father to accompany me to view the many improvements on the Gendre Property by Lord George Hill

I have the pleasure of saying that the General improvement has rapidly increasing since I had last the pleasure of visiting this part of the Country. And more particularly those connected with the Hotel, which is now fitted up in such a Comfortable Manner and so well Conducted by Mr Cunningham as reflects considerably to the Credit & enterprise of that Gentleman with also great Credit to home

July 13

Wilto S Walsh

without Buttons & Tags, on the shirts of Chiefs, and for the Sleeves of the Women a shaking Box

Shota Gunestone
And Seven Mile Mountain & Moore
So it is a law

Hymn

I have visited Guidone
Nor I wish to see no more
Of swaddling and Gammon
and worship of Mammon.
And we be allowed to catch Salmon
A school and church without a steeple
We hopes to fall in from good people,
A "Mongul breed" without crop
Save one to prove Eternal hop,
~~yours &c &c~~

A travellin on the four Quarters of the Globe
and a welcome to the truth of but one church.

Sunday Morning
"Be ye also ready"
"The Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not"

Sun rises, which makes us
Bless of praise & those who
found in the Sunday
I met a Mr Fish there
wrath and entusing Tompkins
and who also abounded in anecdote,
all kinds.

Thomas McCartney Taddeian.
Clarendon Hunt.

(55) 44
(23) 15
(9) 9

My horses been at the Guidone
Hotel for the greater part of
last week and I have much
pleasure in stating that the accom-
modation was very good and the
every care and attention been
paid to them by Mr Cunningham

May Thou 1863.

Baptist J. Norton

We slept this morning at the Guidone
Hotel & afterwards breakfasted. We found our
Birds comfortable & the hosts attentive.

May Thou 1863.

Daniel Todd
Baptist J. Norton

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony
to the many contained herein of the comfort and
attention to be had at this very excellent Hotel
and have every reason to believe, that from
the obliteness of the conductor & of the
hostler and postman will also upon
fine it a home

May 19. 1863

Walter S Walsh

[illegible]
without cushions & [illegible]
Spirits, and for the benefit of [illegible]
[illegible] a shaking Bog

10 Tá an "Guidore Hotel" na dtiġ-oṡta deaġ-ġnáṡaċta ṡroṁ. Ní dóiġteo mur dtá, á meaṡ na ṡléibhe, tá sé na Phaipéar beaġ ṡá bhfuaiṁ! —

Á ḋúine ġuallaċ á bóiṁ, le ġunna agus do ġuallan, no ṡlat ṡaṡġaṁeaċt air do lámh, buaiṁ á ḋá neidhe na ġráéinona, 7 oeraṁ oiṁ, ná bhuaiḋ eagla oiṁ; — bhfuaiġeas do Lord George Hill ġeallaiḋ tú buaiḋ ṡ ḋóċ ṡ leaba maiṫ air ṡo, 7 ṡáṡlte! —

Go mba ṡaoi buan á ḋeaġ-oibreaċa! —

Is maiṫ an t-ṡaiġ, is maiṫ an ṡóiḋ,
Is maiṫ an ṡion, is maiṫ an beoiṁ,
Ṡúġ na h-eoṁna mhúr bhuiġeaṁ,
Dhúċas an tsleibh' nar ṡéalaiḋ ṡiġin air!
Tá buaċaill ġaṡta muinte air
Ar caiḋn deas ġoṁ-ṡuileaċ ġlan!
Tá ġaiḋ aon ṡiúl ṡo ṡaor ar maiṫ
Leiġeoṁ, ṡé ar ól do ṡúiṫ!
Is an ṡgéul o Ċríoṡ go Nodlaiġ
'S is maiṫ an ṡgéul a Ḟonas ḃoḋ!

Rhaiġeo Mac Aḋhaiṁh

ó Belfast. 30th May 1843

June 22nd

We do hereby refer to the testimony of Surgeon Mr Faddian Esq to be found in this book dated April 21st 1842, as bearing our opinion of the comforts of this hotel, the excellency of the attendance and the highly entertaining powers of the gentleman mentioned & that eloquently write

John Sproule
W Browne.

A Sir H

Total bill Kind?

(11) 11

Thomas Griffiths and comfortable accommodation induced me to visit this Hotel with my family that they might enjoy perfect retirement, breathe in grand scenery, gather health & strength by inhaling the fresh mountain air, to the noble proprietor under the Almighty whose steward he is, & who endures his existence with tender solicitude to the enjoyments & refreshments for them I am indebted for these benefits which we have truly enjoyed. 30th June 1843

Griffiths

What a speller!!

Not far from the spot on which this neat & comfortable Hotel now stands, and lift than 12 years from the present date, the writer of these lines, and four other persons, were travelling from Dunloe to Bunkey, when they were benighted, and nearly lost. There was no Inn then, nor even a Road of any kind in this direction; the night was dark, there only guide a Star, and, through forgetting to make allowance for its northing as it declined, they had deviated from their proper course, (being without Chart or Compass) and had nearly foundered in a Bog. What a charming contrast now presents itself to the view!

Grateful for the comforts he has enjoyed at the "Guidore Hotel," the writer gladly bears testimony to the quiet and unobtrusive attention and civility of its host & hostess, and also of the Servants, nor can he take his leave of a Country in which it has been his lot to sojourn for nearly twenty years, without breathing a Prayer for its future prosperity, and for the success of a Hotel known as a thriving Box

undertakings of its noble, and other, Proprietors.

Should any of the writer's valued friends, whom he leaves behind him, be attracted to this spot after he is gone, and chance to turn to this Page, they may perceive the fleeting vestige of one, whose heart will ever be with them, and whose thoughts will often wander back to these delightful haunts; the scenes of his best and happiest days. then, and the worthy humble, but kind hearted friends, the poor Peasantry, will be remembered by him with a fond affection as long as he lives. The latter he has ever found kind and respectful, and grateful for any attention shewn to them. They are a bright and intelligent people. patiently bearing the most severe privations, and generous even to a fault. In illustration of which, the writer must grace this paper with the following touching little anecdote:-

A dreadful Famine prevailed here in 1831. two of the poorer description of the Peasantry came to the writer's Cottage, craving a little food, to carry home to their wives and 15 children, none of whom, or themselves, had tasted a morsel for 48 hours. They were requested to take such as much as would suffice for a Supper & Breakfast for their families, but when they saw that the writer had scarcely a week's potatoes left, and altho' they knew that no provision of any kind could be obtained, even for money, in any other place, within their reach, with a generous forbearance, they absolutely refused to take more than a single potato, and actually went away without any, saying, "that was little enough for the writer, our friend!" Even Sharkey, and Michael Dougan,

are their names, both of Fanagy, in Templecrone, and they are still living, in the same place, in a state of poverty and wretchedness, which the writer will not attempt to describe.-

A crowd of other affecting incidents rush to the writer's recollection, all claiming a record here, from which he selects the following:-

In the winter of 1832. I. was in the black month of February. a Schooner, with a crew of four men, in the middle of the night, and during a tremendous Gale from the N.E. was dashed against the Rocks of Innis-Tooir, and very soon sunk. one man was lost. the other three were thrown upon the top of a high and perpendicular Rock, within a stone's throw of the Island, (Innis-Tooir)

— "as black a precipice, as Despair
"Gives mariners a shelter and despair;
"A spot to make the saved regret the deed"
"Which late went down, and envy the lost wreck."

in which situation they were discovered when day appeared. attempts were made to throw them coals of fire, and potatoes, but in vain. their fate seemed sealed. for to attempt to swim them through such a terrible sea as was roaring between the Rock and the Island, was a forlorn hope indeed, and appeared almost impossible.

what was to be done. if the unfortunate men were to spend another night on that bleak Rock, it would, doubtless, be their last. to the honour of human nature be it told, that, six of the Islanders manned three Curraghs, two oars each, and, watching a favourable interval between

waves, gallantly their crafts in their little boats, and gained a rock in the Rock. here a new difficulty opposed itself. high on their heads, perched on the Rock. benumbed with cold. exhausted. and nearly paralyzed, from the combined effects of fear and the dreadful sufferings of the preceding night. lay the poor objects of their solicitude. and, the Rock being perfectly perpendicular on its sides, there was no other way of gaining access to the boats but by dropping into them, at the imminent risk of either upsetting or staving them. one of the ~~men~~ three, the Captain. was upwards of 14 stone weight. the noble fellows paused but for a moment. such hearts are not easily daunted. the attempt was made. providentially without an accident occurring. each brought received its guest. and the gallant fellows succeeded, as if by the interposition of a miracle, in landing each his charge in safety on the Island. the names of the six men are

Patrick Boyle	of Dunagh	Tullaghdoffy
Dominick Coll		
Hugh Boyle	of Carrick	
Patrick Gallagher		
John Boyle	of Innismacsaint	
Daniel Sweeny		

with an overflowing heart at the remembrance of the hospitality. the generous hospitality. and many kindnesses the wanderers experienced during their sojourn on this part of Donegal. we wish his friend every happiness. & we impatiently at the same time to

suppress the sigh, these will force its way, while he thus, affectionately, bids them, all,

Farewell!

8th July, 1843. — Geo Stuart Renfold. —

Major Hill of Brookhaven
Mr Pleteson of Hilltown
Mr Greenwood of London
Mr James Hill
} July 15th 1843.

The above have every reason to be satisfied with the comfortable accommodations ~~——~~ of the London Hotel and with the obliging attentions of the landlady.

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25th July 1843. 10 o'clock. I made this "splendidly comfortable Landfall". There was not any such thing as the spot where I sit in style scribbling this. (for my hand is unsteady after about 30 years) 30 years it takes me perfectly to see this change, and this more so, as I have learnt that this Noble Founder is expected this very day.

I hereby bid him a hearty and cordial "Cead mile Failtha"

Yours Lieut Royal Navy

I am most pleased with everything, and every day

Yours

We visited this place after a pleasant drive from Dunfanaghy on the 5th of August 1843. We were very much pleased with everything we saw, and cordially wish success to the Noble Proprietor in his honorable endeavours to promote the improvement of this hitherto neglected part of the Country. Our entertainment in the Hotel was of the best description and the short time we spent here was most agreeable.

Wm Mercer Curate of Derry
Wm Cochrane Lifford
Margt Cochrane do
Chas Crawford do
Henry Mathews Gallagowns Glebe
Hugh Cochrane do

Having the duties of the Noble Proprietor to have erected, connected with the Property comfortable and in good order. I fully expected to find good comfort and common comforts with the establishment, but what I have experienced in a sojourn of four days has far surpassed all my expectations, and I think it would be impossible to spend a day at the Hotel without being not only perfectly satisfied, but also most gratified with every thing connected with it. And it perhaps may not be out of place to remark, that the good improvement going on in the Neighbourhood as also the Store Loft of Barley is a convincing proof of the same good that could be done in Ireland if its landlords or even a few of them were like minded with his Lordship.

Gweedore Hotel
16th August 1843

I have great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the cleanliness & regularity of this Establishment during my stay at the Hotel.

Gweedore Hotel
16th Sept. 43

J. Mansfield

We the undersigned are most desirous of leaving behind us our testimony to the good management of this Hotel having found excellent accommodation and extreme attention upon the part of the Hostess & Hostler. The satisfaction derived from the above causes we cannot refrain from expressing the gratification we received from witnessing the beneficent exertions of Lord George Hill the Proprietor of the Soil to promote the improvement of his extended Estate in every possible manner, & to ameliorate the condition of his Tenantry, & the surrounding Poor, by deeds of unostentatious, & judicious munificence.

Gweedore Hotel
August 24th 1843

R. Berry
Fanny Pomeroy
F. C. Pomeroy
Emily Pomeroy
Jno Robson Chaplain
Jos Martin

We have been at this Hotel for the last six days. & now depart with regret having spent our time most agreeably. The accommodation and attendance extremely good. We heartily concur with the observations already made in this Book as regards the Noble Proprietor whom we found particularly kind and attentive

Guidore Hotel
26th Sept. 1843.

James B Joffrett
Capt. 7th Fusiliers

We have been highly gratified in finding in this ~~from~~ romantically wild part of the Country such agreeable and much wished for accommodation as we have met with in this Most Excellent Establishment and must say that travellers and persons connected with this part of the country should feel under many obligations to the noble Landlord of this Estate

Matthew Hynes
Lt Hickeering
Blackwoods Belfast

I regret much that I had not the power, very fully attributed to the fortunate opinion of being in his place at one of I had, I would have accompanied my friend Col. Pratt & Mr Pope in their inspection of the improvements at Guidore, so well so amiable expressed on the entire of Donegal. The friend have expatiated on Lord George merits - I will be mention, for the benefit of the disciples of Sir Wm. - the first I killed with, & what the trouts I killed - The hawks were such sturdy, & contempt the big one merely the hawks were slowly, slowly & the lake killed a with (19) improvements at Guidore; and consequently we were not only highly grateful, at the immediate result, but also astonished, at the magnitude, of these different works of improvement, now in progress, under the immediate inspection, of Lord George Hill; and whether more to admire, the utility of these permanent improvements or the taste and judgement displayed in their execution, we are at a loss to define but certain it is, that his Lordship receives, and is justly entitled to, the Praise and sincere thanks, of a Grateful Country, for the repeated acts of his munificence & kindness towards them.

Guidore Hotel
Sept. 7th 1843

Jos. Pratt
Col. Thomas Pope

There is not such a miserly, selfish Rascal in the World as Joe Pratt
Which he lately can denify

We have been at this Hotel for the last six days. & now depart with regret having spent our time most agreeably. The accommodation and attendance extremely good. We heartily concur with the observations already made in this Book on regards the Noble Proprietor. Praise it is unnecessary, best perhaps a short sojourn here will suffice to convince every traveller of the benefit conferred on him & the benevolent & spiritual perfection of the Grit in establishing such a my accommodation.

9 September 1843 Edwd Thos Ka Tozer

On our Mrs Leathem of Shambelie House academy together with Miss Leathem and Miss Leathem have great reason to feel delighted with the attention paid to them by Mr Stabel and regret much that they cannot have the pleasure of prolonging their stay. To commit it merely for our parts may the ability of his establishment & his highness with such Opera to as the so exemplary character of the Noble Proprietor would be unnecessary.

Saturday 10th Sept 1843

I regret much that I took not the pleasure, very fully attributed to the fortunate species of being in his place at once of I had I would have accompanied my friends Col. Pratt & Mr Pope in their inspection of the improvements at Fordoun, as well as interest my self on the matter of Dunlop. Perhaps have expatiated on Lord George's merits - I will be brief, for the benefit of the disciples of Izaac Walton - the fish I killed with & the tackle I killed - The hooks were small & contemptible. Fly was scanty, the Monday was almost deadly & the tide killed a ripple - in a few hours I have 6 trout in a basket. I fished with the middle & upper tackle the latter of which I found much the best. My best fly was a fiery-brown with a green wing, & gorgeous hackle - it did perfect execution - a pickle dropper - one also fiery brown with black hackle - & a stone-wing - my hand fly has a red body without hackle & a mixed wing of rail & partridge - it was one of those known to some sportsmen as the "Sackfield Flies" - I advise all those anglers, whenever short of well a fit, to bring their gear with them in the boat & if they have not rifles, to procure the best manufactures by the Mr Rifs & to bring them also of their fellow angler. They may get shots at anglers, & at angles - at least I do -

D. Rice Stean.

Sept 7th 1843

Visited the Guidow near Inn Thursday as a resident marked during four years the rapid progress of it, & the buildings at Bonley Wheat, though astonishing to allowance Judges are not in my humble opinion remote on

22 Names of Gentlemen at the giving of premiums at Guildford Sept 1843

Lord George Hill
J. Mansfield Esqre
Wm Leathem Esqre
John Law Esqre
Hugh Law Esqre
Saml Sproule Esqre
John Sproule Esqre
J. Forster Esqre
Sir James Dombraine
Thos. Olphert Esqre
Mr Mitchell R.N.
Mr Ramsay
Revd H. McFadden P.P.

In advance of any of the Lordships Journey through the wharf & many regard to the comforts in their determined I wish further to observe as my opinion that the Jurors & appropriated attention & good faith by the conducted of the Sergt & Mr Cunningham to the different degrees of nations commands no less respect than admiration. Signed Thos. Hill

Lord G. Hill

10th Septr 1843 —

After a most comfortable night's sleep — and a right good and hearty breakfast I start for Bombay — Blessed with the kindness and attention of the Sticker of Wellington — and those attentive servants — and "God" I say "God bless the noble founder of this comfortable Lazaretto for an old sailor."

J. M. Blackburn Lt. Royal Navy

17 Septr 1843

Passed nearly three days at the Guidne Hotel and was perfectly satisfied with the attention of the kind hearted Host & Hostess, for also with the comforts the Hotel afforded, having regard to the course & its situation & circumstances. One of the days was Sunday, and getting could be in some perfect keeping with the Sabbath, or some kind of Calm, with solemn and serious tempt than the perfect peace and tranquillity that reigned around. Hence a sound was heard to break the silence of nature, the benefit of the appeared to enjoy in harmony, jointly the Sabbath, that both Organ and bent brought rest. There passed an more delightful Sabbath morning. It then is no slavery of the Book of the Hotel, that the Christian, that to me seemingly disposed to be present to be quite alone as the man or Organ feeling solitary or lonely in a Sunday, rather the contrary, on teaching him to feel Communion with his Maker & Saviour and to feel the right the world a wise and to feel a better man. W. F. M.

24 26th Sept. 1843

The spent last night at the Guidore Hotel & were highly satisfied with the excellent accommodation, & with the attention of the Host & Hostess —

Alex. P. Goudy
R. White
Jn. Reid

[illegible]
who wrote the
above was a
[illegible]
you lie you preposterous scoundrel

[illegible]

(25) 25

Having left Dunfanaghy on Wednesday morning at 9 OC A.M. for the purpose of attending the branch Dispensary Cross Roads and after going over some dozens of patients together with as many squalling children to be vaccinated; we were summoned by a [illegible] order from the ex-high sheriff of the Co Donegal [illegible] Olphert of Ballyconnell House Esq re J.P. D.L. after travelling thro' a wild mountainous country of about 9 miles we arrived at the patients residence where we learnt a poor woman had been for the three previous days in a hopeless state of accouchement. Having seen our patient (first clearing the cabin of about as many women and children as could well be packed therein we diagnosed our professional services were not then required. being much fatigued with the journey and having the pleasing prospect of remaining in this filthy cabin all night without refreshment or any where to lay our wearied limbs, we determined on proceeding to the far famed and beautiful hotel erected by its noble founder at Guidore where we arrived at 5 OC P.M. in an hour the attentive hostess had a substantial and well dressed dinner on the table and we flatter ourselves we did it every justice The Wine excellent - Porter first rate - and the Whiskey Punch could not be excelled by the best Mountain dew that never saw the face of the Guager. altho' true Parliament - We amused ourselves during the evening by reading over the

20 different statements contained in this book with all of which we most cordially agree and which must be most gratifying to the worthy founder that the valuable time and heavy expenses he has bestowed on this district of country almost unknown heretofore is now amply repaying all his exertions and there is no doubt if other landlords would take example in bettering the condition of the tenantry on their estates; there would have been no necessity of incarcerating the aged on their properties in a prison under dictum Poor-House.

At half past nine we were retired to our Bed Room all accommodation to wish nothing could excel, having gone thro' the usual routine of dishabillement we regaled our wearied limbs on a most comfortable bed at once embraced by the arms of Morpheus. but unfortunately at the eleventh hour a knock came to the door requiring our presence with our poor patient. After consultation the lot fell on the medico-elect to proceed to the house of grief where he remained all night and altho' much dissatisfied at leaving his comfortable bed he had the pleasing gratification of being able to save the life of this poor sufferer but alas! she gave birth to a dead son. !!!

Yesterday 10 O'Cl. breakfast over, stowed up in accordance with all other domestic arrangements. Morning gloomy threatening rain we now separate one for Dombainagh. the other for Tinlot & if we in conclusion we must reiterate our former

opinion we now Farewell to Old Guidore wishing it again and again every prosperity and success.

W. F. Rickey M.D. 22nd R.A.
J. Ellery F.R.C.S. in A.S.S.

21st September 1843.

The undersigned had every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation afforded at this Hotel

22/9/43

John Lowry
Assmar Lowry
W. H. Graham Capt 59th Rgt

We the undersigned concur most fully in all that has been written above, as to the excellent accommodation in this Hotel, & the general civility from all connected with it.

Guidore Hotel
Sept. 29th 1843

E. Style
Sarah Hyland
Charlotte Style
Charles Style Drake
Charles Style Junr
William Style

Traveller! – Be you Prince or Pedlar – rejoice & be thankful. take myself the you have found a quiet comfortable resting place such as this. The "Guidore Hotel" – has proved

to every traveller & tourist, and to myself in particular, an humble but devoted disciple & follower of poor Izaac: benighted & weary I arrived here a few evenings ago; the blazing hearth, cheerful hostess and lovely bairnie, confirmed every account that Fame has spread far and near of this "Inn in the Desert." — If you come in search of health, leaving here take boat, off Dachet and tack to windward at the proper angle for the boat's quarter to the foot of ~~Connaught Connaught~~ Gondar mountain — If you take no fish — "smutty & contemptible" though they be as described by that book of Sportsmen Mr Henn, you are taking health; the ocean is before you — if the day be clear, and Arrigle cloudless, ascend it — the view from the summit will repay you: — you may see Northward, the headlands of the Causeway in Antrim & beyond, the high-lands of Scotland — South-west, you may discern Donegal & Sligo bays, — with the rocks of Broad haven far to Seaward: beneath you, lies Sir James Dombrain's Snuggery — & before you this comfortable Hotel — to which I do advise you return as you must, with an keen appetite, such as you perhaps never were afflicted with before, to enjoy the good things prepared, for the dining room you will find smoking on the board: — After a few days spent in this way, you will I am sure cheerfully give testimony to the comfort & accommodation of the house — & to the cheerful ready attention of Inquire Robinson & Mrs hostess.

Wednesday 31st August 1842.

I arrived at this Inn last night, built by my Brother Lord George, & may say every thing could be desired for comfortable, & I have no doubt the landlord & his well-mannered hostess will continue to deserve the good opinion of their Customers & the support & patronage of the Sublogue, as they can so well of their Guests & Sport an interest in their Spirits, we must depend upon the Weather.

This Inn has been extensively well built & is well worthy the visit of strangers, & I hope that Lord George's excellent Object, that of inducing the Mountaineers to visit, rapidly as it is, many natural advantages, will be crowned with full merited success.

Guidore Inn — Donegal

Friday 16 Sept 1842

I dined and slept at this Inn last night & have just breakfasted this morning, and I cannot do without expressing my great satisfaction with the house in which it is conducted. Nothing can exceed the civility and attention of the people; & every thing provided is excellent in its kind.

W. J. Bryce Esq. D. Belfast

I am travelling with Doctor Bryce & fully agree with what he said

Robt Clifton

September 16th 1842

I have been for the last three days at the Guidhouse Inn & have found every thing most comfortable & the Landlord & his wife extreme attentive -

John Chambers

The accommodation and Comfort which I have met with at the Goudhouse Hotel has Cause me Needed any thing I could have Expected, and I am great gratification in expressing my appreciation of the attention and civility of the Host & Hostess

September 1842 Hew Mansfield

I am greatly delighted at finding this excellent Establishment within mountains at the end of a days walk from the Lochs, across the Moors, and I heartily join the preceding writers in the commendation of Landlord, Wife & Spirited waiting female. I return the effects both day and at Bunchy. I have very much to be satisfied with the attention and civility of the host & hostess. [illegible]

18 September 1842 W. L. [illegible]

P.S. Lee, Manchester man!, pride ourselves on the excellence of our Lancashire Potatoes, but those I found here, far excell them - I never tasted better - hark'e - try their smoked salmons - give a hint only - if you one pound of lobster - & you will see such one only to be had on this coast - & for a glass of good sherry!!! - taste it!! - at all events, don't take the Medal - until you do -

29th Sept. 1843

In the Gordon Inn are combined all the properties of a good one - Clean airy comfortable apartments - a well spread abundant table with modest and unobtrusive while at the sametime prompt and active attendance. What adds to it may afford to the pleasure seeking tourist we cannot say as unfortunately during our stay the weather has proved unfavorable and we have been unable to proceed in search of the romantic and picturesque. To the Inn and its entire management however we can sincerely accord this small tribute in terms of the warmest praise and in passing we must Mr. Foster will take it amiss that we should here notice the extremely polite attention we received at his hands and his earnest endeavours to promote our comfort during our accidental sojourn.

30th September 1843

Thos. W. Collins of Greenock
R. R. Dunnett Fort Stewart
W. M. Clare of Greenock

Having made different Visits at the Guidore Hotel I have had many opportunities of enjoying its excellent accommodation. This attention of the Host & Hostess - I have the kindness benevolent disposition of the Noble Proprietor which assure it must afford him great satisfaction to find the immense benefit such an Establishment confers on the Visitors to this remote district - If sincere gratitude for so great an advantage the regard & esteem of a Worthy Peasantry are any compensation Lord Leitrim may enjoy it as abundantly as his Lordship's distinguished Brother the Marquess of Downshire whose conduct towards Tenantry on his Donegal Estates has proved himself a Model for the Lord's

Guidore Hotel October 3rd/43 James Little

Lord & Lady Adare with their Servants have spent 2 days at this Hotel & have found everything most Comfortable & excellent they must heartily wish it success & forget all unkindness to promote the good of Ireland. every success. October 4th 1843.

Mr Wadham Cole begs he may be allowed to agree perfectly with the foregoing sentiments

Oct 8th/43

We have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the great attention & civility with which we have been treated at this Hotel, & also the accommodation, which is as comfortable

as the circumstances possibly require

Guidore Hotel September 1843

Mrs Wright cannot refrain from taking a time to convince the Proprietor and Director of this Hotel to observe the valuable Gospel Instruction to be found on the Bookshelf (at the comfortable Guidore Hotel in which she has been most civilly attended) such useful provision is an evidence that the Benevolent Proprietor Lord Leitrim walks in the service of that Given who freely bestows on all who ask - Believing

Oct. 9th 1843

Mrs Anderson Young came here with a few friends to view the beautiful scenery of this coast & wishes to bear testimony as to the comfortable accommodation kind and civil attendance she and her friends have met with

October 11th 1843

I have visited Donegal at this Hotel & have been much pleased at finding a comfortable establishment in this quarter. I should hold with them the accommodation & attention to have been the best I have met with the greatest [illegible]

Guidore 18 Oct 1843

J. Walker
J. Walker

Nov 5th 1843. Having stopped here last night I have every reason to be satisfied with the [illegible] attention offered to the travelling public. The Rooms are comfortable & the fare good, nor the Attendance such as to be found in all Regular Eastern Hotels.

A Wynne Crosbie
Gardiner st Hotel

My way to Dublin I stopped at the Gardiner st Hotel the night and left with much satisfaction that I recommend it to the attention and Civility I experienced from the Host & Hostess of the excellent establishment.

Therefore conceive that they have good reason to be thankful to the Public for patronising such exceedingly comfortable accommodation.

Gardiner Hotel
5th Nov.
1843

J. Adams
P. Ct Offr
Belfast

P.S. having been at Dublin & now returned to this Hotel — I can the people of the Country &c &c I do say in all solemnity that Foreigners more particularly the Country have reason to be thankful to Providence that such approved [illegible] ers them. A great Nobleman & Landlord that has done so much for his tenantry in Ireland in the Country as Lord George Hill

J. Adams

Lord George A. Hill assures the Nobility & Gentry & Men of Business for his generous endeavours to render the lodging & victualling in this Hill & romantic district at once partaking of the fine feelings of the mind & comfortable to the person. His Lordship's "Gardiner Hotel" beautifully situated on the Donegal Bay, and in the vicinity of the grandest scenery of which the County of Donegal can boast, commands all the accommodation, which travellers accustomed to the Luxuries of more fashionable places of resort can desire; and in these times the amelioration of his property, and the agricultural improvement of his estate in this part of Ireland, added to the gratitude of the various parties who sojourn at this Hotel, must afford a hundred times that which he alone wishes — not a single pecuniary remuneration — but a lively & humanized satisfaction at facilitating and adapting the comforts of his fellow beings. The only deficit, if indeed it be to be taken into account in estimating the value of this establishment, is the badness of the roads, and

in the immediate vicinity of the House, but on the different lines leading to it, for which certainly neither George Hill nor the Grand Jury of the County are somewhat responsible.

The experience of the Subscribers fully satisfy to the above, and to the perseverance, activity and uniform attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham in carrying out the laudable and disinterested intentions of their Lordships

"Speed the Plough"

Guidore
10 Oct 1845

David Sharp, Londonderry
Jas Bannister Belfast
Denis McCullagh Donegal
late of Baun Castle Roscrea

Thus having my first visit to this part of the country and coming in a wet stormy day was very glad to meet with a warm reception at the Hotel where every thing else was very comfortable; and for the sake of the Hotel Proprietor I hope some place about Ballina and Ballycastle may be prosper under his care and that of Timothy Foster. As to the Scenery I shall say nothing about it there being a sentimental fool now in every that may be left to the imagination of the reader.—

Mr Gray

Dublin
7th Feb

Lord Hill Estate should be capable of to pay a Night's keep be only the Honesty to return it to Mr Cunningham who will pay to any person

2nd April 1845 Mr Thos Boylan

NB. This cloak was it appeared dropped on the road within St Stephens Green, Dublin upper side of the inner - found in the ditch, and forwarded to Mr Boylan in a few days after his visit here

Note. Whereas in the Hotel Establishment cloaks not be out of order

Hotel Bill [illegible]

I came here with my father at 2 afternoon tired & drenched before dinner but off, our horses embarrassed with fallen black hacker mists so far from our lodging, we found a farm on the road beyond the bridge perhaps the first which may turn up in the same way (true, so it did)

April 1st 1845

Elevation

Cross garden!

April 2nd Very wet — "Strange" times passing strange!

Lieutenant Hill Royal Engineers in passing the inspection of the Barracks at Castlebar having had pleasure to stop for a day & night at Lord George Hills Hotel at Louisbrook Hotel records the attention and comfort of the establishment

10th April 1845 —

We the undersigned were residing at the Gordon Hotel a week during which time we enjoyed every kind of attention and experienced as much comfort as it was possible to receive at any Hotel in the Country. — or Dublin

Wm Reeve — Deputy L. Gen. Cust. Hq.
[illegible] — Deputy Lt. C.G.
[illegible] — Deputy Lt. C.G.

Having stopped at the Gordon Hotel two nights we can bear testimony to the comfort of the house and excellent fishing & intense recreation at —
11th May 1844

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

We slept here for one night & found every reason to be satisfied with the comfort of the accommodation & the civility of the landlord & landlady

[illegible]

May 12 1844.

W. Worsnerton
[illegible]

I found this a most comfortable hotel and respected every civility from the landlord & landlady — I got a very good dinner & bed the neighbourhood — [illegible]

24 May 1844

The accommodations and attendance at the Gordon Hotel are unexceptionable

June 7th 1844.

[illegible]
Eliza Bell
M. L. Reid
Catherine Reid
Jane Gillespie
John Reid

We stopped here, last night, & were delighted to find such good accommodation

June 8 1844

Jas Watt
[illegible]

The Expected pleasure to have been in search of the pedestrian for the last three weeks and been has found it very over amidst Mountain lake & have found also Rights fond Health and the best of good cheer together with marked attention and civility — thanks to Lord George & Mary for their kind Order of the Bishop Kind taken pleasure of big & heather & the Ballyg Short for just to leave his Dentin country. beyond the coast of Antrim Cordial Derry & have taken least expected from the greatest comfort

27th June 1844

[illegible] Mary
[illegible]

I have visited in the River, & lower on the bay, climbed over the mountain, & run through the lake, have shotten wild Bunting, rocky sandbanks & stones, Eat, drunk, and been happy. Success to Guidon

June 29th 1844 Ralph E Newton
Rossgarrow

Having sojourned two days, and a night at the Hotel of Guidon. I feel it due to the Noble proprietor and the individuals he has so judiciously selected for its management & express my satisfaction of its accommodation and the attentions of its landlord Landlady and attendants

Wm Hagerty

July 5 - 1844

I have much pleasure in stating that I found every attention & comfort at this Hotel

Th Cunnington

July 10 1844

There appears but one opinion - that is that nothing can equal the attention and comfort of every person connected with this Hotel, unless the comforts which it affords to the manufacturing traveller.

Geo Rafele

4th July 1844

I feel much pleasure in stating that I found every comfort and attention at the Hotel

Waterhouse

July the 16th

Major Hill of Brook Park
Mr Greenwood of London
Mr James Hill
Mr John Hill
All perfectly satisfied. } July 19th 1844

2d Augt 1844

I am so well satisfied with the Hotel, that I intend to come back

J. O Woodhouse

I say ditto

L. L. Crawford

The undersigned are much pleased not only with the Cottage they met at Grasmere, but also with the many comfort & excellent accommodation the Hotel affords, which are fully equal to any thing of the kind they met with in England. — If such English landlords 2d follow the example set by Lord George Bell, displaying the same enlightened views, and genuine feelings of philanthropy; Civilization 2d advance rapidly, the 2d be an end of all agitation, & cries of Repeal, and the whole Country would wear an enlivened aspect. —

Robert Milford — Cambridge Devon

10th August 1844. —

Frederick Milford.
Trin Coll Cambridge

W Arthur Cox Dare

William Neil

Mr Chichester & Henry Sheffington have every reason to feel satisfied with the excellent accommodation afforded at the Grasmere Hotel — Grasmere Hotel Aug 12. 1844

Who knows the Storm of the Upland hath
The Gloom of the deep Ravine
To have amid its vaporous breath
The Morning Mountain line
To Float upon the Lucid Lake
Beneath a Noonday sky
To feel the Spell of wonded Hills
Our "Mountain Majesty"

And who his cares would leave
For halcyon idle and free
For the circle spread more
The hoar peak rose
The blue and Boundless Sea

The joys to mark the Purpose high
The Interest of Human Race
To guide along the arduous path
And raise the Despondent Mass

Let them not haste to distant Clime
Nor seek a Foreign Shore
They know not such Tranquillity Welcome here
The great home at Grasmere

H. B. August 14 1844

Recipe for the Grasmere Lake

Take an iron and then set about
with a stick of paint to paint it out
Here's a Stick for the painter to the foot a thought
Be a lake in which small Beauty Floating hang
Mountains in Gallery King Nature in Lake
With inverted to like these if a Lake you can make
Like the Water of this you may make a dream
Bid adieu to Grasmere and it can take forever
[illegible]

Having slept two nights with my son at the Sundon Hotel, I have much pleasure in stating that I found it accommodation comfortable and the charges moderate —

I also have much pleasure in recommending my request Mr. Mayor of Londonderry

I have great pleasure in bearing my humble testimony to the cleanliness of the establishment & the attention of the host & hostess — in fact the Sundon Hotel is the travellers home in the kind sense in the sense in the distant — if the example set by the Irish Nobility & gentry has generally followed it could no longer be said of Ireland that there is no country for which Nature did more or man less — he who visits this estate will be of the same opinion —

August 23d 1844 — E. H. Clarke —
Earl of Lifford —

Capt. G. Clerk has every reason to be well satisfied with the accommodation and attention at the Sundon Hotel.

August 26th 1844.

The author of the paper on Ireland in the Edinburgh Review had visited the Sundon Hotel he must have excepted it from

his general censure of Irish Inns. It is eminently comfortable which is the highest praise I can give. but I wish the writing materials were better. So my like that of my readers.

Narcissus Senior.

August 28 1844

I have found this Inn of Sundon the best country Inn it has been my fortune to meet with in Ireland.

Henry Senior
Lt Col: 85 Regt.

August 28th. 1844.

Seen & approved
Edward Senior
August 28

R. J. Senior

I have stopped at the Sundon Hotel and am highly pleased with the excellent accommodation and the kind and attentive civility of the Host & Hostess. such an Inn amid these wilds, is a gem — Ver

to the handler and beckoner to the practical
philosophers of the noble Proprietor. May he
be blessed at seeing the fruition of his
wishes – the hills & dales around, rich,
in a fertile soil – teemed with experience
the people rejoicing in the universal
joy at Homes made happy by the philanthropy
~~of the~~ and kind disposition of their noble
landlord –

29 Augt 1844 – John Ormby

1st Sept 1844

We take pleasure in adding our testimony to the above
in acknowledging the kindness of Mr. Forster
of the Manor House and we remain that so grateful tenantry
cannot too much appreciate the generosity of their noble
and worthy proprietor

Wm Downing Clerk to
Edwards Paid Ct offr
Baltzani
W Haywards Hotel Letter Carrier

I feel very great pleasure in
having an opportunity of recording
Mr Forsters kindness & attention as
much as the comforts & quietness
I have experienced at the Garden
Hotel.

R Thompson

6th Sept 1844.

Sept 11th 1844

We think it a duty we owe to add our opinion to those above
written in the Book and to be no
testimony to the great comfort &
benefits having received from good attention
we now doubt the beautiful situation and
scenery of Ventnor

(attested & concurred)
J Q Adlee
Geo Dawson
G Brancker
Saml Thompson – Leeds
John Ormby

The Mem from Manchester has again
the pleasure of herein recording the kind
civility and attention of Mrs & Mr Cunningham.

September 12th 1844

Mr Barker has now made a first visit to Ventnor and has thus
learned to much pleasure from the beautiful scenery and the
remarkable attention and comfort at the Hotel that he cannot
feel proud of the Wright of the in his last. Being Barker
has been upwards of 40 years and he can recollect the ground
when and having just been before now the Hotel was built
for the first time should be delighted by Lord George Hill
enabling to extract the Hotel (and the attention of Mrs)
resulting from his bountiful patronage may be the
result from his high feeling of the duties of Proprietor
long enjoy it's best benefits

Sept 18th 1844

[illegible] to be fortunate enough to have
[illegible] of great pleasure & of a very long remembrance
[illegible] the comfort of this honoured home [illegible]
[illegible] being the [illegible] comfort of
the stranger [illegible] shown amongst the [illegible]
May the [illegible] fortune be reserved for those
[illegible] who is [illegible] to visit truly —

W. Jerrold Esq.

Rockfort Sept. 20th 1844

A residence of [illegible] days with my wife, in this wild & beautiful spot, has fully convinced me of the justice of the laudatory remarks contained in the foregoing pages. These unanimous opinions are so fully & minutely expressed as to leave nothing new for me to add, except the hope, that this book may long enjoy the gratitude of a country to whose improvement it is devoted, & the thanks of all travellers —

Sept. 20th 1844.

W. Perrot. Govt. (?) Arch.

— Although the prince of the Giardina Hotel in Palermo, have to see in Rossini, the idea one forever of it accords imaginatively with the reality & the first services historical upon it in this book excite a work of local interest, (if the expression is allowable) which makes me proud to see it so universally admitted, that there is such an establishment in our vicinity. —

V. P. Griffith — Temple Church Glebe.

Sept. 20th 1844. E. V. Griff. Th.

Oh that I had the Pen of Dickens,
To tell about the Ducks and Chickens,
But as my mind is not poetic,
I'll not attempt to be poetic:
Yet this I'll say with all my soul,
"Right welcome pleasant" is Charley Orrell
Yes if I might free features scan,
So innocent is Charley Orrell.

Gongawa 20th Sept. 1844

Mr. & Mrs. Stanton of Gongawa after a few of their very delightful days here & again being obliged to leave this interesting district to which they have found the Inn Hotel in Palmerston & which the utmost liberality & attention from the Host & Hostess & attendants fully deserve. September 20th 1844

Upon my word I cannot bring
my mind to leave this place
Tis so all away, what a charming
Little Cottage Fairy Elves
So I must stay and follow
M. C. Hook recipe —

I think my mind is made to dream
On this my [illegible] and [illegible]
A [illegible] of [illegible] on my [illegible]
[illegible] will get [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] Sir Robert
[illegible]

* See Rossini [illegible]

A. L. Hunt. H.P.C. Dr.
William Macdougall
William Stokes M.D.

We found every possible attention & comfort in this excellent House —

Sept. 26. 1844 —

We found everything comfortable & excellent in the Hotel & the scenery well worthy the attention of the lovers of nature. The improved condition of the peasantry does honour to the care and attention of this resident landlord and his indefatigable agent whom hospitality in his day enjoyed at the annual feast given to his tenants which was followed by the distribution of premiums.

Glendalough 29 Sept 1844

Thomas Fallon
Edmund Fallon
W M Carter
Patrick Byrne
Geo Cooke
Patrick Byrne
Robert Allen
Glenkeany

Guidore Hotel 28 Sept. 44

I most heartily affix my name in the Travellers Book; having sojourned here for three days: with great comfort & every ~~convenience~~ convenience: possible for Man to expect

James Graves
M.D. & Q. Poultry
Dublin

Major Nell and Mrs Nell have passed two days at the Guidore Hotel most comfortably; the arrangements being excellent; the Domestic attention and civil, and the means of travelling very expeditious —

4 October 1844.

Neatness and Cleanliness, Civility and attention are the characteristics of this truly comfortable Inn

Guidore
4 Oct 1844

Johnson Thornton
Jobage. 10. Bridge
Pudsill SWB.

The terms of Condation on which this Hotel is spoken of, are so varied and numerous, that better pencils at different to add to them, and therefore I merely say it is beyond what could be expected in a district so wild, and yet so attractive

W. E. Letterkenny

Guidore 4 Oct 1844

Andrew S. Hamilton has every reason to be well satisfied with the accommodation and attention at the Guidore Hotel

October 5th = 1844

Having made a sojourn of three days at the Guidore Hotel I have very much to be satisfied with its comfortable accommodation & the civilized tone of its Host & Hostess —

I have been most amply gratified with the improvements I have witnessed at Bunbury

Major de Winton,

7 Octr 1844

I have been three days at the Guidhall & found very kind, very comfortable & have had the Gentlemen's most attention

John Pearson

Octr 9th 1844

I feel much obliged for the great attention I received at the Star Hotel and the accomodation most comfortable

10th Oct 1844

Henry Hugessen

Mr. Mrs. Lord & Mr. Francis Lord have found the Hotel most comfortable and beg to thank Lord George Hill for the kindness & attention they have received from him

Guidon - 12 Oct. 1844.

Cold was the wind, and bleak the moon,
And barren the dreary road,
But Oh! how different when we Gentlemen,
Had to pass of a home-made ode.
Oh! pen to the pain my pen can tender. (Tender)
Was but little I added to her fame.
I sign it "Phi Cattle," I may one day prove,
Rich speech, one Munchin Lamen of this name.

October 19th 184 [illegible] Poultry Dorset

We have passed four Days at the Guidon Hotel, during which time we have witnessed a most Interesting Scene as between Landlord & Tenant, the result of so happy a mutual exertions has shown itself already in the improvement of the Land in the Comfort & Convenience desired to the Occupiers in their Dwellings. May every Success attend such laudable Exertions & May the Example make a deep Impression upon & be followed by all Districts requiring similar Attention. Lord George Hill has been most ably seconded by Mr Francis Forster, who by his Zeal & Talent has practically carried out all the truly benevolent views of his Employer.

We found the Hotel most convenient & comfortable & Mr & Mrs Cunningham kept it very well & creditably.

W Downshire
Francis Cline
H S Cline
W H Cline
A Edwin Hill

Surveyors.

W Downshire

Guidon Hotel
23d October
1844

Would it be a vanity which crowns upon me the Nobility the very Revered attention of the Servants of this Realm

Oct. 25th 1844 Wm Mantle

I have heard much of the improvements made by Lord Gosford at the wild Gweedore, and was easily induced by a valued friend to accompany him. Obtained a few rooms at this hotel — The day having turned out very severe, & we being thoroughly drenched with rain, we were glad to remain for the night — Thro' the hospitable attention and kindness of the noble Proprietor & his excellent agent, we were soon made comfortable — & enjoyed the accommodation of this excellently-arranged establishment. I was deeply interested in reviewing, & learning of, the judicious & well-formed, & well carried out plans, for promoting the comfort, prosperity, & habits of his Lordship's tenantry; nor can I refrain from here recording the earnest desire that other Landlords may visit this country, & imitate the noble example set them here.

Gweedore
Oct. 30. 1844.

Henry Carse

Having heard much of the wild and beautiful scenery of the Gweedore, I was induced to visit it & have found it to surpass all I had heard of it before. The noble Lord who has built

this most convenient & comfortable hotel for travellers, deserves the grateful acknowledgements & thanks of all his fellow countrymen for thus giving a practical example of what great good may be done by a noble generosity guided by benevolence and intelligence. He has done more by his personal example than all the fanciful schemes of demagogues & interested politicians

J. R. Wilkinson

I fully agree with the foregoing & consider that the Reclamation of Waste Land which is in progress in this wild district, should be a sufficient inducement to prevent many persons from Emigrating to America &c &c and turn their attention to improving their native Country and spending their money and energies for the advantage of "Ould Ireland"

Gweedore Hotel

J. Henry Parkinson
Richmond Place W. by S. Dublin
3d Nov 1844

Henry Parkinson, jun.
Tudor House Dalkey

" "

I have now spent two nights in this Hotel and could not wish for more comfortable accommodation &c &c

Nov 12. 1844

Henry Stacy Skipton M.D.
London

Again & again in Guidore I have been,
Again & again all its beauties I've seen,
Yet never have felt ennui, fatigue, or chagrin;
For ale such as do here is a cure cannot fail —
If you're fond of good Sherry, good Port & good Ale
Take a bottle of each, and you've cured the bile.

November 15 - 44 — Jim Linkinwater

On Gudore Hotel &c.

I've stopp'd in Hotels — I will say of each degree
From grand London City to my own town Tralee —
A thousand I've stopp'd in and may add much more —
But all are eclipsed by Lord G's at Gudore —

To you, who the beauties of this scene would view
The gigantic Mragyll or far-famed Dunluce
Or surrounding Grandeur. You may visit Gestore
Your exhausted Spirits at Lord G's Gudore.

Thanks live his Lordship, who designed to provide
This retreat of Comfort in romantic pride;!
Long live our Hostess, whom I've say more
And her worthy Consort at Lord G's Gudore.!

May Industry daily an impetus gain!
Lord G — state liegning Lord of our domain,
Happy each peasant — increasing our store —
Success then to commerce at Lord G's Gudore!

Nov. 18th 1844 — T. Cramer

Dec: 10. 1844

Hoff that kept right and breakfasted in this morning must friend with us
Thomas

Hoff Bormaze

Refuted on his business I came here
To middle Water — season dear
With my friend Lacky Lacey
And where we feasted the Bell
Of this Farfamed Hotel
We were not fed by Ravens as pity you cannot
But all that we could wish
Was to our Dinner dish
And nought did we complain
Save that our Tavern Rice
Was adulterated by L G Bile
And Fate may never well here again
10 Dec. 1844 Bartlett

With extreme pleasure We add our testimonial to the
Many noble persons who have visited this Hotel
in favour of its commodious comfort in this romantic
locality & remark in of Lord Ards contributed
Means:

" In the desert a fountain is springing "
" In the wide waste there still is a tree "
" And a bird in the solitude singing "
" Which speaks to my spirit of thee "

Gudore 18 Dec 1844

P. Peterson
Jno Lewis

The attention of the Servants of this house is much to be commended by all who visit it
Dec 27th 1844 (the pen is good) [illegible]

I have spent three days here and am much pleased with the civility & attention of the whole establishment. Her Sultana Queen of Hotels & Landlords like Lord George Hill English travellers could not complain of want of cleanliness & attention & those interested in the welfare of the peasantry would see what can be effected by judicious management & kind heartedness on the part of Landlord & Agent

Henry Smith jun

Pendrec Hotel - Jany 7th 1844

I arrived here last night at Eleven O'Clock very cold and hungry (not being able to get any dinner or lunch at Dunglow) found every person in Bed in a few moments I had them roused and had a most comfortable supper nothing can excell the comfort of the Bed rooms and the attention and civility of the domestics

James W. Doherty

Pendrec Hotel 21 February 1845

Same again tested, this excellent house can fully lookup to all the goodly things said of it in the book -

May that host of hostesses who has been the promoter of the good in this neighbourhood long live to enjoy the pleasing reflections which the performance of such goodly deeds is always sure to bring in the hearts kind of -

J. Atkinson

Gairloch Hotel 25 Feby 1845

With the good wishes of the whole of Sydney assembled
And to the better I pray
Amen
Pendrec Hotel 25 Feby 1845 John Price

It is unnecessary for us to add one word of comment to the many testimonials which the book contains of the attention and kindness of the landlord and landlady of this hotel hearty agreeing in all that has been said in their favour

1st March 1845

Andrew Clarke
James Wm Cunningham

Having met with every comfort during my stay here, I had much pleasure in adding my humble testimony hereto.

25 March 1845. — Guidore.

Hugh Templeton

[illegible] Mr & Mrs [illegible] & family and Mr [illegible] Daughter arrived one night at the Hotel & seemed much pleased with all the arrangements they seem also highly pleased at the commencement made of ameliorating a barren rocky and pretty fertile & forms the harbour already given there is no doubt of ultimate success & then a practical example will be given to the surrounding tenantry of what industry can accomplish — If Landlords & their agents generally give honest heartfelt of the industry & zeal & a little assistance to deserving industry they need not welcome such crowds of emigrants as Ireland at the mother has sent on this country — but these persons the exertions of Lord G. Hill & his family will more than tend to the comfort of the benighted miserable people & in place of seeing bogs & a squalid population there fields & a healthy peasantry

Apr. 21st 1845

Sir Comfort's care stay at Guidore

Lord & Lady Dartmouth left this Hotel with much regret after passing some happy weeks in it & only hope they may at some future time revisit it.

Guidore April 9th 45.

Being stayed at Dungloe until which time it is a place, not to be admired we determined to go to the Inn at Guidore.

At due time we arrived
Sea of hunger deprived.
With content we will go
Back again to Dungloe.

G. K. H.

Before leaving Guidore I must say every comfort necessary for the wants of man may be found at the Guidore Hotel and the attention paid by Mr & Mrs Cunningham is unceasing. I hope the pious and amiable Nobleman may find his labours in this part of Ireland blest not only in supplying the temporal wants of the people. But that his efforts for their spiritual good may be crowned with success is the prayer of

Benjn Lewis Thomas

Guidore 29 May 1845

I would any friend or acquaintance of mine read these lines, let me recommend them to make this Hotel their Head quarters, till they have explored the beauties of this part of the Country - and the improvements made by its munificent landlord - they will find in this Establishment every thing comprised in the word Comfort - it being conducted more like the residence of a private Gentleman, than any Hotel I ever visited - & the most moderate charges — —

I have been here some days with my Son & daughter, & both then visited the Stones at Barbey we had the pleasure of meeting Lord George Hill, who kindly accompanied us, and pointed out the various improvements made on that part of his lordships property — A most gigantic undertaking, in this hilly but highly interesting district affording a bright example how much may be effected by judicious management by a landlord residing upon his estate, attending to the moral & social condition of his tenantry

Wrightson Hotel

Gilsons Inn
May 30th 1845

John King of Elm House
Manchester ~~are fully agree~~ with
the above Routes Sundry Billy
are fully agree with above remarks
I never saw no more than what it
was the Rotes Inn the best of
bed — Sept 8th 1845

On the 7th June 1845 I arrived at the London Hotel to find me Dr Lucy Hill in company with Lt Col R Beaver & was much delighted to find such a travellers home as this Hotel affords particularly as a district where a few years since such an establishment was not known by name — Every Comfort & the attention of the Landlord & landlady & the house conducted with its very reasonable charges —

The whole reflects good management on the part of Lord & Lady Hill & the Deputy Mr Hill Esq to both of whom I am indebted for great kindness & attention —

London Hotel
Leeds 18. 1845

James Rutledge
Aidgate
H

To the many testimonies passed on this excellent Hotel by those who have preceded us, we beg to add our approval having experienced a day and a night of its comforts and good cheer and the thirst and wear to be remembered at twenty-fifth the noble Landlord and his Aspect.

Wm Wants Offaly, Ballycommon House

Rt Hon Rt Cumberland Co. Birr

Mr and Miss Fannin Dublin
52. Leeson St.

Mr & Mrs Thos. Butler Stoney. Portland Co Tipp.

a very interesting place truly comfortable & creditable to heart & enterprise of Lord Hill

Mrs Kennedy
Co Kildare

We the subscribers have passed a very happy day and night here which happiness has been very much increased by the comfort and attention which we have received – Guides Hotel 25th June 1845

Wm Fitz Gerald Kennedy
Ellen Fitz Gerald Kennedy
Ellen Mary Fitz Gerald Kennedy
Fitz Gerald Kennedy

Mr Jun 8th 45

Sir May I request you to send after my return from Dunfanaghy & have my room to Dunfanaghy & have my room to be free with the company of the Inn together with the Hotel to Dunfanaghy & Mr Hogarty to be there

Wm Lumsden & Lady Louisa Lumsden to send to Mr Stoney the Salmon Leap on the Hotel Mr Lumsden Bag

From Falcarragh's Church Shore,
Le Valley lies beyond the moor,
Leads to the Valley of Glendore,
Where Mary Comfort did in Store.

A home decked for the Stranger,
In Comfort, quiet, and free of danger,
With beautiful scenery around,
Where mountains, rocks, and Cataract sound

All that it wished for can be got,
In this Great Sequestered spot,
The most fastidious Epicure
Can be rich repast procure}. [illegible]

Although the Chain Dr. Lawrence gets,
And bid the Lofty Forest,
So Reduced did Rend the Steep!
To see the fine farmed Salmon Leap,

Hope long Stood Guardian,
Up a bare Lord of Hill!
Still Pouts Magnificent
Where Sad Man had Built.

Long Lovelight of Ireland,
Old Gallia's Glories
Your Emerald Still Wear,
Long may be Green Your true Name
to be respected and
Sung.—

And the Island Shall Ring,
From Shore Head, to Cliffs Echo,
Till pinning the Cataract,
Bids the Lovely Ones,
Farewell.

Lifeley 1845

My Dear Miss, Walker, Scotland, Mr. Mr. Mrs. John and Miss Mulford, Mulford Received Here in the Mr. Stone hotel the Enclosed Title. Stone Lodged over Lightly pleased Both the Comfort and Attention Experienced Leaving Their opinion —

Nothing can be better or more comfortable than the London Hotel

Yours Sincerely
Rud Walker
Mulford

The Glendore Hotel deserves the greatest praise for the neatness & regularity except on displayed — I spent two happy weeks rambling with all I have seen, as for the scenery exceed I think nothing can exceed it — Innisboffin a short way from this, is a lovely spot with innumerable rocks & trees to render it perfection. The agreeability of our sojourn here has been greatly heightened by the Society of the Proprietor who has had a great share in all the improvements. R.D. July 10th 1845

If some one would favour us with a
[illegible] acquaintance to the opinion
of our young friend [illegible] to the
[illegible] to the admirable arrangement
& perfect civility of every thing in the
establishment of the Gordons Hotel,
Having now been [illegible] days stay here we have
visited a few of the improvements so
admirably projected, and carried out
by the Sole Proprietor Lord George Hill
& his indefatigable Agent, our particular
guide & friend Mr Proctor.
We have in the course of a great shaping
contrary to nature & our learn minds
seem the effected [illegible] a hitherto almost
neglected district, by a Gentleman's country
manner in "the Doing" and the
high & low near Dinner tables
from the Landlord's success in so
philanthropic an undertaking.

Isaac E. Goodhue
Worth Worke Leigh Lake

July 18th 1845 –

William Blacker of small farm notoriety
& his humble pupil James Hewitt travelled
through the Finlore Estate accompanied by
Francis Forster Esq on Thursday July 18th 1845
& slept at the Finlore Hotel that night.
The success of Lord G. Hill's endeavours amply
deserved by the spirit with which they were
carried on surprised them both.
They found the Hotel most comfortable.
One thing only has been neglected in this improvement

that only appears to have failed, viz Plantations,
most important point both as to beauty & shelter
the of those gentlemen being himself a planter &
having bought experience by repeated failures upon
by ultimate success, begs to suggest the immediate
draining of all the plantations by drains 2
foot deep cutting the ground into squares
of not more that twenty yards in diameter.
The sods taken out of the drains to be laid on
the upper side not scattered. Should this
not be done in time to save the trees already
planted, & should the ground be replanted, the
writer recommends the trees to be used to be Larch
Birch, Alder, but above all Scotch fir in the
most Boggy places. He recommends these
to be notched into the deep Bog & planted in
large holes where the gravel is near the
surface. Should this plan be adopted he will
answer for the success of the Plantations on the
sides of the Hills least exposed to the West –

J. H.

Come to see "Glenside Hotel" & upon seeing
the comfort highly gratified especially last the
[illegible] of Sir G. A Hill. His example should
powerfully tell a ole the Sandlers of the poor
Mortals Emerald Isle. Long life to his Lord-
ship. My best thanks to Mr & Mr Clanmorrison
for their Kind hospitality – A Kind Amiable
partner to Mr Robertson Agricultural Inn the
Niagara Hotel G. Hotel. May I see May hap-
py days among them ale

S. J. Wray. Rev. Ben-
[illegible] July 1845 –

from Cost in admiration of the amazing contrast between cultivation and barbarism presented in the immediately adjacent scenery of Lake George, and the gentlemen who carry on the business of commercial pleasure. Were it not, then, exemplify instances throughout our world, present this part was melancholy country the charming and melancholy country of wild creation made more by external improvements. The Quaker Inn, of Rutland & Edinburgh & Dublin, &c, &c, with which, I leave, fare-

Charles Allen Shalom

Come and See from all quarters!!

The best on, female presence the experience, may of a moment and then natural or assisted movement

C. Allen

the writer of the above had been pantomiming the mountain deer pretty prettily

Most fully Prof. Shalom & Allen

in this home — however affixed her great pleasure in adding next to all the other comforts added to the comfort of the Gentlemen Hotel

respectfully Boon
William Atkins & family
Wm. Wiley
Benj. Hunter
W. Ellyson & his Race Danielle
Wm. Ferguson S. J.

— Gentlemen —
I have got no time to write a verse
On the several charms this Inn presents
But I found in alls from Bin to Barn,
Bar, Beer & Bed — Stud, Stall & Shed —
What our craving natures most contents —
As Oasis in the desert here —
We find it all we wish in cheer

En passant July 26/45 Wm. F. Ryan D.D.C.

Thy dear, dear friends
Will meet
again, and
"The pho
rendered
with fervor
Lo —
28/12/46

"May Peace be about thee wherever thou roamest.
"May life come unto thee as the Summer day.
"And all that thou wishest, and all that thou lovest
"Come smiling around thy sunny way!"

Magnificent Scenery. Excellent Hotel — comfortable accommodations — civil attendance. in every thing expectations unfulfilled

August 5 1846. W. H. Black Liverpool

Lyme Regis

formed the Guidore Hotel with a party
Consisting of Eleven and formed every
Comfort we could desire with an excep-
which I felt to be the liberty of mentioning
as consistent with truth. I found the bed
I slept upon too small for two persons but
in all other respects we were most
comfortably lodged and well
attended. I have much reason to thank
the Noble proprietor of this hotel for the
accommodation he has provided
which is so very valuable to ladies &
Gentlemen desirous to visit the almost
unknown beauties of the wild and
bold & intensely scenery of the finest of
the County of Donegal, which is not in
my opinion much surpassed by any part
of Ireland I have visited.

Guidore Hotel — Barnes C. Stephenson

5. August 1844.

Jas. Dr
Corn. McCorm.
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Blackburne
Royal Hotel Belle de Jupiter
Blackburne

It is unnecessary to feel, & regretable to keep repeating
when this book is put into our hand, a sentiment of respect
and admiration for the enlightened Nobleman who
has literally made "the wilderness of the solitary place
to be glad, the desert to rejoice & blossom as the rose".
The establishment of a school for the teaching of the
young, & of that truly wise, benevolent & patriotic
institution — the Store, entitles him & has already
earned for him that most grateful of all earthly
rewards: the blessings of the poor, & of those who were
ready to perish & will prove a monument to his
honoured memory more lasting, more enviable,
and far more unmistakeable than inscriptions
on Stone & Marble. — Nor are the thanks & gratitude
left due to Lord George Hill, for the Introduction, setting
forth in this well ordered & most comfortable
hotel another proof of the noble & generous spirit
& bosom of his Lordship's noble & generous spirit.
Nothing can exceed the neatness, cleanliness &
attention of Mr & Mrs Cunningham.

William Ingram

6 Aug. 1845

13 Aug. 1845. Three days passed here have afforded to myself
& my family much to interest, please & amuse, in the
improvements now being in the neighbourhood, & in the
surrounding scenery. We have found every comfort in the
hotel, and hope this expression of the satisfaction we have
enjoyed may in some degree tend to the satisfaction &
encouragement of the parties to whom we, & others, are
indebted for that enjoyment.

John Hamilton

Mr. Francis

Lincoln Zouche

W. Wardlow

August 14th 1845

Having remained to visit this part of the country recommended by some friends, I feel bound in justice to say, being able to speak of this Hotel from the most personal knowledge, that the accommodation it affords is most comfortable, & the attention of the persons to whose management it is intrusted is every thing that could be desired —

E. Berry

August 15th 1845

The rapid march of civilization for many miles around this singular spot is one of the most interesting spectacles I have ever witnessed — the enterprise, the energy & the courage which have dictated such an undertaking as the Bunbury Mines alone claim the sympathy of every lover of his country, and invite his prayer to the giver of all good that complete success may crown the work. The Hotel is the home of a private gentleman — admirably managed — and in the warm-hearted attention & courtesy evinced towards strangers by the worthy host — the traveller will have his mind recalled to the far famed St. Bernard — The Hotel at Bunbury will be found comfortable although there is a want of attendance which ought to be remedied — The tourist is strongly recommended to see the caves and cliffs of Horn Head, as far as Minninup Gun & Bay, the usual practice being to take strangers only to Horn Head Point —

Aug. 15. 1845 — Tankerville Chamberlain.

Mr. Wylam & I have much pleased with the hotel where we found very clean & comfortable & the persons to whose management it is entrusted paid the most attention & civility. We shall much pleasure in recommending it to our friends

A. M. Wylam

16th Aug. 1845

We have been much pleased with the comfortable accommodation we have had at this Inn & the charges appear very moderate.

"Great Western"

J. C. Woodhouse
Sir Jas Woodhouse
Mary Woodhouse
Edward Woodhouse

16th Augt 1845.

One of the greatest pleasures in travelling, is the arrival after a weary journey at a clean & comfortable Hotel, such will be found here, & connected with the system of improvements which surrounds it, cannot fail in producing satisfaction to all who visit the wild district —

Lambert M.C.

August 16, 1845

We have been much pleased with the accommodation afforded in the Hotel & the attention of the servants.

John Mitchell
John Martin
Norwich Yarn

17th Augt 1845

It is with much pleasure we have
the opportunity of expressing our
gratification of the great comfort
civility and attention we have
experienced in the Grindelwald Hotel

20th August
1845.

E. Neville
Bickell Irving

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Tuesday

21 August 1845. Climbed Eiseigalli from its
edge counted 24 Lakes. Time from the foot
to the foot again 2 hours & three quarters.
Our line of ascent directly up the Escarpment
difficult & even dangerous. Our descent
by the shoulder of the hill an easy &
pleasant track & the summit repaying
every labor by a view of wonderful
sublimity

T. T. Paget. & Senior

The Resignation

When cast forth the Mountain Waste
Sought and found Grindelwald
And felt such Comfort round me placed
I ne'er ask for more
Again I seek the dreary Wild
Again I sought Grindelwald
But fewer comforts round me smiled
If the Hotel before
Have been or Not I know my heart
But has to others gone
Nor yet what shd be valued most
The house to bear me on
And yet with all I feel bereaved
Nor shd any one feel less
When thus Grindelwald like me shd find
All crowded to excess

J. T. P.

— See Page 75 —

We have had a good opportunity of witnessing
the manner in which this house so convenient
for the Tourist & Travellers is conducted during
our stay here which has been about a week. The
situation is delightfully situated on the midst
of wild mountains the scenery of which will
be highly enhanced when the hunt anoes that
the valleys shall be made to wave their heads
of crowning corn. Oh What a delightful change
in the contemplation of which we must stop
to pay encomiums to the skill & energy displayed

ed by the Landlord Lord & A Hall & his Agent in their various improvements in bringing the useless waste into a state of beneficial utility — The Hotel & Buildings are fine & substantial & well suited to afford comfort to the traveller who may reasonably expect to find that attention & ease which is so desirable at such a time; from the circumstance of our having met with the wonted civility we consider it our duty to express it in these few words & hope that all future comers may experience the same at the this famed Lyndon Hotel — From the quantity of Travellers who have arrived during our sojourn here we think if a Coffee Room was added it would be very desirable.

August 22nd 1845.

James Russell
Ann Russell
John Russell
Henrietta Russell

23 August 1845

Having enjoyed the beauties of the noble mountain scenery in the neighbourhood & by a recommendation to visitors at the hotel wish to be thus the opportunity of a similar expression on the same from Lincoln & the romantic scenery along the river side amply repay the tourist

of the scenery & the attentive & civil treatment they have met with. The great improvements at Bombay cannot excite surprise at their extent & admiration for their utility to the poor of this County Lincoln. While the accommodation at the Hotel & the attention of the house keeper are such as to make any person regret having to leave it

John B Perry
Ballymacoll

Perusal this Hotel & found everything to the satisfaction & all in parts.

2 Sept 1845

R M Fraser
Lond. Apple —

the site has since Bombay & have amply repaid by the fine scenery around and by the extensive and well arranged buildings erected there, and particularly the Store which must be a great accommodation to the hills & extensive district. In fact the improvements altogether, convince the sentiments of a true philanthropist & lover of his kind, who generally respects, and takes the most lively interest in the comfort and welfare of the people ~~who~~ around him.

Sept 3 1845

Elio Alpe, Lawford Park, Massachusetts

We were much gratified with our visit to Jerusalem

4th Sept 1845.

Frederick Crawford
Glasgow
Perthshire
North Britain
Scotland

I have at last realized a long formed wish of seeing the Scenery and Improvements going on in this part of the Country with regard to the farmer very few parts of the Highlands or Perthshire Districts equal the views of Dunkeld & Blairgowrie but in what the contrast between the Mountain Scenery around the Hotel and the richer Country between it and the Ferry at Dundee by which way we came makes me astonished that so many of our Country People spend their time & Money on visiting distant scenes so inferior in every Respect to what we enjoyed the two last days.

But the principal Object of my Birthday was to see the Improvements made on the estate of Lathallan consisted with Mountain Properties which an Act of Parliament so favorable of the welfare of this Country ten years ago, the wonderful change that has been effected can only be appreciated. The Improvement in the social Condition of the people and the rapid development of the natural Resources of the Country have been conducted in so judicious a Manner as to assure Success. None of the Prejudices that might have actuated a people hitherto shut out from all knowledge of what was going on in other parts of the Country by want of Roads or communicating with any Individual capable of an enlarged system, were encountered with hasty or violent zeal that has often impeded useful Improvements in other Districts. In short it would be the pleasure of a true Philanthropist to witness the gratification I have felt in accompanying the Proprietor of this Property through Places the changed appearance of which must afford the best Recompense to a benevolent Mind for the Trouble and expense incurred in effecting it.

Have the pleasure of being accompanied by Mr. Haughton a Son whose taste of the Beauty of the Place & the Comfort of the house is only shown by his being Son and Grandson of Mr. Mr. Christie of Dunnar who fully participates in all I have said of the Management of the Estate and the Scenery through

which we have passed — The Hotel where I spend of the Morning Recommendation, the Living & the Attendance, was managed in the same Manner I would wish to see in any private family and though last night there were nearly double the number in it that it could comfortably accommodate there was neither hurry nor confusion or inconvenience

3rd Sept. 1845 — Robt. Paterson of Castlemilk

The Sight of the interesting new Colony of Gourdie has afforded a cheering influence over all Minds. And from we hope that the Benevolent & philanthropic example of its Spirited proprietor may be so extensively followed that the wretchedness and misery produced by the operation of the corresponding (but happily bygone) laws, now a want of humanity entirely to the welfare of the people, may shortly disappear, this Brave now Enlightened Reign was on Lady Day. — The Home of Lord George Hill with that Reign in the Recovery of his Hereditary & Patrimonial Estate cannot be gratefully forgotten by

James & Isabella Thomson Vincent

Mayne Park Perth

X The Earth for Peace & Stable
Long may it be kept to search a place
Thus with his daughter-beaming eye
Chase the phantoms of poverty! —

The Quaint Notes show something of Comfort & Contentment & Economical Utility — Ed.

Lathallan 3rd September 1845

X The Peace

It is hardly by a possibility that I can have the pleasure of seeing you at Finsbury Park, but I do not think it is worth while to be so gentlemanly with the reason assigned as the cause for your disappointment and delight.

A. H.

Compliments are offered as Bagheera pleases, but if any visitor to this Hotel be dissatisfied with its comforts I recommend him to pay an night at Rogers' Hotel Bangalore, the next stage beyond, however many, he will there be sufficiently entertained, & though he may not dream, yet will the joys of memory not forsake him, as he lies the livelong night, when he remembers Jindore.

The Simpkill Porter
Sept. 5th 1865 — The Stamey Commissioner
Bard Rd Regt. 25th Regt. Madras Mx

We are told that Andrews remained at the Jindore Hotel from the evening of the 4th until the morning of the 6th of September, pampered by the fatal attention & mystery of the owner of the estate & his excellent & indefatigable agent who happened to be there at the time, and delighted by being eye witnesses of the movement in the right direction, which has been made on the Jindore Estate, for the social & moral elevation of the wretched & previously neglected inhabitants of the district.

The Commissioner L.S.G.
Nilgiris

In visiting the Jindore Estate, the mind unavoidably turns to the consideration of the proposed remedies for the ~~[illegible]~~ misery & wretchedness of our country. As to legislative interference, that is the present province of many & amongst to prevent enormities & injustice, but it will be found impotent for good, & may be productive with evil, if it shall endeavour to regulate the intercourse or arrangements of landlord & tenant. There are abundance of good landlords; but, unfortunately, there are too few who have a paternal feeling towards their tenantry — a sense of duty that forbids unbidden and interference in what exclusively pertains to conscience & to God — a spirit of perseverance that yields not under disappointment, and rises above overwhelming failure — a feeling of love that pities the ignorance & thoughtlessness of humanity, & forgives, not even twice, but seventy times seven. & reflective tenantry have no less to unlearn them to learn — the eradication of bad habits, the cultivation of good. The visitor at Jindore has the opportunity of witnessing both, in progress, under a system which injudicious legislation might prohibit, but no legislation could originate or promote. The social & moral condition of man, to a great extent, depends on himself — tyranny or injustice, if it were attempted, ought to be prevented, & barriers ought to be removed, but individual exertion could not effect — but

is a delusion to expect a legislature, left to prosperity — man must work out for himself his social, moral, & intellectual advancement. To teach him how to set about these great & important duties is the first object of the Patriot & Philanthropist — & when well begun, the work is more than half done. Retribution on this principle seems to be the basis of the improvements at Guidore — it is a noble & philanthropic undertaking, conceived with benevolence, commenced & directed, as far as human eye can see, with great judgment & ability, & destined not only to disseminate happiness & prosperity in the district, but to extend those blessings to other regions by the force of the injunction it will convey to go & do likewise

I cannot leave the Guidore Inn without saying that I found every thing most clean & comfortable, & my mind cleared out the cobwebs & all connected with it — except that the weather prevented me from being able to record the sentiment of the Gospel — but trust it is only a cleared defined —

Sept. 7th 1845 — John Deeds — Dundalk — London —

Most fortunately for the Strangers in this country he cannot by any possibility make Guidore Hotel his first resting place in Scotland, as the very dreams of travellers likely to be indulged in from time to time expect in the highest degree are sure to be most cruelly disappointed before he

reaches it, in proceeding in any one direction East West North or South, in fact if he meet a comfortable new Hotel in all his wanderings Then the world of Care" he may count himself "the son of a white hen"

Galloway Glenkiltie 18th September 1845

J. F. Inscommate

from

If the fifteen bitter strangers with strong and vociferous tongues stop for a month at Gordon

We leave at present any Concert at Kirkcudbright and were much rattled to see Sweet Wendy to one we were accompanied by Mr Robertson to whose attention we are much indebted. Sweet be happy for ever, Dear Sweet May Landlord

The Lord George Hill And better agent than the underneath

Gordon Hotel 12 Sept. 1845 Stewart Hill

E. R. Reed

Spent two nights at Gordon Hotel & can add my cordial testimony to the many which have preceded, of its comfort, & regularity with wh. this Establishment is conducted — inspected the School at Kinnaird & though the numbers are as yet small — all appears to be managed by its worthy Master in the best manner — the works of Industry especially — All persons visiting Gordon should make a point of seeing the Stores at Kinnaird, & they will be much pleased with the facilities thus afforded to the Inhabitants of these remote parts for disposing of the produce of their own Industry & supplying their wants —

Lord George Hill has proved himself a disinterested Patron by all his improvements upon this estate — & did other Landlords feel with him that Property has its duties as well as its rights — they would reap the benedictions of the poor — & there would soon cease to be complaints of Poverty & Want. Clerk Ma. Sydney Place Bath

I cordially agree with the sentiments of my friend Mr Potter with whom I visited this interesting country. I have found every comfort at this Hotel, my party consists of 6 & we have ale & wine & pleasant rooms given us — Wm. H. Hudson

Miss Smith — Miss Baxter — & the Misses Sunday spent three days here, & had been much pleased with the accommodation & attention

Spectator Hotel Sept. 18 1845

Mr & Mrs Letham accompanied the above party and Coincide in their remarks —

In the State of this district through the exertions of its present Hotel Proprietor in contrast with its condition a few years since, we see what time, Perseverance, directed by Intelligence and the faithful application of Capital, can accomplish. New Industry, Prosperity & Contentment seem to have taken Root; where Poverty, degradation and Sloth had reigned and the Power of doing good is increased by the effect = Upon time providing Capital. But while the Traveller is delighted with the Scenery, and the Agriculturist with the cultivation of the barren waste, let neither overlook the moral Principle which bounds the whole, or which is expressed "Holiness to the Lord". Thus an undertaking conducted on such Principles, cannot fail of blessing and being blessed.

Whilst we have every thing to commend in the Hotel and its accompaniments, every thing else is of so much less importance that it seems idle to dwell upon them — Geo. D. Mansfield

Elizabeth Mansfield — L. W. Mansfield
Jane C. Mansfield — Fanny L. Mansfield
Josephine Mansfield — T. R. Mansfield Jr.
Robert Mansfield — E. Mansfield
[illegible] Mansfield

25th Sept. 1845.

My first (O throw aside
And all its crumbling fetters,
Pray with the soul be satisfied,
Nor scan too close the letters —)

My first is he whose power is clear
A monster formed in story;
My next unclosses to the view,
Or hard, the way before ye —

My Fourth (while holy thoughts & high
Can bid man's bosoms thrill,
Shall link in indissoluble tie
Humanity and Hill!

W. Archer Butler, A.M.

Top of Ennigal, Sept. 26. 1845.

We are most willing to record our opinion of the comfort of this Inn and the civility and attention which we have experienced within its walls — Mr Cunningham accompanied us to Donegal and gave us every information respecting the forms & business state of the country round. The considerable improvement which have been already effected in this place & cause the best hopes for the highest honor on the minds that conceived and the Christian spirit which has carried out a system of lasting benefit to the Country.

J. J. Hamilton Humphreys
14 Park Street Dublin Inn.

John Humphreys
Matthew Gray Humphreys
T. J. Humphreys

T. J. Humphreys, C. T. Humphreys, Annie Humphreys
Sarah Humphreys — Sept. 26 1845

B. 2 hours & the top gall 25 miles off. 30 miles distant
the storm 24 miles — Slept Patrick on a Sunday.

We spent a night & day here and found everything remarkably comfortable. I would enter more fully into all the praise the place deserves were it not nearly impossible to write with this pen.

Sept 27th 1845

Susan Read
A. H. Read —

We the undersigned having visited this truly interesting locality on the 29th Sept 1845, cannot think of taking our departure without bearing testimony to the amelioration effected, that has been made to carry out the intention of a benevolent Lord to ameliorate the condition of his people. To respect prospective in the short space that has elapsed since Lord George Hill commenced his improvements would seem utterly inadequate with the numerous obstacles and difficulties that have to be overcome and the time necessary to effect such a change in the appearance of so singularly wild a district as to compare up to the standard of the more favorable, but to practical men it cannot be evident that a great deal has been towards accomplishing the intention laid down by the Noble Proprietor, with a certainty of his ultimate expectations being fully realized. We must only remark with respect to the Hotel

and we found very comfortable indeed, and could be desired —

Thos Hughes, Joseph Eddy
Alex. Hamilton, London

Simply breakfasted here after a wet drive from Downpatrick, and then walked over to Greenore to see the Steam School, we both think it was much pleased. The Hotel very comfortable. James Brunton London
Sept. 29. 1845.

Visited this neighbourhood for the first time Septr 29th 1845 along with my brother the Revd R. Chaney and we were much pleased with all Lord George Hill's improvements, and with the very comfortable accommodation of the Quoile Hotel — J. Chaney Malin Hall
Gravesend

We the undersigned were present at the annual exhibition & distribution of prizes to the deserving tenantry on the tenants on the Quoile Estate. We were highly gratified with all we saw & we bear testimony to the progress & improvement in all the departments.

Wm Stirling
Wm Lowry
R. Orr
John Rogerson
John Freeman
Jas Ramsay

Jas Reilly
E. Boyd
Thos Mounsey
R. Wilson

Guidon Hotel

I walked over here from Dunfanaghy yesterday and have received every attention and comfort in the Hotel which I was surprised to find in so with so beautiful a part of Ireland

On talking to my poor crabby man on the way here I found that Lord George Hill was a subject of envy. I trust many who have it in their power will (by doing the kindly feelings that exist in this state) remove the by going home and living likewise

As an Irishman I wish every success to all concerned and Lord George Hill

Wilson Milford of Belfast
Octr 1845

During a very gratifying visit of 3 days we have received every kind attention at the Hotel, and leave the country full of respect and admiration for the noble Proprietor and ardent wishes for the complete accomplishment of all his patriotic designs

Wm C Carver
Wm H Carver } Gilsthorpe Cambs

Octr 6. 1845

I have passed this day in examining the improvements on the Guidore Estate, and have been much pleased to witness so much success attending the honourable exertions of Lord George Hill, to ameliorate the condition of his tenantry. I have passed the evening at this Hotel which I have found a well regulated & commodious establishment

Charles Stewart, Aeds-Bruce

Guidore October 6. 1845

We the undersigned have been quite pleased with our visit to Guidore. We felt that we had fair grounds for attributing this to the improvements going on under the attention of Elizabeth Dowager
Lady Hill
Lord Hill

We have been here five days and have much gratification in acknowledging the great attention and comfort we have met with. It is really a subject of thankfulness in every point of view !!!

Octr 30th 1845

J. F. Fortescue
J. F. Fortescue.

We have much pleasure in giving our testimony to the comfort and attention which we met with during our stay at this hotel

Guidore Hotel, 2nd Nov 1845

Sigmund H. Duncan
Capt 93rd Highlanders

Combined with comfort and economy, you have civility and attention at the 'Guidore Hotel' seem to be more in fashion, the establishment of such a house as this in such a locality is still one distinct to his lordship's good school.

John Crouse
"of Glasgow"

Guidore
8/11/45

I have visited the Hotel with the greatest
possible satisfaction. And hope the
hotel proprietor & the state will be as a
person Providence long spared to a
prosperity & tranquillity, he richly deserves,
in sight of St Paul's cathedral
& the memory of its architect Sir Christ
=opher Wren, which he truly appreciates.

Lord G. Hill.

Si quaris monumentum circumspice.

E. M. Clarke A.B.
Oxford.

Such Monuments were premium

I have very great satisfaction in noting my
opinion of this Hotel, which I have already re
corded in this book, (1 Dec 1843) and have much
pleasure in adding that the roads leading to
it are very much improved, which I am pain
to understand is altogether owing to the generous
benevolence of Lord G. Hill. Such the improve
ments on the Leinster Estate, and the amelioration
of the peasantry in this formerly neglected district,
are keeping pace with his Lordship's benevolent
intentions, and are advancing rapidly. I cannot
conclude these hasty remarks, but must record
the words of Captain Nicolaie, in proposing the
health of Lord G. Hill, at the last dinner of

(Otley)

Strokestown Farming Society, identified as they are with
my own feelings, "Lord George Hill stands foremost the
honest benevolent and improving landlords, and is
one of whom his Country may well be proud".

David Sharpe, Londonderry
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1 December 1845

I remained three days in this Hotel and
found the accomodation comfortable and the
Landlord and servants attentive and civil

P. Kempston
15 Dec 1845

Thanks to the Hotel Proprietor & Gardener
the last month on a Road

19th Nov 1845
Benj. W. Holmes Resident Magistrate
Sligo.

I leave it others to praise the unremitting
arrangements, the good cheer, and the hospitable
treatment which may be found at this most interesting
Spot. I am not insensible to a clear regard for the
Creature Comforts, nor do I value life the less
the Sense of the enjoyment the difference between the Rich
and the humble Cottier of poor Philemy Doyle at Ballyfarnon
but I feel that it is profitable to praise the measures
offensively lauding at the other, I have seen both
but, let us profit by better things, since my arrival
here I learn, for the first time in a long life, to see realized
my long cherished views of a judicious and well conceived
project for improving the Condition of a population

a remote district of Ireland; here there existed all the difficulties which arise from their isolated state, what are the result of centuries of neglect, and what are so much opposed to the progress of improvement; here, even a sterile soil, an ungenial climate, and a total absence of those circumstances calculated to promote an effort at improvement: but, God in his Mercy sent a Master Mind; one, to the uniting ~~[illegible]~~ Philanthropy and Benevolence ~~[illegible]~~ with good sound practical common sense — devised and knew how to do good; and, fully anticipate the most successful results from his admirable arrangements, I now desist merely two days to a close examination of the whole system which has been introduced; and I see everything to admire, nothing to disapprove. By rather a curious coincidence I happened this on this spot I have terminate a tour of the whole coast of Ireland; and I can most unfeignedly declare that on no similar occasion have I experienced half the pleasure which the scenes of this day have afforded to me, the happy homes and the happy faces which I beheld have, in no small degree compensated for the reflection that I am now 257 miles from my own fireside, on the eve of that great festival when those who know how to long for home; of that, any more than the same means of conferring happiness on his fellow Beings that the Noble Individual who has laid this Useful foundation possesses, should throw his Pop upon this, I would earnestly beg to have recall "forgiveness" &c.

J. H. B.

Night December 1845

I have passed five days in this locality with the tenor of the opinions expressed in the preceding pages; and concur in every word he has written. The kindness and comfort experienced at the Bingdon Hotel leave nothing to be desired, even at this season. When short comings of good heartedness are so constantly expended to Mr. Foster I feel grateful for his courtesy and attention; towards Lord George Bell my feelings can only be appreciated by those, who after a long and painful journey, find at every step, the fortunes of physical comfort and moral elevation, which the climate and position of the country had led them to expect a barren waste; and the representations of mercenary writers, a debased and uncomfortable population.

24th December 1845 John O'Brophy
Dublin.

(NOTE - in a remark on the preceding page (92) signed - "B. H. Holmes, Resident Inspector" which see. -

If this be true and you such bliss but prize,
You'll hence be "Resident" in Paradise!
There thus and here the Traveller who roams,
And all goods shall find their "Happy Homes"
Whilst "Home, sweet home" will suit — (let each go tell!)
For Song or Sentiment at this Hotel. —
— (Conservenator.)

Having remained but one night at Gardiner — I am not in the same opportunity of judging as some of those who have signed their names in this book; however from the specimen I have had of the accomodation &c I can only say that it is my intention to return at a more favorable season of the year.

W. H. Holmes

Having spent the night at Gweedore Hotel & found the Servants attentive to our comfort, leaving the Proprietor & family in good health

February 5th 1846

We called at the Hotel today and found ourselves well accomodated — having not spent a night we can make no further observation but for the time we remained we found the charge very Reasonable

Rev. R. Irwin
Richard Benson
Thomas Irwin

February 10th 1846

From Cromandale to Cape Labrador
No Inn can equal thee, O famed Gweedore
Amidst towering mountains reaching to the skies
Thy hospitable hearth securely lies
Kindness and plenty in thy halls abound
Improvement marks thy features all around
~~features~~ agreeable & prominent
O may thy noble Owner find his high reward
In these outpourings of the travellers regard
May his example throughout Erin be
Followed by those who have the power like he
~~He~~ his ~~example~~ the harbinger of many more
And let each Irish County have its own Gweedore

20 Feby 1846

J B Portens

I cannot avoid here expressing my warm admiration of his successful and humane endeavours in favour of his poor people; and my warm gratitude as a traveller, for the comforts which his providence has enabled me to enjoy in a district where comfort was previously unknown —

I think the Gweedore Inn is without exception the most comfortable that I know whether in Ireland or England Bed provisions, wines & the best that can be — and the Cordiality of Mr Cunningham the Hotel keeper and of his Servants nothing can surpass —

May 2 1846 J Kennedy

We have spent a very pleasant day at Gweedore & found every thing comfortable at the Hotel

Dublin 1846 — Letitia Stewart
Mary Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson

The Hotel & Inn at Gweedore is a very pleasant place to take the many comforts Gweedore Hotel — Medley Smith Hall Surrey
We have visited this house where we remained all night, and were much pleased with the moderate and attendance —

Gweedore Hotel
May 30 1845.

J. Gordon Clarke
Edward Smith
J. H. Clark
Thos Clarke

Farewell to the Rosses, & Gweedore Farewell
You've shewn me much kindness you've treated me well
You gave me good eating, and capital drinking
I'll see you again very soon I am thinking

T. D. Tufnell

Marchioness Lahen Dunmore

In the early part of January, 1843, I had occasion to visit this part of the Country. This Inn was then in progress of Building, there was at that time no place for a Traveller to put up. I had the good fortune to get a dinner (without Bread for then was none to be procured) at Lord Gosfords apartments at Bunbury through the Kindness of Francis Foster Esq. How changed are all the circumstances of this beautiful Locality on my present visit June 4th 1846. I am now writing these remarks, in as Comfortable an Hotel as can be found in any Country Place in the United Kingdom. Beds good, and everything perfectly clear. Good Food, and excellent Wine, and above all good Cooking and attendance, with great Civility and attention. The whole face of the Country in the Valley is changed, owing to the unremitting exertions and Kindness of the Noble Proprietor who by example has shewn his Tenantry that the soil is capable of growing good Crops if properly Farmed. There are at this moment as fine Crops of Oats, Rye Grass & Potatoes growing as in any part of Ireland. I most heartily Congratulate his Lordship on the success of his Arduous undertaking which will hand his Name down to Posterity as the Benefactor of Mankind.

W. Forsyth
D. C. G. Crown Prosecutor

— On a couplet to be found in Page - 105 —

Oh! how would such "thousand tongues" awake,
A deafening thrill o'er Moor and Lake!
What awful echoes would issue then,
From Clady Bridge to the poisoned Glen!
Thou Noisy Stentor, why — if able —
Make "Paradise"* a Tower of Babel? (*see page - 97.)
Why shock the silent solitude around,
Or disenchant the scene by such a sound!
And spoil the quietness of an Inn;
With a rude - unmeaning - Monster - din! —
Well then may we all in heart rejoice,
That you command but a single voice;
And though aspiring, can do no more,
Than loud, in one tongue, denounce Bloodore.

Harpocrates.

a heavy fall of snow so that I could not judge of the improvement so energetically commenced by Lord Hill and his popular agent Mr Forster from whom I as well as most visitors here received very polite attention. Lord Hill is about to enlarge this hotel and I can recommend Gweedore as a delightful retreat for those who wish for a time to retire from the noise & impure air of crowded towns.

Gweedore June 11th 1846 ~~[struck-out signature]~~

Mrs Nesbitt and myself after a stay of four days at the Gweedore Hotel have been agreeably surprided to find all the favourable reports of this establishment,

And the improvements made by Lord G. Hill fully realized - under the indefatigable attention of his agent Mr Forster

Gweedore Hotel 14th June 1846

Richd W. Nesbitt

"Mine own inn"

Shakespeare

The ~~moral~~ immortal bard when he wrote the above simple but expressive words, meant to convey the impression of my totally [illegible] feels perfectly at home & such [illegible] Gweedore hotel [illegible]

[illegible]

Hotel - June 1846. [illegible]

[illegible]

John Conroy
Curate of Urney
Strabane

I have just concluded a visit to this part of the country and have been staying at the Gweedore hotel for nearly the last three weeks where I was very well entertained and found every thing excellent and extremely comfortable. My last visit to this neighbourhood was during

GWEEDORE

If Hospitality and fun you think a treat
At Gweedore Hotel you will with it meet –
Also every comfort you will there get –
If in any place it is to be met –
The Landlord and Agent (without any jest)
To make it comfortable have done their best –
What can you ask or what can you wish more
But GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS TO LORD G HILLS GWEEDORE

— Written by a constant visitor
and a coach hand at Letter

We have spent the last two days at this Hotel, & found the accommodation excellent & Mr Cunningham & his servants extremely attentive. We visited the School, which appears admirably conducted by Mr & Mrs Conner, who seemed well suited to their situations. We also went to the Stones and buildings at Bunbeg which reflect great credit on that spirit and enterprise of the Noble Proprietor, we met with great courtesy from Mr Jones who was kind enough to show us everything worthy of notice in that locality.

Gweedore Hotel
19th June 1846

Commander Lafford
Royal Navy
Mary Lafford
J H Lafford
56th Regt

In sublimity of the wilds of Donegal exceeding my most sanguine expectations, the Hotel is raised in a beautiful spot which gives grandeur to its loveliness. The attention & comfort combined with moderate charges, deserves the encouragement, by all the lovers of Law, Science, Order

Gweedore Hotel
20 June 1846

L Todd
Cheltenham

of this comfortable and well kept Hotel we think it unnecessary to add anything to the many and well deserved encomiums already passed upon it by all who have visited it. What is still more pleasing, as it witnesses the already satisfactory results of Lord Jersey's well planned & indefatigable exertions, whilst by his efforts the Poor, to improve the Condition of his Tenantry by introducing a better System of Agriculture, discouraging idle habits & by discountenancing illicit distillation the fertile source of idleness & intemperance, But above all the moral & religious education of the people has not been neglected by his Lordship, & we sincerely hope his laudable intentions to carry out more extensively his plans for that latter purpose will be crowned with success.

George Hope
20th June 1840.

J McCall
Leslie Hill.
Norman Burns
E. Bears O. Down

"Let there be three years since the weary Pilgrims of this transitory life, took their leave for the travellers Book & the Sun during that period occasionally came with pleasure some miles to spend a night at the great and comfortable Jersey Hotel. and observed and noted the gradual improvement of the surrounding Farm Cottages & Gardens encouraged by the paternal kindness and Independence of these generous & spirited Lords — being a fulfilment of the promise to the Righteous that Prosperous he doeth shall prosper" —

In the foregoing paper some Pilgrim laments the loss of the Sanitary Tea which was a common & right hospitality to Strangers, but not permitted since the Sunday Sirocco. "Let there be planting" — and perhaps more there is found before this weary Pilgrim in his own Cottage he would wish it shown him in any way but let him visit gratuitously the Blessings of Divine Providence and he will cut of the Fruit of that one barren Soil, so says the weary Pilgrim —

A Weight
Laurel the tree might be low for
[illegible] Thunderbolt —

The excellent arrangements and conduct of the hotel proprietor and his superintendant at the Sweedore Hotel are worthy of all praise. — 26 June 1846

T. R.

Visited this Hotel with my family and had every reason to feel satisfied with the attention both of landlord & servants — also with the entertainments.

William Gray
Grayswood
Belfast

29th June 1846

I slept at this Hotel last night and found the accommodation and attention of the servant everything that could be desired —

8 July 1846

Francis Carey

I slept at this House and found every thing most comfortable

C. Macdachlan Lt 66 R.N.

4th July 1846

On revisiting this hotel find it entirely to my satisfaction

July 9th 46.

William Allman.

Ditto Ditto

July 9th

Ralph E. B. Mesetson

We found the accommodation at this Hotel most excellent and the servants extremely attentive —

John K Ingram 98th

George J. Allman
(this is Mr Tomney's man
an very fine fellow!)

July 9th 1846 —

Cordially gratified with all I have heard & seen of the Sweedore Estate — Sunday & this Hotel

Sam Wellington

9 July 1846

Grosvenor Lodge Derry

10 July 1846 Visited with my family this most excellent and comfortable Hotel which for cleanliness and comfort in every respect leaves nothing to be desired. The formation of such an establishment in this district will be an interesting point of the tourist's visit & the most generous support on the part of the proprietors of this Estate in addition to the expense of the improvements thus so deservedly made are in all respects corresponding with every other arrangement and feature by the noble Sweedore proprietors who are endeavoring to spend their time and wealth almost constantly among the people in every effort to the most marked manner of improving their hitherto unimproved and in numerous instances miserable country peasantry and happily. I feel might I state the liberty of suggesting an additional or an improvement to this establishment, it would be that of posting up a timetable here & from time to time the Hotel & Sweedore Estate at least during the summer months on Monday Wednesday and Friday returning the alternate days this would conduce to an increment and afford a facility to many additional persons to visit and enjoy the scenery & fine air and to fully repay any extra attending trouble

William Pitt
Aberdeen

20th July 46. Richd Benson & Michael Benson of Cocowcommon visited this Hotel for the second time on good being they do so from reasonable and comfortable the servants attention and civil

23rd July 1846. We have much pleasure in adding our testimony to the excellent arrangements & comfort of this house. We have visited the stone & buildings at Bumbeg & have been very much pleased at the judicious manner in which the old & deeply rooted prejudices of the peasantry are made to give way before improvements which must in the end raise the social condition of the whole country. If the praise of humble travellers be of any value to the noble & excellent proprietor of Gweedore or to his intelligent agent here pen it with all our hearts

William Todd London
"J Hopetter" Northampton
Whitehaven Londonderry

July 23 1846 Lines to *Aragyael Mountain

Amid the mountains of wild Donegal
One towers on high majestically and more tall
Standing against the cloud & in bold relief
Was the white Champion Aragyael the Chief
Proudly he rears his peaked head on high
To catch the cloud wreaths that adorn the sky
Rise from his summit Heavens own dew rested
To fall in showers on the gentle Hill
Whose fertilizing influence again
Flows kindly forth o'er valley and o'er plain
Oh Aragyael! White Champion! be thou still
Emblem of Virtue, goodness, and Hill
There be thy force to charm the earthly eye
Hill the ambition reaching to the sky

* Aragyael signifies in Irish the White Champion — Motly

In proof of comfort nothing can equal this Hotel.
July 23/46 W M Bowel Esq

24th July — Too much cannot be said for the comforts of the Gweedore Hotel, in every respect. They impress the Traveller with the ~~and~~ idea of the comforts of home.

On visit to this place, and to the incipient Sea port of Bumbeg, which we sincerely hope its philanthropic proprietor may live to see the flourishing Metropolis of this new Colony of Civilization of which he is the Author, has afforded us the most heartfelt Satisfaction. The Noble proprietor has selected the true — the only practical method, by means of which the great work of ~~accomplishing~~ regenerating this

sonal ~~improvement~~ condition of Ireland, may the landed Gentry of the Country imitate the noble and patriotic example which is here exhibited to them! –

E G Hallewell Northend Gloucestershire

J Colling Ripon Yorkshire.

Stopped at the Hotel one night and found everything comfortable, cleanliness and attention in every department

July 25th 46 –

Geering Castle Mahony, Upper Fortes Ballymore

Geering impressed with a large Party of Friends, 17 in Number, the first time I received around, where the Friend unobstructedly turns from Nature up to Nature's God. I am not prepared to respond to the universal Burst of Admiration which appears on this Broad occasion this only displeased, rude regulated and excellent Hotel, and although not disposed to agree with the Poet when he says

"Whoever has travelled life's dull round,
Where her big Stages may have been,
Must blush to think he met her, found
Her warmest welcome at an Inn!"

I can not appreciate the generous philanthropy and praiseworthy motives which induced this gratuitous domicile here in the Wilderness to delight the Wants and provide the Comforts of those who with similar Feeling to his own are seeking the Amelioration of their fellow man, or merely indulging a taste for the Sublime and Grand for to the Man whose Charities flowed and whose unwearied Second

in formation Lower Gay Realized what a Wilderness Regard rather not many simple Minds but rude the lower of the Creature in admiration from the Lower of the Creator, may be enabled to appreciate his Generation.

Salmont forgive our late Lunch – Sidiwise forgiven for by Calling for the real Interests of those unhappy Land, when I consider the admirable Tact with which he directed in his Charming Speech the attention of those who resided Recently in our Country, to the bright Example of their unostentatious Nobleness in Spending and being Spent in his varied Labours of Love –

Now I am at in our Pleasant Station I talk to consider this Man patriotism, may such gay Day to Ireland –

"Gay Lea. Hard de Affairs

July 28. 46.

Tom Brown – Barnsley
James Van Brunigh Sandy
James Irwin Belfast
William Irwin A.B.S.C.D
Wheatley Lake Park
Sarah Elaine Gortnaven

I stopped at the Hotel two days pretty well and very Pleasing company

E. & C. Pope

In company with my family I visited the school, the Moor and the other buildings and establishments at Bromley. We have been greatly pleased by the information which my inquiries elicited, and by the evident improvement of the district. All reflect the greatest credit on the spirited Proprietor. He has done much for the temporal interests of the People. May he be enabled to do more for their spiritual state!

We found every person concerned attentive and ready to communicate information. We found the Hotel comfortable, the provisions excellent, the charges most moderate and the proprietor very attentive.

W. Robert Seymour — Bath
July 30th 1846

We have visited this hotel and admired the beautiful scenery around and found the ~~[illegible]~~ Cuisine an excellent one

J. Stewart
R. J. Verekker
John C. Stewart
Wm. Smyth Vereker
Hyacinth Stewart

Gweedore Hotel
31st July 1846

I have visited the Gweedore Hotel and feel great pleasure in stating that the Mode & Cleanliness which I find there are such as reflect great credit on its Proprietor. The Scenery too is well calculated to excite pleasure and admiration in the beholder.

J. D. Shirley
Donegal

July 31st 1846

I have derived great pleasure from witnessing the progress of restoration of this Romantic district. Its resources may not be so immediate as many might contemplate yet I trust it will tend to a source of gratification to the Noble Proprietor that he has been the formative spirit in improvement of the social and moral condition of the People. As this district is such a place that they cannot continue to advance.

It is almost worth the price of a 10 days Tour to visit the Mouth of the Gweedore Hotel

Robert Orme
Northern Whig Belfast

3rd August 1846

Placed as the Gweedore Hotel is, midst the wild and beautiful Mountain scenery of Donegal I consider it a most delightful and Comfortable Establishment

James Stephens M.D.
Ballyshannon

Having visited this Hotel for the first time I must say that the accommodations are excellent, and the scenery around Magnificent

M. McMenamin
Lieut. 6th Regt
Lieut. Templemore

Never go up McEngal in

Tennis. over.

I have found the Gouridore Hotel most comfortable. The improvement of the neighbourhood from this much publicans possession can do no overcoming ignorance but prejudice.

Sam'l Mountcastle
Montego Bay St James Jamaica

Major Bailey passed this morning on his tour of Police Inspection and expressed much regret that want of time prevented his stopping for a few days to see the many improvements in this part of the world of which he had heard so much.

5th August 1846

We have much pleasure in expressing our satisfaction with the comfort enjoyed at the Gouredore Hotel, and also with the more important consideration of the increased comfort of the people of this neighbourhood in consequence of the improvements since these days in this habitation.

5th August 1846.

Charles Jenkins
of Lewinhool
St Mary's Jam

The extreme comfort of the Gouredore Hotel must have my approbation as fully as any of the Gentlemen whose names appear in this Book — The improvement of Lord George Hill's person and the advancement in Civilization in this part of the Country far exceed anything I was led to expect, and I have no doubt that we may hope his Lordship will be amply

repaid in every way for his praiseworthy exertions

Daniel Chambers

Gouredore Hotel
8th August 1846

This is the third time I have visited the Gouredore Hotel & I am truly happy to add my humble testimony to the many others who have preceded me of the extreme comfort, civility & experience on this & the former occasions —

James Daly
Brooks St Jamaica

We the Postmaster General Chief Clerk and Inspector have much pleasure before leaving in bidding the assemble of Gouredore to this Discourse and astonishingly improved district for receiving our tribute of praise to the comfort & good accommodation of this Establishment. We cannot forbear adding that in our visit to Brandy Bay we intended in all our last and fond our search enhanced by our being so fortunate as to have the pleasure of the Governor's company —

Gouredore Hotel
August Eleven 1846

August 12 & 13th

We cannot refrain from bearing testimony to the opinion so universally expressed by the Gentlemen Stewards & Officers, that Lady Ely and the Misses Ellsworth and Mr. Moore have only to hold the Mirror of the hearts and attention of the Lovers has fully endeavored their expectations

Mrs Moore Ellsworth Secretary
13 August

Captain H. Morgan has experienced much gratification in visiting the improvements of this most interesting Locality - nothing can exceed the Comfort of the Gweedore Hotel, nor the Romantic beauty of its situation
15th August 1846.

After a sojourn of four days & while the horses are getting to the carriage, I am requested by a party of half a dozen to say a word in approbation of their establishment & of the patriotic, wonderful & unremitting labours of the Noble Lord of the soil but time will not permit me to say enough for the former & remaining pages of this book would not afford scope for the latter

19th Augt. 1846.

W. Reilly
Patrick Reilly
W. Reilly
Francis George Reilly

W. M. Reilly
S. J. Reilly

Mr & Mrs Smyth (Mahane) Mr Doctor Mears Cavan & Mr Robert Mears, Blessington St Dublin have been very comfortably accomodated at the Gweedore Hotel September 9th 1846 =

Mr Dr
Gweedore 10th Sept. 1846.

Gweedore Hotel Thursday September 10th 1846.

— The undersigned, having been present at the annual exhibition of home manufactures at Bunbeg, and the consequent distribution of Prizes to Lord G. Hill's Tenantry, desire to express the gratification they experienced, not only as interested & sharing in the business of the day, but also in observing the happy intercourse subsisting between the Noble Landlord & his people, which displayed a cheering ray amidst the general gloom of present times.

Daniel Chambers
Anne Chambers
Sophy M. Patton
W. Patton
Charlotte Forster
W. M. Chambers
Mary Anne Olphert
John Chambers
Robert Mansfield
Mary Mansfield
Robert Lloyd
Wm Ramsey
J. Nicholson
G. T. Brady
Patrick Rafferty
Saml. Reilly Coy
J. Forster
Wybrants Olphert

There can be but little, but one opinion of Greenore Hotel, and all who come within its walls seem to agree in feeling how successfully their individual comfort has been studied in its admirable arrangements. And I my self gladly bear testimony to the cleanliness, order, and comfort pervading the whole establishment, & the attention which our party had received from each person connected with it: and which is best proved by the regret with which we leave it after a sojourn of three days. —

I cannot quit this world but agreeably interesting district without recording the pleasure and surprise I have experienced in this my first visit to it. Altho I had heard much from time to time of the means which Lord George Hill was using to benefit the numerous & hitherto neglected tenantry on his estate, I had no idea until I witnessed it, of the suitability, extent, or success of his varied and benevolent plans & they (might at least to) speak by example to them "Go and do thou likewise" and I trust it may please God in his good providence to spare him long & give him the only reward which I am sure he seeks in permitting him to witness the elevation of the moral and social condition of his people. —

Septr 12th 1846 — P. P. Chamber

I have been asked to [illegible] the names of the remaining of our party who participated in all I have said.
Sarah Chamber — Mrs Chamber
Eliza Chamber — Mr. Patterson
Eliz. M. Patton —

My connection by property in the District of Greenore having ceased by the disposal of Dunlaoy I feel that the placing before the frequenters of this Hotel a few additional "facts from Greenore" may not be unacceptable to them. Having purchased Dunlaoy some years before Lord G. Hill became the owner of his property in this neighbourhood I can bear more ample testimony to the changes that have been wrought and the influence which led to them than probably any other person could do and the more so as I believe I was in some measure instrumental in inducing Lord G. Hill to settle here and have for many years had the privilege of enjoying his friendship which it is impossible to estimate too highly.

In the Summer of 1832 he kindly accompanied me on a tour round the West and N. W. Coast of Ireland. The complete dissipation there and the bad management or rather the absence of any management on many Estates first suggested to his benevolent mind the idea of purchasing property and working out his own improvements, the people to a moral and social scale of equality. His lordship eventually succeeded in purchasing the property he now holds and with a generosity of course selection in choosing the estate not to be equalled. In encountering the extreme difficulties incident to all properties more or less of commotion he may truly have been said to have "taken the bull by the horns" In order to show the great change that has been effected I shall briefly state that my first attempt to see Donlaoy (the Gardale) was made on horseback. Mr. James Kelly, then at Dunlaoy

fortnightly and to where the road then terminated at Ballangelmas then four miles from Dumbarry with nothing but a dangerous Mountain track before me and at night was coming on I was completely to return and for the time gave up all idea of having the Purchase. Some Months afterwards I was induced again to attempt it. I then walked from Dumbarry over the Bay and by the side of the River where the Hotel now stands and by the margin of the lake to Dumbarry. I subsequently succeeded in getting the line of Road made from Healies to Gowdore and in effecting other slight improvements but the nature of my official duties precluded the possibility of doing much to improve the People who have habits of self will and independence strong required the most constant and watchful care to check and amend.

The extraordinary fertility with which the people they found small and insufficient holdings offered great and indeed almost insurmountable obstacles to the abolition of the Rundale system and the determination they evinced not to give up an Inch of their land was so great to overcome. I recollect in a Tenant of mine at Dumbarry who had got into possession without the consent of the former proprietor and whose land it was necessary for me to have to enable me to build my House he refused to sell until I paid him 20 for purchase of his Heart to a person and even after receiving the large sum of Money £80 left his crop upon his land to that person and it afterwards exhausted it

I purchased other Tenants to cut on similar terms but they quitted without leaving a similar blessing.

Illicit distillation was another insurmountable to improvement and the difficulty of detecting it by any overseer or threats on the part of the landlord, is best shown by the fact that until the Act of the Ordinance Survey was published I did not know that an Still had been regularly worked at Dumbarry within 200 yards of the House.

The changes that have taken place speak for themselves. The Tenants upon his Lordship's Estate have all been placed on separate substantial holdings well fenced and drained their Cottages are clean and comfortable and the people formerly the most lawless have been brought into habits of industry and good order and all this has been effected without hardship or severity his Lordship proposed the great principle coupled with the most mild and affable disposition which has worked its way to the hearts of the people and enabled them to overcome difficulties which to most others would have been insurmountable.

Few Persons would have incurred the heavy expense attendant upon building the Corn Store & Shed at Dumbarry the sole object in erecting the former was to take away the pretext made by the People for selling their grain to the Illicit distillers by stating that they had no Market for their produce. His Lordship did me the honour to consult me upon the occasion my sole object in so mentioning it is to bear my testimony to the zealous

purpose which induced him to expend such large sums of Money for the improvement and the amelioration of the condition of the People.

Notwithstanding the aptitude for the task which his Lordship took in hand of working the great changes every where discernible on his property, yet it must be obvious that his occasional absence would have caused some derangement in his best concerted plans unless they were closely followed up during his absence and here again his Lordship has shown his sound judgement in the selection of a Gentleman in every respect so well qualified as Mr Forster to act as his Agent. Known, regarded & respected by all, he is his Lordship's faithful & zealous promoter of his interests and at the same time the poor Tenants best friend and Adviser.

Should I may be pardoned this long statement but my feelings would not allow me to withhold the tribute due to the praiseworthy and noble intentions of those for whom I entertain such sincere regard and esteem

Lucedale Hotel
16th Sept. 1846

P. Dorchester

After what has been stated it is almost superfluous to add that the comfort and convenience afforded at the Hotel have been most fully appreciated by me and Lady Dorchester during our stay here for a few days.

P. D.

Today I went out with a friend in his boat,
And met an event which to me was of note:
Very excellent sport we found on the Lake,
We not only had bites, but I hook a Trake:
I saw takers with it too, and was disentangled;
The trout was secured and the hook disentangled.
Though tempted to mix in the mazes of strife,
Yet the first fish taken in the course of my life.
Getting poor little trout suggests to my mind,
To seek something else, though less easy to find:
Now now I see not one Mr. Macdish Maggiorey,
But think it time I should fish for a Livingy:
For why should I not, but a fly on the thought,
"There's no good fish in the sea as ever was caught."
And as I must try, aye, and write a line too,
To see what comes playing with the B— — b will do:
And should such a plan prove a suitable bait,
I'll look on this trout as a part of my Fate:
And if I succeed, I shall never deplore,
The day I went fishing with my Friend at Lucedale.

Chrate.

Friday Sept. 1846.

[redacted]

We have been to the Grange, Port Hope, & Rice Lake, spent the Evening on the Islands of Gola and Indian-Maker & the Entertainment was such that we almost imagined ourselves to be in Paradise

Grange Hotel
16 Sept. 1846.

Sincerely Yours
Gavin C. Terrill

Not long had slothful Healthy Wildness
In this dear distract been a Home
But active Cultivation's smiling face
Now here begins to hold her sway.
Man here allowed to pine and perish
In hopeless sloth in helpless want
No hand to raise no Heart to cherish
Power can this Service might transport
That much the humble kind behaviour
Of one to worldly high things born
He comes to imitate her Saviour
The Poor to comfort not to scorn
With meekness yet determination
He seeks his fellow men to raise
From slothful hopeless degradation
Themselves to aid their good to praise
Pernicious Decrees of the poor no more
Go heedless Sick Absentees
Her lessons suggest imitation
Be proud and glad in hands to forge
Withdraw from idleness and pleasure;
Your time and talents waste no more;
But seek the Glory and the treasure
Won by "the Hero of Gweedore"

Jno Gwaugue Hylet
19th Sept 1846

We have been much gratified in witnessing the improvements made in this wild district by the particular and benevolent exertion of this Noble Proprietor and found the Hotel most comfortable and cleanly and the attendants

civil and obliging

Wm Blakiston Houston } Donegal
A M Blakiston Houston } Co of Down
Rud M Blakiston Houston

September 19th 1846

Having now revisited the Gweedore District after an interval of some years, we can bear testimony to the great improvements that have been made since then; the improved appearance of the country around this, is a fair criterion by which to judge of the success of Lord George Hill's exertions to improve the people of this District - The Hotel itself we find most comfortable in every respect -

Thomas Batt
Sarah Batt
Ruth Mullen Stuart } 2 of Stuart
Thomas Batt Jun

The Marchioness of London derry who had of late been seriously concerning to improve the condition of the Native Tenantry and Estates, having requested me to visit the Gweedore District - I came here yesterday, and through the kind attention of the Noble Proprietor and his indefatigable Agent I have been enabled to glance at the works done and in progress and it gives me very great pleasure to record my humble testimony with those of so much higher worth inscribed in this Book to the admirable system which has been pursued, by which in the course of a few

may the wilderness is likely to become a fruitful field. The hospitality and generous habits of a numerous and wealthy Tenantry, which in other parts of Ireland they would have shed blood to maintain, have been outstripped by a gentle and moral effort. The kindness and condescension of his Lordship and the energy and intelligence of his Agent and above all, the liberal manner in which the people have been treated, have accomplished a great change for the better both in them, and the Country; and by opening the eyes of an observant public to what can be done under the most discouraging circumstances, have proved a National benefit. —

19 Sept. 1846 — [illegible] —

We have much reason to be satisfied with the accommodation at the Hotel. — 20 Sept 1846

Timothy Power Guildhall London —
A. & C. Preston Key St. Kent
D. McLeod.
C.E. — Shireville Colonial —

We have been much surprised & pleased with the very great improvement made in the Hotel since our last visit & with the services of Sixteen years old

George Lemmon — Coming Glebe
Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins & M. L. Vail Lady County
C. L. Dery

Never having been here before, I can only add to what my friends have stated above, that I have been greatly pleased with all I have

seen both in and out of

We have been here for the last three nights and have found the Hotel in every respect comfortable and the attendance good

Aug. 19th 1846 — Andw. Austin of Waterloo College Aya N.B.

James McCormley Dwyly's Point Derry

John Austin

Must have been carefully drawn

Have much pleasure in stating that during a stay of five weeks at this Hotel, I have experienced the greatest comfort & received the utmost attention which has only exceeded by the kindness and humanity of the little Prophets —

29th August 1846 — Adam Montgomery

[illegible]

During the few hours I stopped here, I have met every care to be placed with the attention I received, and also met gratified with the brief & limited view I had of the improvements now in progress.

J. Fraser

23 Aug 1846 — 25 Northumberland Row. Dublin

Mr & Mrs Leech have found the Freedom Hotel clean & comfortable and have refreshed very nicely from the journey.

Freedom 24th Aug 1846

A party of friends by a number arrive here at 8 O'Clock having perambulating the crowds State of the Hotel, found every Accommodation & pleasure & the much pleased with day trip —

who the devil cares if you are pleased

Jonathan Hotel

Aug 25th 1846

Marshall his X mark Carter

Carter House Hanover

Dublin

Robert Fisher Auctioneer

Maijor & Mrs Leech 38th Regt —

Mr & Mrs Sidney Alexander & Miss Peters Hyde Park

Mr Meyrick Heathcoat Wonersh

August 25th 1846

We must pleasure in stating that we fully satisfied at the Freedom Hotel for days and found everything most comfortable

D. White Aug. 25th 1846

A place I would like to live in

We were fond of good eating and travelling galore & Nearly above a season at Freedom

J. W. Fitzpatrick

August 25th 1846

The above is my brother the son of my

We have visited the Lowther Hotel and found it exceedingly comfortable. We also visited Bowness and Windermere for which the arrangements are due to the noble landlord.

The Dyson
Samuel Corbman
Sarah Dyson

29th August 1856

We have been to the Lowther Hotel and have found very comfortable and in an good style. Pleased with the improvements made by the noble landlord.

T. Appleby & Mr. Appleby
Carpenters Cottage

We have visited the Lowther Hotel and the Bowness Store, and have to express our admiration of the, the, and the utility of the other

4th Sept 1856

E. Molesworth Clarke } of Carlisle
Wm Emerson Brunton

"Where noble Lowth retail
we drank good potent ale"

Dwight Batty Thirsk } Co. Fermanagh
Hamilton Ross Thirsk } Ireland

Wm. Irvine. S.J.C.D. Rat Law.

With the exception of a few days I have passed the whole of my time at this Hotel since the 15th of July. I have only to record in common with all those who have visited this well regulated and comfortable establishment that I have experienced my attention from the servants, and enjoyed ale the gift of a private stock.

So much has been said on the subject of the beautiful scenery abounding in every direction in this fine wild district, it will be of the various improvements carried on under the eye of the noble proprietor those mild but firm sway has so much improved the social condition of the people that there is nothing left for me to say. Consequently I have only to add that I am highly obliged to his lordship those great kindness has enabled me to pass my time here very agreeably & that I shall leave it with regret

J. Blackall
Capt.

4 Sept. 1856

5 Sept 1846 – Visited Gweedore to report to Government the state of the County & to recommend the best means of relief – the Stores of Bounty should be given gratuitously & promptly & should not be found in any the first of the Country, that the want of such an accommodation at this moment might have been attended with the most serious consequences to the poor – that an ample Crop the prospective improvement above Enclosure offer to all Bill & Cotton!

Thomas Dobbs
Sub Inspector

* Have often visited the Gweedore Hotel but at no period with quite the same thoughts. Nothing the deep and heart felt interest I feel for good Mr Hill is now fast sinking in a well Crisis of distress and famine. Being of the old fashion of the Patriarchs (rich) he King to the heart & the provident wants of his tenantry. My prayer to God there were a Lord of Hill in every parish in Ireland. I need not say that the Hotel arrangements are usual no first Rate &c &c

J. G.

Gweedore Hotel
5 Sept. 1846

Letterkenny

seen both a sad & downcast since I came into the Gweedore district.

J. W. Benes. Incumbent of St Paul's Portarlington

Mr & Mrs Montgomery & Miss Montgomery of Rosnakilly
Mr Alexander & the Misses Alexander of Ballyshannon
* Mr Nathaniel Alexander of Black Heath
Mr Jones & the Misses Jones of Coolaghy
Mr Thompson Jones of Derry Park
have spent two days with much comfort at the Gweedore Hotel

September 23d 1846

* Rev Bishop of Down and Raphoe

impossible to withhold from his Lordship a large amount of Praise, not only for the attempt, but for having succeeded, to the extent he has done, in ameliorating the condition of the People in this locality, it required an ardent & philanthropic mind to undertake the one, & an energetic and patient perseverance to accomplish the other.

Much Distress is at present felt in this District in consequence of the failure of the Potato crop, a calamity with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict the Kingdom in general this year. It must be admitted that the Poor have too long subsisted on, almost exclusively, & been content with this lowest denomination of Food, a new System must now be adopted, & the Tenantry on this Estate may congratulate themselves on having a Landlord residing amongst them anxious to instruct & improve them, desirous to anticipate & alleviate their Wants, & to elevate their Moral

I arrived here after a tour thro' the wilds of the West and North West of Ireland. I have remained a day, and am almost to start, and one inconvenience I feel which is a disposition to linger here another day — it would not be consistent with my duty to do so but I have been greatly ~~[illegible]~~ tempted by the engagement of the comfort, the quiet and the attention rendered at Gweedore — I would recommend all discontented travellers to come here, and test their abilities in fault-finding

[illegible] and yet [illegible] Lord you & Hill is now

[illegible] Irish or Russell Cities of distrust and famine [illegible] of the total failure of the Potato Crop) I bring to Almighty God the probable wants of his children. My would to God there were a Lord of Hill in every parish in Ireland. I need not say that the Hotel arrangements are usual

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J. G.

Gweedore Hotel
5 Sept. 1846

Letterkenny

As usual every will pleasure and satisfaction with the accommodation & attention at the Hotel

Lounge of the Hotel Gweedore

O. Woodhouse
10 Oct. 1846

Name induced me to visit Gweedore, & from all I have seen I must say the Epithet "Monday", usually applied to the Lady, is in this instance at least altogether inapplicable. Considering the state of this Property when purchased by Lord George Hill, & viewing it now, it is impossible to withhold from his Lordship a large amount of Praise, not only for the attempt, but for having succeeded, to the extent he has done, in ameliorating the condition of the People in this locality, it required an ardent & philanthropic mind to undertake the one, & an energetic and patient perseverance to accomplish the other.

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& Social condition, & they will shew themselves not only ungrateful, but blind to their own interests if they dont second his benevolent efforts, and strenuously cooperate with him in carrying out his useful & enlightened views, whereby the productiveness of the Soil will be encreased, Employment will be more largely afforded, Industry promoted, & Food of a higher, & more nutritious character become more abundant. Having long known his lordship's family, I regret his absence prevented me having the opportunity of reserving my acquaintance with him, however he has my best wishes, May the good work prosper & may he not become "weary in well doing"!

I cannot conclude without expressing my satisfaction with the comfort, cleanliness & Domestic character of the Hotel, & the attention of the Host & Hostess, not forgetting the humble attendant the Sweet, yet affectionate, "Tho Gentle, yet not Dull".

Groveden Hotel
October 14th 1846.

Thos Pearson
Lt of Doom.

E. Tandeton – Octbr 18 1846. entirely satisfied with the arrangements of the Hotel –

If the above is Twickler of the poor-law commission
How in ept is great a Barnacle shine That is most true
A Poor law Guardian

In a district so remote and so far removed from Civilization we have been agreeably surprised to find every accommodation and comfort which a more southern Hotel would afford. After all the evidence this book affords it would be useless in us to add further encomiums to the noble proprietor who has redeemed this tract of Country from a wild and weary wilderness of forest, cold and unprofitable to the stranger, and has rendered it the admiration of the admirer of nature by affording him every comfort and more comforts than he could expect from the impoverished district of the Country

Thomas Lane 1st Lieutenant
October 26th 1846

Lieut of the Quest Royal Engineers
Government Hotel. Nov 28th 1846.

No place can equal the Groveden
for comfort and the grub – Galore
Jack Rufer

All thoughts of pop the literary sentiments
Troubling in the Travellers breast,
While I am waiting for my dinner
Here preparing by the Cooks the chef a la proposement —
Then I am dropped quite fresh from London
The Channel crossed like any Fan
Was sent on here my eye have passing
In what they call a Jaunting Car
I saw the Lake they call Dunlary
A lovely calm unruffled basin was he sure there is a not-water?
Flows thru by nature like a Marsh
In strength to see her face so
Saw the River wandering gently
Thrust end up hills of Rock, and heather
Saw lots of girls all walking barefoot;
No doubt to save the cost of leather
But to mention all the wonders
Here created by a Well
In this land of hill and mountain
So beyond my feeble quill.
Though such scenes as these I've travelled,
Such scenes I never had seen before
When in a jiffy up we rattled
To the Hotel of famed Gendre
The boasted Large Hotel of Bond Street,
We got the old or new Hummummy
Never passed half so delicious,
So home like Coffee and toasting Cheese
But hence the Greek, a dish more thing
Than the bogs and Mountain tops
In the Enjoyment of a hot pot
Not to at the Bottle Rope.

Now bring a pint of Porter,
Let me Hand a pint of Stout
Stop you Stranger my before tell you
What sort the people are you about
Sitting now in Contemplation
Lazily in a Large Arm Chair,
Stop you to think that London
Is a better place by far —
Rented Lodgings are very well
For lovers of the pedestrian type
For loving Mamma and her daughters
So others they are then bewitching
Better far the wild emotion
Of the life that's spent in Town,
Where we spend our time so gaily
Devils caring what may Come
From London the United Grand Ca
Chariots along broad Regent Street
And sip delicious Coffee without
In every Tavern that I meet
Eat mutton kidneys at the Coal hole
Go at the Shades drink Irish Whisky
Step into Almacks and then to visit
To the country Polkas Shown
So strolling nightly unfrequent
All along the Quadrant wide
With the many Lasses of Lemon
Having up on every side
Next to these Remarks please
A City Lady Dear Lord Mayor
Is Tomorrow from Chapel see
So day today to Drury Lane Street

Dec. 5 Wm. Foster of Norwich
Duncan Robinson of Clare
& Joseph Tate of York
passed a day at this comfortable house and
have pleasure in recommending it to the attention of travellers
of all ranks

Dec. 31

I have experienced much comfort and attention during my short stay at the Guardon Hotel

W. Millward Lieut. R.A.
Inspecting Officer C. Dept.

During my stay at the Guardon Hotel, I had every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation

Chas. Weekes
Civil Engineer

4th Jany/47

the accommodation at this Hotel is as good as any in the North of Ireland Belfast not excepted

Henry Hastie

A dîner quand on
tout gai, l'heure
se présente vois
est mon époux.

maison Jobie
par moi Louise

Dans ce désert un toit hospitalier
avec Guidore peut me réconcilier

Dearest Lucy, Hoping this may find your wishing
thoughts upon Guidore & the comfort & happy

Jany 7 1847

"Guidore" what every body says must be true — "Guido is very comfortable House" Hill. My Lord Gage, long may you reign to enjoy the Estate by the hills & Mountains of Erin —

J. Irwin
Ennistillen

Dennis O'Donnell is perfectly satisfied with the accommodation he has received

D. O'D. 7/1/47

[illegible] Robertson gives every [illegible] to those who wish a comfortable home for their own comfort. Should anything [illegible] Engineers, Thos. Stevenson

[illegible] Stephen O. Robertson
[illegible] 10 January 1847
[illegible]

John Burgoyne
Lieutenant [illegible] Royal Engineers
Clerk of the Works at Cork
Cork 8th Jany 1847

Doolittle

January 21st 1847.

Learned at Guildford yesterday I found that every arrangement had been made for the comfort & accommodation of the detachment under my command, as well as to forward the same upon which I have employed.

The hotel is an excellent one –

[illegible]
Capt. 31st Regt.

Sir Henry Oakes arrived here on the 22nd on his way to Rutland Barrack and left here three nights having been detained all yesterday by the heavy snow and storm, and thought himself very fortunate in having such a good house to stay in. He left this morning highly pleased with the comfort, and accommodation he found, and the attention shown him. He will never forget the kindness he experienced from Lord George Hill. Guildford 25 Jany 1847.

Having heard of the famed Guildford Hotel, I expressed a wish to Mr Thompson (of the Coach Office, at Rutland) to accompany him, on a visit there. and I can, with the greatest truth, aver, that I never could wish a more comfortable house, in any part of this, or any other Kingdom.

George F. C. Smith
Lieutenant R. N.

February 19th 1847.

A. M. S. V. Reinfer.

Having driven over from Rutland Barrack, in order to visit the famed Guildford Hotel, we felt infinitely more happy that I be could I remove the barrack to the more comfort and picturesque valley of the Clandy. The Guildford Hotel and Middle Farm form a most pleasing contrast with the dreary and barren district called the Reper which I have before inhabited. I only wish that my duty would permit of my remaining a few days here, when I have no doubt I should experience the same attention & civility so pathetically acknowledged by former visitors

Feby. 27. 1847

George Wauchope
Lieut – 92nd Highlanders

When I was last in this part of the country, on a pedestrian tour, and ascended the Mountain of Ericyl, I had to take up my quarters with a friend, at the foot of the Mountains where hundreds, hardly of shelter, comfort and rest, had but one room floored room, and extra exertions were made for the accommodation of all!

what a change!

[illegible]
25th Jany 1847.

Mr. H. B. Tottenham of Gordon House, Dublin, stopped at the Inn for a night in May 1847, and fully appreciated the comfort of the house & admired the scenery much. It is quite as grand as that in the North of Ireland & all the more so. I am a Walking Excursion & have been out 9 days from my home, visiting on my way the seat of his friend Sir Thomas Langley, and the Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle & Belton. The extent & endurance of the people in this present suffering time, amongst most in this part of the country, has led me to form the opinion that the Landlords of this part of Ireland have the first instance to improve on & [illegible]

Gweedore Hotel March 27th 1847.

Upon Monday last, within 12 miles of the metropolis of Ireland, at what is called the head Inn of the town of Magnoth, every room in the house was so cold, cheerless and damp that I was compelled to keep a sleepless night. Here in the wild but romantic district of the far North West I have found that great desideratum, a clean, comfortable country Hotel

To add any thing to the great encomiums already bestowed upon by so many travellers from all parts, upon the true patriotism of Lord George Hill in his endeavours to improve the social condition, not only of his own tenantry, but of the surrounding country, would be indeed superfluous, but I cannot omit the opportunity of saying how much I feel indebted to Mr Forster his Lordship's agent, whom I had the good fortune to meet here, for the kindness with which he pointed out to me the wonderful improvement, at Dunlewy the tone, Mullaghderg, the Shell &c, with all of which I was extremely pleased.

As my official duties will occasionally bring me to this part of the County, I anticipate much ~~from~~ pleasure from the comforts of the Hotel, & I hope to derive much valuable information in extending the other improvements in progress, by Lord George & his agent, which I had not time to visit to day.

E H Shiel

The character of Lord George Hill as a landlord must ensure for Gweedore Hotel is almost universally known. It, but itself very pleasantly situated, charges moderate, and the country around is romantic and magnificent

Edward Phiz of Inner Temple

Gweedore Hotel 3rd April 1847

April 5th 1847

~~Dined~~ Lunched & dined at the Gweedore Hotel and found every thing most comfortable — This is much the best Inn I have seen in the North of Ireland — and puts me in mind of Irving Inn Sutherlandshire —

Aye a good Sandy! every one for his own!

April 5th 1847

E H Shiel

Formerly

92nd Hgs.

Lt. Colonel Gale sent to mount the Forts

26th April 1847 Royal Engineers to disembark

23rd April 1847

I have been now five months in the County of Donegal in connection with the Board of Works & without exception, this is the most comfortable & best regulated Hotel I have been in.

Alfred H Brooke C E

21st May 1847

A most excellent & well regulated house and had I not heard of its fame, I should have been truly surprised at finding so comfortable an Hotel — so wild a district

Lewis S Mills
Captain — Royal Navy

Passed here after a long march from Kilmacrennan and was much pleased with Bed & Bills comfortable and very little Hotel.

Henry Fisher.
Ens 95th Regiment

Gweedore Gate June 9th 1847

I visited the day from Crolly to Leade & meet by that little Island with the proceeds of Lord George Hills Estate — did I see any thing approaching to my notions of practical farming — I have seen thousands of acres — which might be farmed productively & at very small cost of Capital — the principal manure being procurable from the strands meaning Medical of lime & at Kelp which the shell sand in the Creek adjacent into — drainage in my opinion is only a very very conservative — to keep drift fences at least 20 feet asunder would answer the same purpose I have seen crops produced independent of drainage in lands not affording the facility on the crown by class — instead of carrying out the drainage act I would recommend where the face of the country naturally falls to the lakes — that in the first instance open streams be sunk — & that the produce of those open streams be distributed equally on the ridges between them — after that the application of Marl I remember for years last to the inhabitants of this country — recently the sea sand which abounds in shells will afford a valuable manure — the shells acting mechanically in opening the ground & the Minutest lime acting chemically with moisture of the well known quantity of Ethekalan in the sea sand produces — I am of opinion that if the partition of Country on a large scale which Mr Hamilton from Ena & Roade to have been indiscriminately formed it would give life & independence to 10.000 people

P. Sullivan C.E. D.P.W.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the very many who have preceded me of the comfort, good cheer and attention of the proprietor & staff to the success of this establishment — that for many years enjoyed for the last ten days

John Bond
24 June 1847

Mr & Mrs J. Lane Fox of Manchester, finded the Gardens Hotel a place very seldom to be pleased with the accommodation, the most obliging particular attention. Mr & Mrs Fox cannot depart without thanking Mr Lynch for his great kindness & civility in showing them Lord Fingal's great Sculpture & here at Bewley.

July 1847

Mr Henry has spent four days at the Gardens Hotel and has found it most comfortable in every respect. He strongly recommends visitors here to Ascend Bright which will well repay them. The summit can easily be reached in an hour and a half: and then is very extensive and interesting view

July 13th 1847.

Major Stewart and Mr Stewart spent most of their days at this Hotel, they found every thing most comfortable — visitors returning home, it cannot but be gratifying to see such effort made, and so successfully in improving this part of the country, had as much been done in the other parts of Ireland in the same time as what has been from this to Bewley for the last ten years Ireland would be now a different country from what it is

J. Lucy Wyg

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony as to the comfort and attention received ~~by me~~ during my stay (two days) at the Gardens Hotel

Robert L.

22, July 1847

We have passed a night at the Hotel which affords evidence of the noble proprietor's liberality to provide for the comfort of strangers, as does his estate in general of his patriotism and philanthropy

James Marshall Jun. Esq
Samuel Meadowcroft Dublin
William Marshall Esq Cork
Mrs Mr Gaskell & Berry

I have stayed in this hotel two days and have been very comfortable

[illegible] Smith
July 27th

I now have at Grandon several years ago & could not positively believe that such improvements could have been made in so short a period. I was greatly pleased at the appearance of the school in particular indeed every thing connected with the Land Stage Mill's arrangements must give heartfelt satisfaction to every person interested, & auspicious for the improvement of this county Tyrone

August 2nd 1847 [illegible]

August 2nd 1847 [illegible] Ballygorman House
Marcus Gage Tamlaghtard

Mrs McCausland Waterloo Place Londonderry

visited this Hotel School House & Store, cannot but feel gratified with all, so conducive to both Religious & Morality — Aug 2 1847

× Right & a b!

I have remained two days at this Hotel, & with pleasure I record my entire approbation of the admirable manner in which it is conducted; the accommodation is excellent, the fare good, the Landlord, Lady & attendant most civil & obliging, & the charges for every thing very moderate.

With respect to the improvements which both have already been, & are being at present made on the Londonderry Estate by Lord George Hill, in my opinion nothing could have been more advisedly contrived, to ameliorate the condition of the people, or to develope the resources of the soil & I trust he may yet be the gold rewarded for his most Christian & humane, Patriarchal Policy.

4th August 1847. [illegible] Coleraine
Magistrate for Londonderry

To the prayers, good wishes and benedictions bestowed on Gweedore, my heart responds amen, and to the Masses who long so, for God's own gracious and rebellious people through the wilderness & say may he not only from Bethabara to view the Promised land, but may he cross the Jordan and enter in, and there be welcomed, for Well done, good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter in to the joys of thy Lord" so sincerely prays

[illegible]

Taking confident that the existence of such hotels as that at Glendalough would be one of the first means of inducing strangers to visit the fine bay scenery & objects of interest in the south of Ireland, I am delighted to find such added to the, as yet, meagre list of comfortable stopping places in this country. The manner in which the mind receives impression of such objects is so much influenced by the bodily condition of the individual, that many of the unfavourable ideas formed of Irish people & Irish things may be traced to the discomfort experienced at the very uninviting hostleries which are friendly met with in such localities. I am therefore certain that many visiting the "Metropolis of Munster" will now carry away very different impression from those which, a few years ago, they would have contracted, and that satisfaction at the comforts they have met with in this instance, will be combined with a desire to do their part, of circumstances should permit in their power, in raising home of degradation a noble country, which God has done much but man, little; while they cannot but feel that any exertion, if attended with the prudence & judgment which Lord George Hill has displayed, must lead to equally happy results.

Jas. Macadam Jr. Belfast
Secretary to the Royal Society
for the Promotion & Improvement of
the Sea Side Resorts in Ireland.

Among the agreement which formerly offers to those who may sojourn within its bounds, may be named — for the lovers of picturesque scenery — Torc & Muckross, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, Lakes, Waterfalls of Glenbeigh &c, &c, &c — for the Conchologist, the sands south & north of Dingle — for the Geologist, the rocks of this district, & the crystals of Kenmare — and for the Sportsman, the salmon & white trout fishing of the Sneem & Waterville rivers, & the common hunt of the Cloonty & Dunkerry Lakes. Do the Dickens, the capital of the county, as affords by Lord George Hill's improvements, which is much known without the formal

Зиѳор зо hpaż
Azuſ beannaċt leat!

Emcaf

Mr & Mrs Lecky, of Londonderry, have spent two days here and found this Hotel in all respects most comfortable. They were highly pleased on observing the extensive improvements effected by Lord George Hill as well in the Culture of the Ground, as in the minds of the Peasantry of this heretofore wild and neglected District.

Brighter, purer, prouder Wreath, the noble Patriot wears,
Than dawned round the Victor's Brow, bedewed with Blood & Tears,
From marshy Wastes, with matchless skill, he plucks Gems of rare
with Light, & Peace, & happy Home. Poor Paddy's Heart the cheers.

E. M.

Guidore 13th August 1847

Very practical, very wise & very advanced.

Pénétrés mes compagnons de voyage & moi nous sommes les premiers français qui venons visiter Gweedore. Nous ne serons pas les derniers si nous pouvons exprimer à notre compatriote toute notre admiration pour ce que nous avons vu, toute notre reconnaissance pour l'hospitalité qui nous a accueillis.

J'ai vu les lieux déserts où le celte fingal
força la mer d'irlande à remplir son canal
& grandit, noble, admiré d'age en age.
fonda deux monuments sur l'une & l'autre plage:
en Ecosse Staffa, son palais sous marin,
en Irlande Cet orgue en basalte, où la main
de l'immense buffet modulant l'harmonie
dont geaute des vieux défia le génie.
Jusqu'ici le géant n'avait point eu d'égal,
mais lord Hill à Gweedore a surpassé fingal
Le géant n'a laissé qu'une pomme stérile
& lord Hill a rendu la bourbière fertile!

Gweedore-Hotel 15 août 1847

Amédée Pichot & Paul Italy.

Mr. Barnard coming expressly from Paris to visit Gweedore.

Nous avez raison, je suis un des derniers qui visite Gweedore pour la première fois et je suis enchanté. Ce 30 août 1906 - 59 ans après ce qui est écrit au haut. Geo Bourke of London

Gweedore Hotel 16 Sept. 1847

We have the greatest gratification in bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which the affairs of the Gweedore Hotel are conducted, and we are desirous of expressing our admiration of the patriotic liberality and humane feeling of its noble proprietor

Wm Prosser
Jas. Wolfe
Jas. R. Carr
Edwd Fisher

Rev. Peter Green

Oh Gweedore's lonely mountains rich valleys and streams
On thy wild Irish character Providence beams
Be grateful to him by your virtues and skill
Your philanthrophic Patron and friend,
Lord George Hill

C. B. G.

We have great pleasure in adding our testimony to that of the visitors recorded in this Book in praise of the comfort & cleanliness & good order of this Hotel.

Erne
August 17th 1847. Maria G. Erne

Delighted as we have been with the Grandeur and Sublimity of the surrounding scenery, we cannot take leave of the Glendore Hotel, without expressing our thanks to the hospitable proprietor, for opening these beautiful and hitherto unfrequented districts to tourists, and providing so admirably for their comfort and accommodation —

Joseph S. Moore — Grace E. Dublin
Elizabeth B. Moore Professor
Moore — Jane Hart Hale
Robert Carter Clone C. Wickliffe
William Moore Mathison

Dublin, Ireland
18 Aug 1847 —
Aberyst —

~~Disappointed myself — by visiting the hospitable of~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Persevere — William J. O'Brien.
in vain.
Aug 18. 1847.

Mrs Very Flower of Hon Dickinson who has had some sad experience of the hotels of this country, after the spirits planed accommodation with three of Displeasure which for comfort cleanliness & attention, cannot be surpassed with any of those on the little known — would be scarce and expensive to light at

Glendore. Remind the Mechanics of the Lapp & Sandbach for Mr Wilson's worthy hospitality, the comfortable accommodation we have enjoyed to find such a change and the general promise of improvement in other things.

Mr & Mrs Wilson
Miss Wilson
Miss Clayton, Bucks

further stay can afford advantages of visit the best hotel in the whole District, being 18th —

W. Mathison Esq. Glendore

I have on former occasions very thoroughly enjoyed my visit to this the home that much pleasure during a short sojourn at Glendore and its neighbourhood; pleasure to which the romantic scenery of the surrounding country and the comforts of the Hotel greatly contributed, but which was mainly derived from the great improvements effected in the cultivation of the soil and the character of the inhabitants by the energy and benevolence of the worthy proprietor — the aim he holds out in his address and generally conducted, and carried out the same "perseverance" and "prudence" & his own education, the well being of the peasantry and the "Rise of Rise when Rhymes markets rise" —

Joseph Morton Rector Stockton
Jonathan Morton
William Stanton Stanton
Mary Stanton Stanton
James Stanton
Eliza & Rose

August 19, 1847

We have this interesting place with much delight, both the beauty of the scenery [illegible] with the comfort and hospitality of the house. May the noble proprietor of the place long live to enjoy the pleasing reflections on having by his philanthropic exertions effected so great improvements in this remote district.

August 20th 1847

Edmund & Sarah Maclure
Wm O'Neill Capt 8th Hussars
Mary Joyce Lalagh
Martha Kathleen Dorr
Mary Harriette Gilbert
Catherine Rhoda Callam

The accommodation at the Hotel & the attendance all very satisfactory
Saml Crawford Derry
Augt 21st 1847

sick of the glanders and
much pleased with the attention & comfort of the Hotel
W. Stapylton [illegible]

Wearied & worn after Mountain and Moor
At 12 in the night we arrived at Gweedore,
Where hunger & pain were quickly forgot
And pleasure, not sorrow, became soon our lot;
For the Swamp & Morass were beautiful & tough
And Errigle's top was both flinty & rough:
When warmed with good cheer and lively & hearty
A toast was proposed by one of our party.

"My Friends let me trespass for once on your time
While a health I propose in extempore Rhyme.
For Rhyme has been ever the Landlord's need,
And the health of this Toast is a "Landlord indeed."
Where is the "Guest," or "Tenant at Will"
Who wishes not health to the Noble Lord Hill?
Then fill up your glasses, fill full to the brim
Let every lip drain them in honor of him
Whose name long renown'd in the annals of War
Eclipsed all its fame in the Vale of Gweedore.

30 August 1847
Gweedore

[illegible]
H. H. Kennedy
Edw Gibson
Wm M. Batchelor
J. Kennedy

A Traveller must be unreasonable not to be perfectly satisfied with the comfort and accommodation afforded of this Hotel. And the scenery is as peculiar as it is striking and impressive. But the most interesting part of the whole is the social & moral improvement observable throughout the ~~whole~~ Estate. Lord Geo: Hills undertaking has been indeed onerous, requiring a degree of self sacrifice very uncommon. May his life be spared to see his designs completed, and may the children inherit their Father's virtues, and imitate his noble example.

Alex Freshail
Attetham Surg.

Gweedore Sep. 2. 47.

6 Sept. 47

I have been here since the 20th July and I have only to lament that I spent so much time with regret

J Meakall

See page 127.

I Had rather an uncomfortable journey from Killybegs, and was glad to meet with such an excellent Inn. I only know of three others in Ireland at all like it viz at Westport at Ballyhaise, and at Lord Rodens Lodge out Co. Down. The journey from here to Killybegs had better be avoided till the road is improved and there are better conveyances to be had. I have been in every part of Ireland and there is no County where the roads are so bad as they are in Donegal, and the inns at Dungloe and Glenties are very bad.

C. H. Fellowes
Waterinn
Suprx.

September 3th. 1847.

Gweedore Hotel
11th September 1847

We have spent two nights in the Hotel, and feel much pleasure in adding our testimony to the many that have gone before us to the comfort we have experienced, and the attention we have received from the Conductor of this Establishment

Geo. W. Arthur
Hannah Wm. Arthur
of Londonderry

I have passed two days in this Secluded valley the tumbledown state of the dwellings speaks the poverty of the people, and the Wretched appearance of the Barefoot or Spiritless look of the people tends to increase the sadness of a traveller. Well, I must be thankful to Providence that I am not a native of this Country, the Cowhouses of the Peasantry are better than the Cottages of the Poor in the Country.

Philip Boyd
Clerk of Kilmacrenan
Clerk

The comfort & interior economy of this inn is equal to the outward appearance which in my opinion is high praise, for a more substantial well built & commodious house with stable yard &c &c it would be difficult to find any where, & impossible I believe in any other part of Ireland & so wild a character as this it is

We met a few people of the Lord Fermoy's Hill - distance in Donegal, which have effected such an extraordinary revolution in the space of a few years in the habits of the people & the appearance of the country - substituting cleanliness & industry for sloth & dirt - & changing bogs rocks & heather into cornfields & potatoe gardens, that one scarcely knows whether most to admire or wonder at the transformations we behold. I must not omit to record the civility of the landlord & landlady to whom great praise is due for the order & general neatness of the Hotel.

Brooke Knight
Capt 79th
Godmanchester Park

Lowther Hotel
Sept 17. 1847

We the Undersigned have experienced much tour pleasure and surprise situate in a remote & mountainous district, a well appointed and comfortable Hotel (The Gweedore) affording all the accommodation of a private Home of the best class with attendance cleanly & abundance and have it with legal this 21 day of September 1847

John Laughlin
Deputy Sheriff Donegal
J. P. Molloy City of Dublin
Merchant

B. Falls
of Inspector Brooke
Co of Wicklow R.C.

I have great pleasure in certifying to the comfort attention and entertainment enjoyed by me during a visit at Gweedore Hotel

John Dal Moore

Sept. 21st 1847

I have passed two nights at this Hotel & experienced every comfort & civility - I consider the arrangements excellent - & have been much pleased with the improvements so judiciously made in this lonely District

James Owens, Wicklow

8th Oct 1847
A most delightful spot - an oase in the surrounding wilderness - the place as the man could wish
Oct 12th 1847

Chas Stewart
Dublin

Left for Derry
Oct 8 1847

Left this Hotel for Londonderry
Oct 15th 1847

Much pleased with the accommodation attention & meeting at the Hotel

John S. Crawley
Principal Office
Belfast

Oct. 1847

Alexander Dow

28th October Much pleased with the Accommodation and attentive Service
Chas Sutherland R

The accommodation and comfort in this Hotel is as good if not better than Many others in the North of Ireland and I cannot say higher credit on its proprietor and Manager

Wm Caldwell

22 Nov 1847

Dec. 5th 1847. Sir J. H. Lefroy, Captain Love R.N. have passed several days at this hotel and are perfectly satisfied with the hotel in every respect.

March 6. 1848

Having unfortunately arrived when the Hotel had been ordered to be shut up for some time in consequence of fever, quarantined I found the establishment which the kindness of Mr Foster enabled me to inspect to exceed even what in my wildest dreams I had pictured to my imagination & I am very happy to add my name to the list speaking of its praise

John H Coote
Captain 19th Fusiliers

The Greendone Hotel to the traveller is like meeting fairy land, in the middst of a desert, I have spent two nights here and feel happy in adding my testimony to the comfort and attentions I could have received

Wm McGovegal
Bathal Instructor
Ex Mach. Militia Res. Field Train

22nd March 1848

Captain Lewis L. D. Pratt R. Engs and Mr Leslie R. Eng Depart visiting this neighbourhood on duty have spent three days at the Greendone Hotel and have experienced every comfort attention and civility —
Sewardone
13th April 1848

Guidon Guidon, Guidon Encore
Encore, Encore, Encore Guidon } Sorel
21st April 1848

Pratt

Alone the great Hotel I went over a considerable part of this property and am astonished at the great improvement lately made by Lord Gosford both in the town and people who are more comfortable than I could have conceived. The outlay must have been considerable from the buildings lately got up in the best manner. a Troop, three Guidons left on the 8th May 1848 the 2 the one on opposite town.

Geo Gordon 8th May 1848
Bd Alexander
Alexander Sorel

When deliberating on coming to Gweedore I did suppose it possible I should lose my way — I had on by a dreadful road, and in Rock Mountain Hills but lengthy found Colonel at Dunlewy Hills
The Hotel is good and kept in proper order which must always reflect credit to the owner !!!

A M'Cann
Rector Postmaster &c

Gweedore 24th May 1848 Poetry Music — Biography &c

1844 May 21st We are very much pleased with this hotel and its accommodation.
R. P. Grey & E. W. Grey Stockcliffe Cheshire

After the lapse of nearly four years, and in the company of the same valued friend, I again visit this extraordinary scenery and not merely would I acknowledge the attention I have met with, and the comfort I have enjoyed, in this excellent hotel — but would the pleasure with which I have just inspected 15 acres of splendid new grass & clover on a part of the hotel farm, which, on my first visit, was in the state of nature, and in progress of preparation for the reaping of a crop. A view of the present state of this farm, is, in my humble opinion, sufficient to convince the most sceptical of the practicability of profitably improving many of our wild mountain tracts, and making many of our wilderness blossom as the rose. Honour to the noble Lord who has set, and still continues to set, so fine an example of benevolent patriotism, and true love of country!

June 3. 1848 Henry Cadre
Glenkilcundrill

We have passed three days in this Hotel where we have found all the accommodations extremely good. Cleanliness and Economy combined with moderate charges and prompt attendance —

Gweedore 5th June 1848

John M'Clure
Mrs. M'Clure
Geo. M'Clure.
} Derry

I cannot say that this is an excellent hotel, and presiding at home in about the middle part of the month of August, impressed me as especially as an oasis amid a wilderness through a desert when it pays for many miles

Hugh Lanter

15th June 1848 Head Constabulary Inspector for Donegal

Capt. & Mrs. Beatty have to express complete satisfaction respecting the last six days at this pretty & comfortable Hotel, and they cannot conscientiously conclude without adverting to the beautiful state in which the Lord's Lieutenant of Donegal has been pleased to have done in the District by the Noble Lord himself, in improving the condition of its peasantry by reclamation of waste lands & bringing them into useful acts of cultivation & habitation, and although this deeply rooted prejudice may be almost impossible to convince them of the necessary conditions by which the Landlord is enforced in this his labours of love, he cannot fail of being greatly astonished by the results of an experiment so of extremely practical the effectuation of his own conscience.

Gweedore Hotel 26 June 1848

Alexander Beatty

Having spent the last two nights at this comfortable hotel we found much pleasure in adding our testimony to that of those who have preceded us as to the great comfort & general excellence in the land of mountain & flood of rocks & glens & perhaps also by seen such an intersection cannot fail to be appreciated but when taken in connection with the Rheumatic — ments it is a standing evidence of how a benevolent man may do most employment in what is apparently one of the wildest districts — We have by the Kelts directions been shown through the Mill & stores at Ballinglen & have not seen a room with a finer prospect which is there open to general observation and fully appreciated by all who visit it. Indeed such an undertaking needs only to be known & the demand of strangers to see it will bring remunerative pleasure & an honest livelihood to the Kilcolgan

Sligo
30th June 1858

John Patterson of Londonderry

George G. Green
Londonderry

* Bad manners to the School master that taught you John and to you Green companions

As experience teaches you to speak and being in the service of the Right honorable of Ireland, I have been located on this district for a few weeks in the summer of 1847 and now again — 48 a few more and having become partly acquainted with the Feats of Gweedore I now feel myself justly called upon to add my humble testimony to the many favourably inserted in the Book. As to the gentlemanly, legal, and hospitable conduct of the Managers of this district I feel the Mr & Mrs Cunningham of Derry could at least the subscribe finds none — but the Improvements that has been made on the Gweedore Estate speak volumes to the praise of its proprietor Lord G. St Kelly — The landlords of Ireland would be benefited by him, and the spirited proprietors of Gweedore Mr Russell, Clan Lang Mcfadden Dispeopled, and disrespected, Ireland's country would become a place of Comfort and Plenty, & Many prosperity attend each Noble hearted Man who to bequeath our Emerald Isle gave with heart & hand upon Charity rally now inspire your Bosom to your fellow mind change for first time in life for Man upon assigned that Stand forth among the Nations of the Place Most unite and dare forth your Gweedore in to the Wretched Race on which you stand must Man & Man to clear the forest Wilderness home and be the cultivated and now farewell to each my friend gentlemen Peace Man love and peace attend you all and forget my Gweedore July 3rd 1848.

J. Lennon
Late Inspector

The above coming from a Flax Agriculturist may be safely termed a "Yarn" and the worst Spun yarn I have seen.
Alpha

Alexander Ferrie

Visited Sandown on the 6 July 1848. and not without having our expectations fully realized.

Wm. Saundrs. R.A.
Mrs Saunders.
John Wilmer

We have spent two days at the Sandown Hotel and have been eyewitnesses of the fruits of Lord G. Hill's enterprise & munificence. of which we have often heard and read. and to which we bear our grateful testimony

The accommodations at the Hotel are of rare excellence. and we have met with extreme attention & civility —

John Allen. — Brighton —
July. 8. 1848.
P. K. Allen
Mary Allen

The 8. July 1848
All Right
J. A. Woodhouse
M. S. Woodhouse
Sarah Watson
R. L. Watson
John Obins his X mark Woodhouse
aged 5 yrs

G. F. Taylor
15. Fa Repeaters.
Rathmullen
July 12. 1848.

The gentleman might have added a few words in approval of this very comfortable Hotel. R. F. T.

Col. Longhead and daughter, Major Stewart and Mr Ch. Mytton arrived at Freedore Hotel on Thursday the 13th and remained until Saturday Morning. Visited Bembey, and Sailed and fished off the Stakes, as far as Dunleave Head found the accommodation at the Hotel very good

Freedore July 15th 1848

I have great pleasure in adding my testimony to that of the many who have spoken in praise of the comfort & cleanliness and good order of this Hotel

John Wing
Manchester
July 17th 1848

I have this Week with much regret after a short visit, were just found to state that it is the most convenient and comfortable House I met with in my recent tour through Ireland

Alfred Mellor
Liddington Hall
Oakham
21st July 1848

Alexander Dunlop

Charles Taylor } July 21 & 22
H. C. Hobertson } 1848

This is my third visit to the Grandose Hotel where every comfort cordially and attention awaits the traveller

C. Woodadelson Col.
R.C. Artillery
July 27 - 1848

Grandose Hotel July 28 1848 We have visited this Hotel and are highly gratified with the entertainment it affords, and also at the improving state of this part of the Country. And with attention & courtesy to Strangers visiting Grandose is worthy of all commendation -

George McBeath Halifax
A. McFarlane
Henry Whale Ramsetown
M. White

From a short visit to this Grandose we find a highly gratified - find the comforts attributed to the hotel in every thing that could be wished for

Geo Gordon Halifax
A. Scott
Henry Scott
Walter Scott Port
John Scott

[illegible] Grandose Hotel - and in recording the attention of the host & hostess

July 28th 1848

Lady Pennie Mr Pennie two of their sons & two daughters return their thanks to the host & hostess for the attention & entertainment they have received during their stay from attention interesting & obliging spirit they feel much obliged by the polite attention of Mr Foster, they will not attempt to express their sense of what they owe for invitations, the neighbourhood not as rich as poor, & the whole country are under to the exertions & example of the Proprietor

Augusta 8th/48

We have much pleasure in recording the lasting sentiments we have felt in visiting the Grandose Hotel - and in recording the attention of the host & hostess

Geo. Allen Port Hope
Elizabeth Hunter
Alexander Hunter

Augt 1848

We have been much gratified by the attention and anxiety shown to see every one at ease, and regards our comfort from lodging our stay in consequence of the accommodation in the hotel being perfect

Grandose Hotel
August 1848

Geo Humphrey
Alexander Humphrey
Neil Humphrey
Alexander Humphrey

The day be fine, wall all combine
Our hearts with pleasure to fill
The sea be smooth, all stick to boat,
Our thanks to God pour kill.
We build their Ship, placed all within,
That have the Jewellers might see
Long young he reign, it seem our chain
If seem he serve the best.
For one fine lad such a lad
Just at the dawn gone down
With boat so bright to our mind
Brought life to wish for more.
Dat nad not then, but all have been
That one perfection
For bide the mans that it did fence
With day for ever more.

Shore had pleasure in again visiting W Green's Hotel, where excellent comfort is found in every department. The country is also much improved by the important services of this better but perpetuate & his excellent & indefatigable Host Mr Tooke

August 9th 1848. Rudyard

for those names are undisguised have paid a very short but most agreeable visit to Newcastle & have been most pleased. & we trust hope that the wishes of the patriotic & noble hearted Proprietor may be met as they deserve by his Lordships Tenants & by the whole District

Derbyshire:

Hill.

W. Cotton. 1st Life Sd

R.S. Kennedy

Geo. Crosby MD

August 11th 1848

Festival dinner

Thomas Cowell

Long yarns I hate (and more)
Long reminiscences to relate!
Come three hearty cheers for sea and shore
And for the place they call Newcastle.

Come again no time to lose sir
Three cheers again for Hill and Foster

Fill your glasses = stand on the floor
Hip! Hip! Hurrah! for the Newcastle

The Echo — One cheer more, Hip Hip &c (3 Times) and A. F. F.
For they are right good fellows
Which we have come during.

A Brandes Sc

I have spent one night at the so called Swedish Hotel and have found very comfort have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the kindness and civility shown by the conductors of the excellent and truly public establishment.

James Hampton
Wingate Lower
L Derry

12th August 1848

I am happy to bear my humble testimony to the order and cleanliness with which all things are conducted in this Hotel, also to the civility of its servants

P Foley
12 Trinity College
Dublin

N.B. I made the housemaid pay 6d for an umbrella worth about the smallest copper coin – P.F.

Mr & Mrs Pears, of Chichester
departing, pass the night here August 29. 1848
& much enjoyed the comforts of this hotel after a long and dreary journey, and found cause to agree with all previous testimonials to the attention & civility of the hotel staff and unobtrusive ~~[illegible]~~ of the improvements effected by the worthy proprietors. Happy for country, when there are the powers, there also the will to imitate the example of this Nobleman "Man of Ross"

This has been one of the pleasantest and most agreeable days of my life & which I have passed at Gweedore and most sincerely hope the to return

Sarah Fitzgerald Davis

Mary Alphert. Yours truly
Mrs Alphert
Mrs Alphert

Mrs. Spent a few days here and the delightful walks the Inspection of Nature. They will be in the power of attending visitors to the mansions at Home

Sophia Jane for
Londonderry

26th August 1848

We have found everything at this Hotel totally comfortable

Aug. 26th
G. Wells. King's College London.
J. Rea. Kensington Palace London.
Wm Wells. Kensington. London.

Do they know what comfort is? Selmo Inutta.

I have spent a quiet agreeable week at Gweedore, & have found pleasure in bestowing & the civil attention & good accommodation of the Hotel.

29. Aug. 1848 [illegible]

I have spent some days here and have found all the arrangements of the Hotel very good and the servants most attentive and obliging

Mary Ann Londonderry

Gweedore Augt 25th 1848

Very sisters and I are very much pleased with the inn and its accommodations

August 31. 1848

Thomas Park
Belfast

Alexander [illegible]

We have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the good accommodation and civility of the attendants while remaining at the Guestrow Hotel.

Jno. Ferguson, Kilmynell, Glen
Wm. Ferguson, Glen

7th Sept. 1848

Have remained here for one day, but have been treated with attention and civility, and found the accommodation good & comfortable — and the charges very moderate. Altogether the improvement of a historic & charge has made on the old provincial seat quite Hotel in England.

Sept. 8th.

T. M'Farland
Dublin.

I, Sept. 8th at Guestrow — I quite also appreciate — that travellers should have their opinion not merely of the Hotel, but also of the Castle &c, I may observe, that I have been much pleased with most, the principles on which the Guestrow Estate is conducted — for I detect from the first clause of the fourth paragraph of "Notice to Tenants", and also from another source, that his Lordship is not in the habit of granting leases — but that his Tenantry hold at Will — and the second clause seems to take very effectually in hand the abolishment of Hunting — in fact, it consists the Tenant into a mere Serf — The result of the other principles appears very satisfactory —

A.M.F.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott — Wm. Lady Lyndhurst
Wood Park — 6th Aug. 1848

I'll only say what many have said before
I wish every success to Lord Hill's Guestrow.

— A. Forster

I am truly sorry to say, that this is the last morning of our pleasant sojourn at Guestrow Hotel (by the way, has been rather a long one considering our a space of 7 weeks —

If I was that this is an Irish Hotel, I shall have given the most satisfactory decision of the many excellent of the Hotel — Instead and Refreshed

Sept. 18th

J. Pearce
James Steed.
Lady Louisa

I spent one day there & am perfectly satisfied with the arrangements of the Hotel. — I am very much pleased with the kindness to people on Lord Hill's estate as he exhibits a degree of liberality & politeness not to be found in any other part of Ireland & which must be very gratifying to his Lordship

Sept. 19 1848

R. Kingsmill
London

Many thanks for the attention & accommodation received at his excellent Hotel in a very limited visit.

W. H. Martin Stanley & Lady
John S. Pilcher Portreve

Sept. 20 1848

Having been visiting Lord Hill's Estate, I feel bound to bear testimony to the kindness of his Lordship's tenantry, & to express my admiration of the handsome & comfortable Hotel, which I do not hesitate to recommend to the traveller.

Alexander Ross

1840

Six years since a little more
There was nothing at Greenore
Desolation on the shore
Where is now a busy store.
Travellers then used, what a bore
"That there's no Inn at Greenore
"When of miles one's walked a score
"Oh how sweet to find a door."
Vain hope, no sound along the shore
To break the wild Atlantic roar
No hand to till, no eye t'explore
The bleak expanse of hill & moor.
Now it is changed - Stands before
A good hotel - its name, Greenore
Thy bed rooms on the 2nd floor
Thy sitting room a little lower;
That butcher's nag is no bad gear,
The baker comes to, somewhat slower
Acres of cabbages I look o'er
Upon fields of grass demanes the mower
Each cottager is now a grower
The Post ~~comes in~~ goes out at ½ past 4
The Doctor can be at the door -
The statesman who in Rain deplore
The ills of Ireland think the cure
Below her mere sound at core
And learn from him the raison Greenore.

G. K. Sefton
1848

Visited Greenore September 23. 1848.
John Kronykanyg. Outdoor

Visited Greenore

Mr John S. Charley Mr. Matthew Charley
Flaxspinning House, Belfast, & Mr E. Harvey
Ballycastle

7 Oct. 1840

Visited Greenore twice much
pleased with the accomodation

Lady Gavaugh Mr & Miss Cunningham 18th
& Gentleman Boy

Strangers were most agreably surprised in this
mountainous and wild District to find an Hotel
which in point of substantial comfort is hardly
surpassed.

17th October 1848 S. Charley

We have been here frequently, and can verify
the remarks laid before that the accommodation
is excellent and the fare good

1 Nov. 1848. J. Patton Castle
James M Cormeloy
Post office. Dungiven Londonderry

Visited Greenore a lovely day
Much pleased with all we saw
Very cool attendance

Nov 4. 1848 Thos Alpin
A. L. Pack
John Stewart Belfast
Henry Hogan
Tyrone
Alexander Dun

W Vavasour Lt.
4th Regt Queen
10th Nov 1848

Thanks to the great and kind Proprietor of Gendore Hotel, he has raised a Paradise in the midst of a mountainous country and the accomodation is first rate, and have received the greatest kindness while staying here

William Veale R.E. Dep Plymouth

I have slept here last Night, and feel bound to acknowledge that everything I have witnessed about this place reflects great credit on the Proprietor, and also on those acting for him. My slightest wishes have been anticipated and everything connected with the Estate and the Manners of the people, has been kindly commented to me by the Host.

B Thomas Lowndes, Farmer

Dec 7th

Resided this neighbourhood for the past three years the 19th January 1849 and have indeed perused Sewell's premises such Lordships improvements and with admirement, comfortable accommodation at the Gendore Hotel

Wm Pettersland Esq
53 Lower Kingsland Road

We have this day been on an excursion and treated the Gendore Hotel and found it to be beautifully situated and good accommodation

Gendore April 14th 1849 R Vavasour
Capt. 4th Queen's

Well pleased with the accommodation and attention received at this Hotel

J May 1849 W. Mallorson
Islington London

An excellent Hotel
7 May 1849 Thos. Thirlwall London

May 16 - 1849 Mr Charles Morley of Derby has spent two days here very pleasantly. He seems perfectly satisfied with the accomodation & attention he received

We spent one night here and found the hotel very comfortable

(Certify Thomas Dewey) J Dewey & Co
Edw Hyde
Brook Hyde
J Hyde

Very good fishing
Mary 31st 1849

[illegible] to be able to [illegible] in testimony of the satisfaction we felt at being treated in the hospitable manner and in every respect of our stay at the Hotel. Before we have established the comfortable Hotel. —

Upper Ireland 1849 Jeffrey Bar
Alexander Sc

We found every possible attention and comfort at this Establishment.

John Montgomery

June 7th 1849 — *Ans. Montgomery
Resident Magistrate Donegal

Much pleased with our visit — and the attention & accommodation of the Hotel.

Wm Preston Paine
Benj. Blower } Liverpool

8th June 1849

The Guardiere Hotel maintains its high character for cleanliness, comfort and civility. I would regret that in this very fourth visit I have not the good fortune as in former occasions to meet the hospitable proprietor whose benevolent disposition and active exertions have done so much for this delightful and interesting locality.

C. Macfadzean Coll.
15th June 1849.

Most comfortable.

Saml. Twigg Lt
Magherafelt

July 6th 1849.

* As nasty a fellow as ever in Europe

Mr & Mrs Vivian Rose of Dury have passed the last three days at the Guardiere Hotel, and found every thing extremely comfortable; and they cannot speak too highly of the civility and attention of all the persons connected with this excellent establishment. —

9th July 1849.

18th July 1849

I have spent five days at this Hotel. It is useless to say more

First visit — Henry Jenkins Junr
Liverpool.

The Revd. W. Ryan and party stopped at the Guardiere for the night and we delighted with all the arrangements and accomodation of the house.

Rapids a night at this hotel and found the accomodation good in every respect.

[illegible]

[illegible] here on the night honeymoon and was officially well treated. Every attention paid. &c

John Scarry
Late Augusta U.S.

Mr Dun Major & Sir George Barrow found the accomodation here very good in all respects

[illegible]

Spent last night here and much pleased with the attention paid and the manner in which the establishment is conducted

Augt 1849 Robt Wm Fullerton Shercock
Wm Fullerton Armagh

Found attendance & accommodation good

2 Augt. 1849 —

E Bevin
C Bee
W Lucas
W Lucas

Aug 2: 1849 Jas Owen on the Wilderness
Edwd Whitwell Kendal

4 Augt. 1849 Have been Guests, with joyful astonishment, with many feelings not to be written here. Could this all Irish Landlord, see, examine, go and do like-wise!! Join, with all men, in wishing every prosperity to such an enterprise

T. Carlyle

Hotel most comfortable & the information received most cheering to others Augt 4 1849 W Forster

Found this Hotel remarkably comfortable & the attendance good

W. Bellairs Leeds
W Bellairs Leeds 49th Sept
Wm Bellairs 49 Leeds

Mr & Mrs B. G. Cookson. Mr & Mrs Cookson Mr Cook and Party visited Grindle Hotel Spent one night here, were much pleased with the accommodation & attendance

7 Augt 1849 —

Augt 8th. Hotel and attendance very good

Thos Nesbitt

Having spent two nights in the Grindle Hotel, we have much pleasure in adding our testimony to the many recorded here of the Comforts of the house

Grindle 8th Augt 1849

J. Scott Stramount
Jno Scott
John N. Reid New Orleans
Ernest Reid Londonderry
James Mc Connell Belfast
Geo Reid Crossgar
Jas Riley Brachy Bessbrook
Wm Riley Bessbrook

I have again passed two delightful nights at this hotel & found the same comfort as upon two former occasions

Aug: 15th 1849.

S Lewis

Received every comfort & Attention in this House as a traveller could or should expect

23 Aug.t 49

Thos. Blank
Dublin.

An excellent Hotel & very lady very attentive & obliging

J. H. Burnett
London

29 Aug.t 1849

Have remained here for several days. Have been treated with civility and found the accommodation excellent

Alfred Wentland - Dublin.

We have been much pleased with the attention & civility we have received during our stay at this hotel -

2nd Sept.r 1849

Connell Gunsham
W. R. Dunne

Visitors are requested to make their remarks as to the accommodation &c they meet with at the hotel - It would be a great injustice if this request were unnoticed by two English travellers who were induced to prolong their stay for a period of three weeks by the comfort attention & civility they experienced

While they have pleasure in adding their testimony as to the excellent management of the establishment in all its departments they have yet greater gratification in recording their respect & admiration

of the generous efforts made by the noble proprietor of the district to ameliorate the condition of its wretched population, and who has devoted his time, his wealth, & the best energies of an active mind to encourage them in habits of industry & to promote moral & social virtue among them.

May he long be spared to witness the fruits of his benevolent enterprize, and realize the yet higher reward of a good & faithful stewardship

Sept 4th 1849

Jos. Ferard Brighton Sussex
C. C. Ferard - Inner Temple
London

Mr. and Mrs. Rymers Clifton Bellevue Hotel and Mr. Lennin Dublin Spent a Night at this Hotel found as usual, found everything most regular and comfortable. Sept. 14 1849

Thos found everything most Comfortable at the Gweedore Hotel.

Thos Reynolds Glasgow
to Cole 57 Regt.

7th Sept. 1849

10 Sept. 1849

I have ~~been~~ taken a deep interest in Lord George Hill's proceedings from the time they were first noticed in the Newspapers after his the Hero of Cromdale, and I regret that I have been so the opportunity of seeing some of the results of his labors, with which I am greatly pleased. The direction of time & talents to improve the social & moral condition of that and to the influence, is at all times a noble work, & an example to others. I am encouraged out to Derry, to engage in the same ~~work~~ labor of love, ~~[illegible]~~ Lord George Hill's simple & welcome, and I believe it has already had its effect. At during a journey of 300 miles in Ireland I have seen a spirit manifested, by several parties, particularly Mr Butler Mr Jameson Ellis, which if encouraged will soon render Ireland what it might be a land of industry & plenty. May Lord George live to see the fruits of his labors, not only in the improvement of his own property, but in those parts of this beautiful Country, where such a landlord, is the best of patriots.

Regret I cannot remain until Thursday

in this very comfortable Hotel, to witness the distribution of prizes, and to have the opportunity which I should have much valued, of seeing Lord George Hill.

William Cotton

11 Sept.

We have found this Hotel and the attention we have received all we could desire.

M C

We have passed a day and night at this Hotel and found the accommodation most comfortable and the management most obliging and attentive.

12th Sept 1849

James McAllen
Margaret J. Allen } Derry

Visited this place this day with feelings of much interest with Mr Pim & Jameson & family forty years (illegible) long have heard the Hotel very satisfactory

Sam Gurney of London

Mr Thornely M.P. with Thornely and Miss Mary Thornely have made a most agreeable visit to Fincloe, and have witnessed with great satisfaction, the manifest improvements in the district both as regards the Country and the condition of the People. The Hotel most comfortable and well conducted

15 September 1849.

I much commend the arrangements of this Hotel & heartily admire the efforts made by its noble proprietor to benefit the people on his estate and to improve the land. I cordially wish him prosperity & success in all his undertakings

Sept 15th 1849 — John N. Barker Bishop

1849 Sept. 1849

Mr Charrington of London
12 Sept. Passed the night here & found the accommodation very good
Thomas W. Bowman
of London

A. Cogan

Shown the visitors book to Mr Smith

Having passed a night at the Gweedore Hotel in company with my friends Mr O'Reilly, J. Watt & J. Rafferty I have to thank Mr O'Neill for excellent accommodation in a part of the country where in former days the best than the most miserable hut could hardly be found. I feel that in the course of a few years the various improvements undertaken by his Landlord for the amelioration of this country may be rewarded with the success they so richly merit.

W. J. Wade of London

20th Sept. 1849

5th September 1849 Visited this Hotel and received every attention from the lady & gentleman proprietors again & again

Dublin

Mr McCausland Sporty of Smithill came here from Ballyconnell House & hunted pure hospitality & the accommodation the beauty of the scenery & the extraordinary spirit of the noble proprietor

Gweedore Hotel 22 Sept 1849

Hospitality the country of all proprietors more like and forget the hospitality & comforts of all hotels was like the Gweedore Hotel —

L. Anderson Sporty
28th after he was —

Switzerland has its mount St Bernard and its monastery — Ireland has its Gweedore and its Hills.

Horace Grayfield
September 24, 1849

Sept 24th Left at Gweedore for Donegal with the great company and Fingalent — and dined at the Horse & Car —

29th Sept 1849.

The works immediately about the Hotel are chiefly agricultural: to show what can be done with a natural desert ~~the~~ Works of a more uncommon kind in Kabul Kambeg show what can be done in a social desert. Lt George Hill has aspired to reconstruct society upon his Estate & teach the people in the way of satisfying all the wants of civilized men. If cannot be that an effort shd wholly fail - It is not in its loss by the financial result alone - but all good men wd rejoice if in that respect also it ~~shd~~ might succeed.

Let no pilgrim, satisfied with the comforts of this home, omit the harbour, the Stone, the Mill, the School & the remarkable coast Scenery of Greenore -

T. S. Goodwyn

24th of September 1849. -

I am glad to be able to put on record my admiration of what has been done here by Lord George Hill to improve the condition of his fellow countrymen - He has done his part well in struggling with the greatest difficulties of modern times and he is deserving of honour and respect from all who wish for the future regeneration of Ireland

Thos S Hamilton M.P.

The hotel good in all respects. T.S.H.

T.S.

Having passed last night at the Greenore hotel ~~in company~~ we found it a most comfortable house and both adds much to the attractions

of this romantic spot and reflects any great credit upon the Noble proprietor -

Sept 26 1849

W. Bury M.A.
R. J. Macadam Glenavon
Belfast

Visited Greenore for the first time - feel well pleased at the excellent accomodation afforded at its well conducted Hotel

John Casey

29th Sept. 1849

Still pleased with the excellent accommodation at the Greenore Hotel -

29th Sept 1849.

Hm Shaw

& 1st Oct. Was well satisfied with the accommodation and charges of this hotel

C. T. Westbrook. London

I Recommend to the attention of pilgrims the round tower on the hill opposite this house - C.T.W.

Much pleased & interested with all we saw & heard during our stay at this comfortable Hotel.

Seymour Neville Clk
Alfred Beardsgate

Mrs Chaudey of Ballyfin for House & partaken two days at this Hotel & were much pleased with the surrounding scenery & with the operations of the Noble Proprietor to improve his country.
The comfort & neatness of the house is deservedly to be commended.

4th October
1849.

I stopped 11 days at the Governor Hotel and was much pleased with the accomodation & the attention I received; and, altho I have had better fishing and seen finer scenery, I have never passed a pleasanter time than on this occasion — Hoping to be able to repeat my visit I return my hearty thanks to the worthy proprietor.

Thomas Wyllys Commander R.N.
Tuesday October 9th 1849.

June 9 1849 — Joseph G. Cropper, Cincinnati, Ohio U.S.
Esther Cropper, Liverpool

Well pleased with the comfortable accomodations of the Hotel & interested at witnessing the improvement that has taken place in the appearance of the country & in the condition of the peasantry.

(Having seen most trade in Europe I have not seen a place more interesting to me than this, Ireland as it is in a Legislative district, the cultivation fertility and improved cottages on this Estate conclusively show that the soil and the peasantry of Ireland, may be reclaimed from the effects of long continued mismanagement & neglect.

Joseph Taylor Cincinnati
U. S. America

July 12th 1873 J. J. Murphy

Having traversed a great part of this country I feel greatly impressed with a sense of the gigantic enterprise and the laudable zeal of Lord George Hill in endeavouring to accomplish a moral & social reformation in the degraded ignorant and superstitious inhabitants of this absolutely wild and barren district. How far these noble efforts have been successful can only be judged by persons acquainted with the condition of the tenants previous to the estate coming into the hands of his Lordship. It must appear evident to the most casual observer that the desert literally in many parts has begun to blossom as the rose and that the example has not been without effect.

The accomodations at this Hotel are all that could be desired and the attention paid to travellers not to be surpassed.

October 30th 1849 — John Storey, Londonderry Sentinel

Having slept at the Governor Hotel last night I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent manner in which the establishment is conducted.

23rd Nov 49 — [illegible]

Gweedore Hotel
March 12th 1850

I cannot take my departure from this Hotel without adding my humble testimony to all that has already been written in this book. Every mode of expression would fall far short of conveying a correct idea of my feelings. Suffice it to say that I have resided here more than three years & wish can feel grateful to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for the many comforts I have enjoyed during that period.

The noble proprietor has my best & most grateful thanks for the many acts of kindness he has shown me during his frequent visits to Gweedore & it will be my greatest pleasure in future days to remember them.

G. F. Brady
Capt

I visited this Hotel July 12th 43
J. F. Murphy

see page 198 !!!!

March 14th 1850,

Notes of exclusion were put after my name in the first entry of the same in this book by some person not capable of writing !!!
I now simply sign myself !!!!

W Warrar !!!!!!!
Capt 2d Royal Regiment
19th March 1850

Ann Jane

The attention paid to "man & horse" at this Hotel deserves to be recorded. The man can answer for himself, and I can answer for the horse.

Ant. O'Neill
C.S.R.E.L

Wm E. H. Vaughan lunched here this 8th day of April 1850 witness my hand. Every thing is excellent as far as I can judge.
Edward Henry Vaughan

Having remained last Night at the Gweedore Hotel I found it most comfortable, entertainment & attendance first rate.

Robt Crosby
Letterkenny
29th May 1850

* If he be the true patriot who makes two blades of grass or two stalks of Corn to grow where only one of either grew before – how much truer is he who makes thousands of both to grow where none ever grew before. To the noble Proprietor of Gweedore then meed of praise is justly due.

The Hotel we have found most comfortable – with a comfort not least in the catalogue of a Traveller's enjoyments – Moderate Charges –

To the Geologist a visit to Banbeg will be found highly satisfactory as exhibiting some mineral affinities not often so clearly developed within so narrow a space. So far as my recollections serve, the more illustrative case of facts than even the "Spout of Ballagan"

H Cooke D D LL D

30th May 1850 William McClure

I have visited this place in company with my Kinsman John Lowes Esq. of Milford, and had the pleasure of meeting with the Revd Dr. Cooke, of Belfast at the Gweedore Hotel, and it gives me pleasure to add my testimony with those Gentlemen who preceded me, that for Comfort and kind attention I have never in all my travels been better accommodated than at this Hotel.

James Gray,
Philadelphia,
U. S.

May 30. 1850

Can only agree with the universal opinion so often expressed in the preceding pages that for Comfort and attention the Gweedore Hotel cannot be surpassed

Wm Tinkle
Derry

June 3rd 1850

We have spent a short time at the Gweedore Hotel & have great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the Comfort & attention which we have received

Henry Musgrave
E. Musgrave

Gweedore Hotel
June 1850

Mr & Mrs Burbrough assumed the Gardens from Mr Attwood on Monday the 10th of June 1850. They have much pleasure in stating that they found the Hotel extremely clean and comfortable, their table well served, and their sleeping apartment attended with every comfort. They also experience every attention from the Lad & hostess, and also from the visiting Members.

Mr & Mrs Burbrough also assume entire confidence from the Noble Superintendent of the Hotel, and cannot conclude without mentioning that if all Subscribers to the Institution would visit the part of their Noble Superintendent

Scalands would blossom as the rose

Now fare thee well wild, wild, Grindore
May hostess fancy assume the Shape
Grindore 17th June 1850

We were very pleased with everything which we have seen at the Grindore. Our gratification was increased by the pleasure of meeting Lord Hill, & by the kindness of Mr Foster —

Frederick Corfield } Temperance Retreat
Sarah Ann Corfield

June 13th 1850

Die feinste Kost ist Menschen Kost,
Sich nur daß traum – bist du nicht Dumm
So kommst du wind am edlem Ziel,
Kommt wenn das Menschen schönster Kraft
Der Mensch auf zeigt in dem er schafft.
June 14th 1850. R. S. Plattnauer

Dyn dyfiau edd a'r Allan a'i ar a'r Aman gadd
Y tywyllwch, yma ond ga'i ddeuan
Ga'i edrych ar ddyn ymwelydd dwyfol
Ac yna ga'i deuan ac yna ga'i dawelwch
Ac yna ga'i dawelwch. Dy ffyddlon Gwilym.
The Hon. Richard ap Llewelyn Sparkes Esq. the Chairman
Arthur Aman
June 1st 1850 Warden of the Gardens

The Revd J G Maddison } Barnsley
Yorkshire

Much pleased with the good accommodation & civility they have experienced at the Grindore Hotel —
June 21st 1850

After a few minutes I have again visited the Hotel and I have derived additional gratification from the attention and comfort I have experienced during the occasion

28 June 1850 — J Barry

We have much pleasure in adding our testimony to the comforts of this far famed Hotel and the great attention paid to visitors by those in charge of it

Gweedore Hotel
27 June 1850

F A Meyer Park Villa Glasgow
John Willy Ramsetten
John Lawrence Mayfield
Wm Smith 95 Douglas St Glasgow

Mr. Redmond — Master George Redmond
Miss Berkeley
Miss Meade
Mr. Berkeley
Remained here from the 29 June till the 2d July — and found the accommodation in all respects excellent.

Alex. Berkeley
Millamor, Coleraine

On Sir James Dombrain's remarks in Page 133 of this Book —

You might have had the good taste to omit the allusion to Illicit Distillation — for to yr. shame be it told — You countenanced Smuggling when entrusted with orders to suppress it — You purchased Potteen in great quantities — aye! — and brought it on board of the Revenue Cutter of which you had charge — You were the most scandalous Government officer — and the inquiry into your conduct proved it Sir James — so dont be blaspheming — you old fox —

Sub Inspector & Mrs Lyons, Mr & Sub Inspector & Mrs Mitchell Barracks of Gweedore Hotel July 2/50 Have breakfasted for the Night. The Comfort, Cleanliness & Attention Mr & Mrs Lyons do every Department of the Establishment will have the Kind & pleasing effect for the Many Travellers

I remained three days at the Gweedore Hotel & can add my testimony to the excellent manner in which it is conducted. The comfortable offices & the kindness of all Parties in the other quality in the neighbourhood add very much to the attraction the scenery afforded present

5th July 1850 — Richard Dowse
Letterkenny

We have great pleasure in recommending this Hotel for Comfort, Civility and moderate charges —

James Nelson
Sligo

John Le Damé
Gibbes

5th July 1850

We had heard much of the comfort and order of Gweedore but we found more than we expected and received attention from all in the house. Mr & Mrs James Humphrys 1850

We have great pleasure in being able to state that we have met with the greatest civility & attention, in this Hotel

Robert Foster
Dublin
Maureen Bradshaw
Dublin

Lt Colonel and Mrs Harby having resided at this Hotel during fifteen days cannot quit it without expressing their congratulations & satisfaction with the arrangements. For substantial comfort it is unsurpassed by any in the Kingdom. And any deficiency (if such exist) would be amply compensated by the manifest anxiety to please exhibited by every one connected with it. The determination and unremitting exertions of the Hostler proprietor to improve the condition of his tenantry and raise them in the social scale, etc, will ever procure to eulogium.

Exegal Monumentum ei fecerunt

July 23 1850

We lunched here to-day & found everything as satisfactory as possible, and were much pleased with everything.

Alex R Stewart? Ards House.
Lord & Lady Helen Loffus
Lady Georgiana Hall
Mr John D. & Lady Helen Stewart
Mr Farmer
Mr & Mrs Robertson

Inby.

Belonging to The Old Country

I came here Yesterday morning the day dined here and received every thing comfortable slept, and Breakfasted, and received a very kind reception from the Hostler

Dan Broadwood of Fulford Hall
City of Berwick Ashin Tent

After three days on the Hotel and have all the comforts of a Home. It is good fortune before that the money and liberal disposition of Civility seems only to encourage the Proprietors in endeavouring still further to add to the Comfort of their Guests -

George Stewart
Office Lodge
Blair Athol

25th July 1850

We have enjoyed the accommodation afforded by this hotel for the last 3 days, and have been more to feel quite at home: the simple kindness and attention shewn to under here, together with the character of the scenery, and position of the place, render the Grampian Hotel most especially attractive -

Robt Mackdock.
5 Alp Pendicle St Paul Ter
Mrs Mackdock
30th July 1850 -

This only quite due to the attendants. Trite written to induce the house to buy that they may meet attention [illegible]

I have visited this property and Hotel with great pleasure, and been greatly gratified with the improvements on the one, and the comfort and style of the other —

Robert McCrea
Grange House
Strabane

August 2nd 1850

I have had the greatest satisfaction in visiting the improvements made by Lord George Hill at Bunbeg and Gweedore and to record the certainty of — Fortune Esq in showing them — I hope the fruits will be abundant —

John McCrea
Lecklipatrick
Strabane

August 2 1850

We have remained two days at this excellent Hotel — we have found everything most comfortable — Order & Straight throughout presented a — such Capital Waiters & thirst Mountaineers as to many most varied Beauties would be invented by many — at present deterred by the want of accommodation — still evident in several places —

On a walking tour round the Coast we have had many opportunities of ascertaining the actual Condition of the People, and tho we cannot but regret the very general feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction which exists in their minds — at the High Rents and alleged hardships of landlords

we must also acknowledge that such complaints ceased when we entered Lord George Hill's estate that a cordial sympathy seemed there to exist between landlord and tenants, and that the people seem to be learning the Saint Contribute of self Reliance — ~~and~~

We regretted that the Store at Bunbeg is to be discontinued, as from all we could learn it has materially assisted in alleviating much of the distress which until lately existed here however the place, we are informed, will be supplied by a number of small shops, to be managed by the People themselves —

5th August 1850 —

Robert Taylor
College Square N Belfast
Alex. D. Robin
Hornsby do.

~~[illegible]~~

I slept one night in the Gweedore Hotel and found it [illegible] comfortable

I have slept at the Gweedore Hotel last night & to-day ~~with~~ regards the comfort of the house and attention of the servants, this place is surpassed by none

A. R. Spalding
Dublin

21st May 1852

Thoughts suggested at Gwendoline Valley on August 7. 1850 being the day after that on which the first stone of Barlow Church was laid.

Stranger
Wherever you see Improvements all around,
Wherever expensive Buildings strew the ground,
Where fruitful Cornfields wave the precious grain,
Where, Desolation spread her sordid domain.
Unfruitful all the Land, the moral fields
Yet can dark weeds wear also found to yields.
When God, whose Name is Love, inspired the thought
That all to Cultivation should be brought.
Noble by Nature, by Purpose nobler still,
The Benevolent Stranger came to do His Will.
Then Architecture lent her willing aid,
Then Agriculture was not long delayed:
Then Christianity her part supplied,
And Moral Culture was not long denied.
Fair Commerce spread her sails for distant shores
And Gwendoline's Bay poured forth its precious stores.

Barlow! Who can leave thy peaceful seat,
Where Peace & Plenty in wild harmony meet;
Where Christian Gentleness so sweetly flows,
Our Woman's hand such kindly gifts bestows!
No! While proud Emigal with great form
Expresses defiance to the angry storm;
No! While the glassy Lake its peaceful breast
Presents, a mirror to his lofty crest,
The gentler virtues of the female band
While never cease their due tribute to find.

Russell! much honoured name! but Muse, forbear
Lest thou shouldst start the yet but half-dried tear.
But, while to praise thy noble Man is free
Philanthropy will love thy memory.

But yesterday the Corner stone was laid
Of God's own house in soft Barlow's shade.
Emblem of Him, the tried Foundation stone
Once laid in Zion, and in whom alone
The spiritual structure can arise
Of Peace on Earth and Glory in the Skies.

Gwendoline, farewell! farewell Barlow's shade!
Ye craggy Mountains, and thou, gentle Glade,
Farewell, kind Friends, whose Christian sympathies
Wafted in Prayer, like incense, to the Skies.
And though we may be scattered far and wide,
Who were but yesterday in Prayer allied,
Yet, may we all be gathered in away
In one bright Orb of Everlasting Day.

Wm Baillie Jr.

Having spent the last night at the Gwendoline Hotel, we are happy to bear our testimony to the excellent accommodation it affords, and to the manner in which it is conducted; we also are obligations to Mr Foster and family, for their polite attentions.

Wm Baillie Jr. Engineer
Robt Baillie Jr. Engineer

This is a most comfortable Hotel and I heartily wish all the Landlords of Ireland would follow the example of Lord George Hill —

Thos Teager
Fort Hall

August 13th 1850

A very good Lobster
J. O. Woodhouse

came to the hotel last night got a most comfortable bed and had all the comforts that one could have in their own houses

August 13th 1850
Alexander Leslie

I am now taking my leave of the Gweedore hotel (apropos, ought it not be called "The Strangers home?) but I cannot go from hence without expressing my thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for their warm hearts kindness towards me during my stay here — the good truth every one about the place was kind to me —

August 15. 1850 Thos J. Cassidy
Donore — Naas
Co Kildare and
40 Bagwell St
Clonmel
Co Tipperary

15th August 1850 Received favour Mrs Hill happy to be able again to acknowledge the kind attention received for several days — J. Stedman Dublin

Wednesday Mount Hale
15th August 1850

During my short stay of two days at Gweedore Hotel I experienced the greatest comfort and attention.

Rich. Taylor
Corballis House
Drogheda

I have been here during two days and found everything most comfortable
I am confident that if it were more generally known that such a "Travellers home" as this no. were to be met with in such a place, "the Gweedore Hotel" would be much more frequented — D. O. Sullivan
August 22nd 1850

[illegible] mbeannuis Dia obair sa chile dhúnc
[illegible] ag iarraidh maithearsa do dhéanamh anois
[illegible] agus [illegible] agus do thaisbeanuis sé
[illegible] do na daoinibh atá anseo agus a
[illegible] an baile — D. O. Sullivan

Having visited the Hotel I found every thing ordered herein with promptitude & politeness and am pleased to pay a more lengthened visit at a future period

[illegible]
M.D.

Having passed the last ten days at the Queens Hotel, we have much pleasure in recording our sense of the excellence of the accommodation and the civility and attention of all connected with the establishment. We cannot refrain from expressing how much indebted we are to F. Potter Esqr. for his extreme kindness and the very agreeable evenings we have passed in his society

28th August 1850

[illegible]

Found this a very comfortable hotel after a tedious drive from Donegal

F. B. Bevington
Wandsworth

[illegible]
Westbrook

Received every comfort & civility
Thomas Thompson
Enderslow

Sept 3. 1851.

Our William Matthews & Mr Wm Dale met with every attention & comfort at the Queen Gweedore Inn - 5 Sept 1850

5 Sept 1850. This is my second visit to Gweedore
Henry Jenkins Jun

We have been here twelve days, and have had good fishing, good eating, good drinking, and good sleeping*; a more comfortable place no man could desire.

* and good eating.
by the way
Henry Jenkins Jun
William Pashley

I have seldom felt greater pleasure in any place than the time I have been sojourning with my wife around the Donegal Coast. The pleasure has been much increased by this visit to this lovely spot, [illegible] Estate of Dunlewy & the [illegible] very great improvements made by the Lord Leitrim in both the place & the Hotel adjoining. All who love the wild beautiful & the better place
John Macrory
Arthur Cooper Wilkinson

Stopped one night at Gweedore Hotel found every thing as usual most comfortable
James Byrne
E Byrne
A Byrne

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor"
"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord"
Gweedore Sept 10th/50 the day of the distribution of premiums
[illegible] Lord C. Kilcoursie [illegible] at Dunlewy — May he long be remembered by [illegible]

Mr. Brown & his Sister are much pleased with the excellent accommodation afforded in this Hotel & hope to have the pleasure of paying a much longer visit on our future tour.

Sept. 8th 1850.

Gweedore Hotel 11th Sep. 1850.

We have, these last two days, been well accomodated and entertained here; and during that time witnessed in this neighbourhood, abundant Proofs of the Philanthropy and urbanity of its noble Owner. – We have also received much kindness and attention from a worthy & facetious Gentleman attached to his Lordship. –

Walter H Harborne of Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk.
John Burne Londonderry
Thomas Sattison Bank Lutterworth
Robert & Mrs Lowson
Elizabeth Adam Gt. Yarmouth
J. Miller Bath
M. Brown
Margaret Brown
E. Adam

Mr. & Mrs. Nassau Senior
Septber 12th 1850

J. Kirkpatrick – Temple – London Sept. 12th 1850.

Extremely pleased with the excellent accommodation of the hotel, the kind attention of the hosts, and the beauty of the scenery. –

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Ainsworth
19 Walker St. West –
Mr. Alpher St. Belgravia Hotel Sept. 13th 1850

In delightful contrast to a stroll to the rocky heights of the Gweedore and the bold shores of Bunlong to test ones wearied limbs in the Hotel where every comfort is met may be enjoyed in so isolated a place as attainable. What an improvement of Sunday Entertainment were erected at Malin and Dooherty where the traveller is obliged to wend his way without more help do necessary for his person and the laundry expense of by some public conveyance between Donegal and Derry.

Jas Stephens – P.P.
S. Johnston
Isaac Daniel
Strabane

Passed a day at this Hotel which for substantial comfort & moderate charge combined I have rarely found equalled

John Mr Lennon

Gweedore
27 Sept. 1850

I passed a day at this Hotel & find with the greatest civility & attention

Michly Tobin

Quidon 29 Sept. 1850

29 Sept. 1850

Once more I bid a delightful farewell to Guidon. When I have passed some weeks most agreeably. I have much indebted to Geo. Giles Kindness. I have had a sport on the mountains, labest Rem- and I have found in this Hotel every comfort a reasonable man could desire with all the quiet of a private house. I have experienced every civility from every individual of this establishment particularly from Mr & Mrs Cunningham.

J Blackall
Capt 60th Rifles

Co. Armagh

W Chambre
Hawthorn Hill
1st October 1850

Thos Steele
Keith Hall

1 Oct. 1850

29th January 1851 Guidon Hotel

find the same accommodation and comforts at this Hotel as I have before received

J Stedman Lieut 60th

I have great pleasure in stating that I have ~~received~~ experienced the greatest comfort at this far famed Hotel, and the extreme attention of all connected with the establishment merit the highest commendation

Samuel Hill
Freedom Bn

Guidon 17/2/51

The Guidon Hotel I consider a perfect oasis in the desert, after a long & weary drive, over a rough & hilly road, I arrived at it, and found the accommodation very their, that could be desired, or as the country signs have it, I found good accommodation for man and beast; the creature comforts had additional gest from the kindness of the worthy host & hostess, nor must the meed of a probation be withheld from the servants, whom I found very civil and attentive. The country about Guidon shews evident signs of an improving hand, stretching forth, as it does in bold relief amidst the neglected places around it.

Thos Watts
Ramsetton

Guidon
5th March 1851

Sandusky 15th March 1851 (218)

Moderately pleased may allowing more unanimous, in favour of Lord's Hotel, and this Hotel, is there already preceded in this record. I have been comfortable and happy while here, in proof of which let this attest —

Hugh L. Wilson
Wm Lord Jun
Glasgow Scotland

I have been here two days enjoying the comforts of this hotel I came to meet for the Commissioner of Education, the Nat. Schools of this neighbourhood & regret to say I found them in the lowest state of quackery, forming a strong contrast with the intelligence, activity & talent which has raised the property from a swamp worth scarcely to a beautiful & highly cultivated farm. It would be hard to find an establishment the education of those so lamentably deficient. I saw not a trace of the proprietor's schools, and I think they cannot be called wanting in the N.S. I saw not a trace of any article of comfort in which this hotel is deficient.

E. B. Birmingham Insp. N.S.

I have dined. Slept & breakfasted at the Guidore Hotel I have found the establishment quite equal to many of the favorable records made of it in this book.

26 April 1851.

Barthy Seymour.

Good attendance, great civility, most comfortable

Fred Fraser
of Hall Hall
30th April 51

We are perfectly satisfied that the attendance and quality of the table have been most here — the accommodation is very good & we find the charges moderate

6th May 1851

Wm B. Lettch
Wellington Atkinson
Wm Wick

I have slept one breakfasted at this Hotel and found every comfort I could desire. It reflects credit on the worthy Proprietor for his zealous attention to the comfort of the establishment from attendance and cookery, is beyond what I can describe

May 25th 1851

William Lightfoot
Coop of Cont. Ind Indpns
Blackfriars Lon

We have spent two days at the Hotel and are very well satisfied with the comfort and attention we met with.

May 1851

Thomas Coffin
Ex Coll Capt Eng

We have had the good fortune to visit the Gweedore on which Hotel every comfort exists which an English Gentleman's house affords. We were further gratified by an introduction to the Noble Proprietor Lord Leitrim — whose urbanity of manner and kindness of heart it is unfeigned to speak in the highest terms. We earnestly hope that the efforts for the improvement of this country may be crowned with success.

Alex Proffitt London
Henry Thompson Andover
Chas Propfyglass Leeds.

I have very great pleasure in adding my testimony to the comfort, cleanliness, & civility which I found at this Hotel. — May the Divine blessing rest abundantly upon the efforts made by the little owner of the Estate, for the spiritual & temporal welfare of his tenantry.

June 14th 1851. Flaccus Redford

If heather & hardships are found out of doors, comfort & convenience are to be met within this hotel,

Gweedore 18th June 1851

Harper C. Davison
Dublin

After a stay of some days I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the many previous, as to the comfortable accomodation, attention and civility to be found at this Hotel.

June 18th 1851 — J. Thistle

The order and capability of this Hotel reminds me strongly of Good Hotels at Bryanfort when I think a few holiday days, have that the scenery around this is far wilder, and staff on a larger scale.

I do not know that I have met with any Hotel so comfort and comfortable while travelling through the counties of Donegal

June 22 - 1851 — Henry Robinson of Frome Coll. Oxford

The most comfortable Hotel I have found in my progress through Ireland

June 24th 1851 — A Allen
London & Edinburgh

If fault be the case
You are indeed a changed
[illegible]
[illegible]

If I've talents or time
For prose or for rhyme
I would frame my Hotel in Gweedore
For the book of good cheer
Has been one to here
And for which comes a day and more of
[illegible]

June 24 1851.

We have found the Gweedore Hotel most comfortable; and every one connected with it civil, attentive and obliging: The fishing might be made one of the best in Ireland, for Anglers, by allowing the Salmon and White-Trout to get into the River & Lakes - a measure which would enhance the Hotel Property, we think, to a much greater extent than is realized, by the Noble owner, from the Fishery at Bunbeg -

24th June 1851. S. Price Edwards. Dublin.
J.B. Edwards.

Mrs Clarke and her brother Mr Colonel Stoughton of Clifton near Bristol stayed four days at the Gweedore Hotel and were much pleased with the comfortable accommodation it affords, and the attention they met with. They are much pleased with the fine scenery in the neighbourhood and sincerely wish success to Lord George Hill's exertions for the well being of his tenantry

July 8th 1851 -

We cannot leave the Gweedore Hotel at the present time without expressing our satisfaction with the excellent accommodation afforded on each visit & expressing our grateful thanks to its Noble Proprietor for affording a retreat in these wilds so valuable and salutary. May Lord G. Hill live to see his most sanguine expectations realized and his benevolence abundantly blessed

L. Shelley
Kate Shelley
18th July 1851

Mrs O'Reilly Bease, Mr Stanton Irwin and Miss O'Reilly Bease from the Mr. Glynns of Clot upatch Galway lying at Rathland Island, stayed a few days at this Hotel and fully coincide in the opinion already given in this book - it is, they consider fully equal to any Hotel either in these countries or on the continent for comfort cleanliness and attention - as each can testify from the mountain & the mines - Friday July 25 - 1851

I most fully coincide in the above opinion of Gweedore Hotel. 25 July 51
St Lucan St Dublin Alfred Fordoung

Gweedore
~~Gweedore~~ 1 Aug.st 1851.

Arrived 29th July left 1st August -

I am thankful to the Noble Founder of this Hotel, & to all who superintend and assist in it, for the good cheer, comfort & attention I have found within its walls. When I call to mind the peculiar circumstances of this locality, I feel that there is something more, justly required from Strangers, than a mere record in this book of the merits of an Inn. I see around me that which a few years back was a hopeless desert, now cultivated, fields teeming with fertile crops, bringing comfortable ease to industrious & contented people. This is the work of one, who has basked in the Sun Shine of the World; From the glittering pleasures of which, he has withdrawn himself for the Noble purpose of improving the condition of his fellow man, by calling forth the

character
Luxuriance of the soil & raising the value of this Fatherland.
This is Rational but true Patriotism. We see here what
can be effected by steadiness of purpose, energy, enlarged
views, generosity aided by judgment to raise a benevolent
end. — Would that there were more such men in this grand
but neglected Country! Then would it & its fine People
succeed far other pictures than those which of late I
have been contemplating. — As the English Poet use to
sing the praises of "the Man of Ross," many an Irish Pen
some day breathe forth a song in praise of Him who
is a blessing to Groveloe!

J. Dawson Powell
Colonel & M.P.

"Like honest Falstaff," "I have taken mine ease
in mine inn", the which (thanks to the Hostess &
Hostess, & three-fold thanks to the Noble & Spirited
& truly patriotic proprietor Lord Ashville) nothing
more comfortable can be desired &

Hope now, sir, you shall see a little
of a Gentleman's house

Robt Gloyne
L.C.D.

Guidore Aug. 6th 1851

We found every thing connected with this
Establishment deserving of the highest praise
7 August 1851

William Stack Shannon
Thos J. Montgomery Scott Fort
Geo. Stack
Thos Stack
Thos Scott Esq
Geo. Stack Esq

9th August, 1851.

We have found every thing as Needs wish.

Thos Westropp M.D.

We have found this fine emporium and
the accommodation good
the charges moderate and we cordially recommend
Aug. 10th 1851

Thomas Gordon
John [illegible]
Alex Lindsay

We the undersigned passengers of this Hotel are well pleased
with the accommodation and attention
we have met with
August 13th 1851

[illegible] Colonel
Lilla Joyce Mary Ann
B. B. Wright Henry Rose
Thos Thomas

Aug 19 1851

Mr Jenkins
Mrs Jenkins
Miss Jenkins
Mr Jenkins
Mr Ellinson

of Rock Ferry
Liverpool

express their high feeling of satisfaction
with the comfort and civility they have
met with at the hands of the landlord Hotel

hope of visiting with health to
pay another visit to this retreat
place, on some future occasion —

[signature]

Gweedore

I have often had the pleasure of stopping at this Hotel
& found everything comfortable & accommodating & every
attention given by [illegible]

M Taggart 18 Jany 1874

Belfast Aug 16 57 — W Taggart — M Taggart & 20th Jany 1873, 18th do 1874

Mr & Mrs T. 25th May 1856 & Mrs H.K Taggart

Moses Taggart Junr 1858

Perfectly satisfied with the accommodations of this Hotel —

Saml Marshall
Gartan

H K Bellamy[?]

We have spent two days at the Gweedore Hotel & it gives us great pleasure in adding our test[redacted] already recorded in this book that the accommodation is every thing a traveller could require; we also feel gratified in seeing what can & yet may be done by a noble & generous landlord & long may he live to carry out his [redacted] intentions for the benefit & welfare of his poorer countrymen. We also return our sincere thanks for the kindness of R. Brewster Esqr

F. Fulene[?]
E. Shurway[?]

[illegible] We found the [illegible] a [illegible] every [illegible] with the greatest [illegible] & [illegible]

[signature]

Carrigart[?]

Mr & Mrs J. Hayden & family visited the Gweedore Hotel, & found the accommodations comfortable in the extreme, charges most moderate & servants obliging, attentive & efficient. This Hotel does much credit to the management of Mr & Mrs Cunningham

Augst 26th 1857 —

It is easy to perceive from a comparison with the surrounding country that this place up till very lately must have been rude & uncultivated but it appears now to be just in that state in which a people [redacted] rapidly improve. J. Hayden

I have lunched at the Gweedore Hotel and can say every thing is most comfortable charges moderate & servants particularly attentive

James Dickson[?]
Londonderry

Augt 27 1857

August 28th 1851.

After an absence of five years, I return, with my brother and sister, to forward, if possible, increased comfort, cleanliness, the same attention from Mr & Mrs Cunningham & servants, & the same good charges, from Nelly to cook.

S. Rankin

I have much pleasure in stating that during the period I remained at Grand Hotel I have been perfectly satisfied with it in every respect

Robert Corbett
Cremorne Villa Belfast
Aug 29/51

Aug 28. 1851.

I concur entirely in the favorable remarks made by Col Hawden and would merely say to other landlords "go thou and do likewise"

Ewen Vardon

"I am happy to again addding testimony to the above sentiments expressed in favour of the Grand Hotel & Mr Cunningham all is

H B Billing

as I assure I have found every thing

Most comfortable

H W Mansfield
6 Aug 1851

Dined here this day - and on
[illegible] Police [illegible]

I have found everything here very comfortable & the charges all that could be desired.

D. J. Interene
Sept. 7. 1851

Dined here Wednesday Sept. 3. 1851
left on Monday Sept. 8. 1851
being my fifth visit to this Hotel. Every visit creates a greater relish for the next, nothing can excel the comfort, cleanliness and attention that I have met with

James Hawes
G. Symes

Jolly Wood Sept 10th 1851

I have only to repeat what every visitor to this Hotel describes in such glowing terms that nothing can exceed the comforts & attention that are shown to every one. & I hope that the proposed public Car which Pt George is anxious to establish thro' the District, may soon run & be supported by the Public this with open out this Country, & be a cheaper mode of conveyance than is now necessarily used. I am going to find the car a short time I have lately made the thro' Skies & Letterim, that that vacantly Hamburg, the Exhibition in London has taken away this year many Sovereigns

Usually visit this & other picturesque & romantic parts of this County.

Dorchester

Septr 14. 1851.-

I have now, as at all times before, received the most civil attention at the Hotel, & hope the Public Car mentioned by Lord Dorchester will be established it will be a great accommodation to all parties having any connection with this part of the Country.

J O Woodhouse
15 Sept 1851

Mr J H Gregor Belfast, has visited & sketching down through Gregor, remained seven days at the Gowedore Hotel, and feels great Pleasure in bearing his Testimony to the comfortable accommodation, the very reasonable charges, and the civil attention he met with during his stay at the Establishment

September 16 1851.

Gowedore

Go thou where Pastiefue cast her magic Dyes:-
Where downs and spires, and ~~stately~~ temples rise;
Enraptured gaze; - thy feet there ~~better~~ turn;
Enchantments self a lesson here might learn.
Wd thou require a home? behold in here!
Or friends and social bliss "mine host" is near.
Resume the city's pomps, nor wonder more;
Epicure tempts thee stop thee at Gowedore.

1851 - Sept. 16th

Gilbert Thomson Taylor

Having only the 18th intending to stay two days, I found more than so comfortable that I have remained four. For the information of Strangers & the good of the Nation, I mention that the Mineral water, known to Sub-chalybeate on the North Side of Buckbean, from infusion of the extremely bitter leaves of which plant, is held over fire for two days and daily grows in a small bank within a stone's throw of the West end of the Mountain Lake on Lower Lodge. The low range of hills due North of the Hotel

Henry Lefroy 17 Sept 1851
Inspector Inland Revenue Belfast

We dined at the Gowedore Hotel to-day & found every thing to our comfort & satisfaction

18th Sept. 1851

Robt Gallaher A. M.
David Haslett
John Hunter M.D.
Robt F. Patton

We spent two days at the Grenadier Hotel (by far the best in Ireland) & had every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the accommodation, the attendance & charges

W. H. Smith M.D. Professor of Surgery T.C.D.

Sept. 19/51 John J. Mann. R.N.

We have spent two days at this Hotel and found every thing comfortable and the parties connected with the establishment (both within and without) very attentive

Well
W. H. Corney
Surgeon

Grenadier Hotel
Sept. 19th 1851

Another year has elapsed since I last here, and again I have to record my regret on leaving the Grenadier Hotel. Again to express my thanks to Dispensary Hill for the kindness he has evinced to me in giving me permission to shoot & fish and this I do most truly thank him for — and I have only to add that if civility, comfort and moderate charges be recommendations, I know no establishment of the kind which deserves this Hotel. Hill presides as it is in all things — & so all looked after by Mr & Mrs Cunningham

J. Blackall Capt.

24 Sept. 1851.

Doctor Wilde of Dublin & Armstrong & Robt. Wm King spent three days in this charming locality and in no hotel at home or abroad have they met with more cordiality comfort & cleanliness — The improvements of the able proprietor Lord George Hill deserve the almost commendation and we cordially wish him good speed in his benevolent object —

24 Sept. Newtown 1851. —

Three years ago I was accidentally in this magnificent place when the exertions then being made by Lord G. Hill for the moral & social improvement of his tenantry and the development of the resources of his locality produced property conveyed so much interest in my mind as to lead me to visit it after my return to pay it another visit. I have now enjoyed that pleasure and in the midst of the wild pictures abounding on every side, on coast & mountain, we have spent during the last six days have extended from the evening conversation of nothing but civility from the well bred good nature & non-pretentious substantials, or celebrating truly on being honestly supplied with everyone comforts of the hotel which has been to us in every sense a home. We leave it with regret but hope we shall have much pleasure in recommending our friends & Englishmen to make a pilgrimage to the Wicklow Alps.

In the respect of the hotel & its adjuncts I can see no marked improvement. Under the

problems of the future from which the district has not yet recovered. It is a matter of surprise that all traces of improvement have not been obliterated. The greatest patience and steadily sustained energy of purpose must have been exercised by the worthy landlord & his agents.

What they have succeeded in effecting fully proves what can be done in the neighbourhood and other similarly situated and must stimulate every right thinking mind to cooperate in such efforts or at least to further by the strength of opinion the progress of such principles of action on the part of the lords of a too long neglected soil.

W M Crawford
Royal Academy Building Lane

From the 20th to 27th September Stopped at the London Hotel and have been pleased with the accommodation attendance and reasonable charges.

W Crawford

"Who Killed Cock Robin?" Sir Roger Dog!

Who knocked the Bumper?
"Twas I! the Cat-Master" –
"I caused the disaster" –
"I Thomas McGowan!!" –

"Who formed the design?"
"The Company did it:
"And the Ordered I did it!" –
"The die now Cast Print" –

"Yes! Thomas McGowan!" –
"Were you not fast in distress"?
"No! I do the Insurance
"They ordered me down"!

"Where did the founder?" –
"Twas Cast in deep water
"That Lloyds Agents bought her
"Cast in colder Criminal"!

"Who bought the brass die?"
"I! John Orr! I bought it!
"And who would have thought it?
"For Lady and

J O H Underwriter

September 27th 1851

We the undersigned have visited Gymedore and spent some time at its excellent Hotel and we unhesitatingly declare that as regards attention and solid English comfort in every respect we have never seen a house of its equal in Ireland. The charges are most moderate, and the servant Mary, unceasing in her exertions to make the guests feel happy and at home

Moore Connor Jr B. Ch
Cambridge
Rector and Vicar of
Culdaff. Co Donegall

you old recent gaw
fond of the mountain
dew down
at Buncrana

Lord be praised "Moore"
has been sent home
to Rome until the
Above – where he
should never have
left – a "Rascal"
indeed in every
sense of the word – fast –

Mr Sawell Mast
Senschal of Belfast
The Old Lodge,
Belfast

Left the 2 4th 1851 — Her L Stewart found every thing most comfortable not to be surpass — & the landlord most obliging in giving information & showing every thing — we cannot sufficiently — tion & showing it to have a landlord so anxious what a blessing it is for the tenantry. Lord L Stewart for the trade welfare of his tenantry is an example worthy to be followed by every landowner in the United kingdom

Gone mean "mouched your luncheon"

I lunched at the Gweedore Hotel to-day and found every thing to my entire satisfaction

W H Adams

7 Oct 1851

Lunched

Lord Londesborough

Lunched here today and is perfectly satisfied with the attendance and moderate Charges

Hugh O'Neill

of Londonderry

Gweedore

7 Nov 1851

I remained for some few days at this hotel and the greatest attention was paid to my comfort in connection with the establishment to my health and comfort.

Gweedore 7th Nov 1851 — John Hamilton

Many thanks merely a few lines to the London Hotel I feel the pleasure of stating in addition my mite of approbation of the comfort & cleanliness of that establishment — the attention paid to my wants for long me connected with the house be unforgotten

10th Nov 1851

William G Stokes

Porter Seaman Lower Cast wind & last my Ship the Seine Steamer Connaught Ranger at Rouen lay about 6 miles from the Sea the first Night of the arrival Night of the Quarantine of Sufferings for want clothes rations & Bracing harness in the following Month Thanks to the Government late of Marcus Poete Esq. Dispatch Dates of the arrival I was introduced to the Steward of the Hotel from which to my Status is made for my home & Bath Beds Lettuces & the Husband & Kindness & Treatment to me as a Sailor Ship master treasure I must say I never spent so Comfortable an the Second times

Thos Mathews late master of the Ship

12th November 1851.

Some days since I was introduced to this Hotel for pleasure both the Hotel & Kindness

* Return the Passport to 14

If half the Landlords of Ireland
did their duty as the lee as Lord
George Hill
Our Country would be
~~[illegible]~~
Great Heaven and fine
First flower of the earth
and first gem of the heaven

A Mouldy Shannon

Grand Union Hotel
Dec. 16th 1851

Dec. 1851.
From 15th to 17th —
The President has been at Home
since his expending his humble
testimony to the merits of this
Establishment, which appears to be
admirably conducted under the
immediate superintendence of
Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham and
is really the most comfortable in
every respect.

Chas. Cornelius
Captain U.S. Engineers

Mr. Miss Blemley had a comfortable
dinner at this excellent Hotel, after
which they left for the "Valley of the Rocks"

Dec. 23d 1851

The traveller sees with wondering eyes
Where all was dear before
The magic wand of enterprise
Spread comfort at Sweedore.

January, 1852.

Much pleased — [illegible]
[illegible]
Thos. O. Blemley
Mary A. Blemley

Capt. Lead has passed the last three
days at the Sweedore Hotel, and met
with every civility, attention, and comfort
that could be wished for.
16th Feby 1852.

Mary spent last Sabbath at Sweedore Hotel
and was much pleased with its accommodations
which reflect great on Lord George Hill
his selection of Mr & Mrs Cunningham as
superintendents shows forth as they
by his lordship's liberality this Mansion
whose attention cannot be equalled
with Mary whose qualifications as a cook
cannot be surpassed by those adorning
its far fame

W. Peck
Commissariat Office

Feby 21st 52

I beg to offer my mite of thanks to the noble and patriotic founder of this comfortable hotel – Truly he is an hospitable landlord! – Austin Wm Jermingham Capt. R.N.

July 29th 1852.

We have spent two nights and a day at this Hotel and found as usual everything to our satisfaction we had the pleasure of Mr Daniel Jordan's Family and we can say that it would unfeelingly repay a person coming from Derry to spend one pleasant evening in his Company

4th October 1852

[illegible]
of Derry

Arch McCorkell B.B.
Londonderry

Clonmany House has an famed Grandson Hotel owners, Comfortable and not less so in the dearing limits than any in the transition an Exporter

April 19th 1852

Mr Perry & Mr Geo Kerrone have been staying at this Hotel since the 15th inst and have pleasure in recording their perfect satisfaction with the food & the accompanying attention and with the attention of every person connected with its management.

April 20/1852

I have much pleasure in adding my mite to testify to the comfortable accomodation, and attention I have met at the Grandone hotel, and also my admiration of the country and its much to be respected landlord.

21st April 1852

Charles
Capt. R.N.

After an excellent dinner & [illegible] we left the Hotel to [illegible] towards Derry the sister wanted us called with for

May 2nd 1852

W Morgan
Charlotte Thos Price
Westbury Manor
Co Buckingham

Enjoyed a most comfortable night at the Hotel

4th May 1852

Mrs S Coventry
Grace L. T. Mayes 8 years
Charlotte D. Fitzmaurice 11 years

Hope the favor
has not been forgotten

I have to record my humble share of gratitude for the excellent accommodation provided by the noble proprietor of this Hotel and my attention of his landlord Hyacinthe in the improvement of the District

7th May 1852 — Rassum Ommanney
Captain RN

I am happy to add my contribution to the numerous instances recorded in this Book of the cleanliness & good refreshment provided in this Hotel. As my travelling I can only wish all the Rovers I am in the habit of stopping at were equally comfortable

W. H. Gage

Ballycomell House 21st May 1852

I have never met with be but one opinion as to the comfort, cleanliness, and civility experienced at this hotel — and I am happy to unite in that generally expressed.

John Keates

Bray, Co.

Major and Mrs Breadley were much pleased with the Grenadier Hotel where their friends found them very comfortable, and the attendants most obliging.

June 9th 1852.

Grenadier Hotel.

1852 7th to 9th June — at Gorgedrop
Capital Fare & accommodation for the Broadstairs — The same good system of management prevails here as in the Grenadier & Royal Hotels
Lt Col Commdg
Cork RA

7th to 9th June 52.
J. A. Pellegrin — Londonderry — V. V. V.

On this my fourth and probably last visit to this hotel I have to record my satisfaction at the attention received.

That bluff old knight Sir John Falstaff exclaimed long ago "Shall I not take mine ease at mine Inn" I shall do so and found both ease and comfort at this well conducted one, and though I do not like to have a Dame Quickly to minister to my comfort I had a worthy host & hostess and Mary the maid of the Inn a very paragon of a waiting maid, and though I got no sack or Sherris I got good ~~[illegible]~~ drink which is a beverage when taken in moderation far superior to the liquors so well loved by the worthy Knight

Geo Watts

Guidance
9th June 1852

I am asked here today this question "Are you entire satisfaction"

D Macaulay
Dublin

Grenadier
18th June 1852

Colonel Maclachlan & Mr. Allen the Chairgentlemen. Both seemed perfectly with the comfort of the Inn. Mr. M. was truly glad to meet his old friend Lord George Hill & to witness the success of his exertions for the improvement of this wild district.

Gweedore Hotel. June 16th 1852

I came to this hotel with Lord & Lady George Hill on the 13th of June and remained 2 nights. The weather unfortunately prevented my seeing all I should have wished to do of the various works that have been going on for the improvement of this district and its inhabitants: but with all I saw, I could not but, in common with other visitors, be highly delighted: and add to those expressed by former travellers, my very hearty wishes for the continued success of Lord G. Hill's philanthropic enterprises. The whole establishment of this nice little inn is unexceptionable. J. Bright

June 17 1852.

I first visited Gweedore in 1846 it was then all that could be desired in comfort kindness and attention — it is still the same, no falling off, we found back every traveller who at once enjoyed the comforts of the Hotel, cannot fail to mark it with unfavourable and must learn it with pleasure

Jun 27/52

W. J. Fitzwalter

Nature here clearly exemplifies what Human Industry & Art can achieve. Tho' Nature opposed every barrier; while tho' the surrounding environs of the Noble Proprietor a most agreeable spot of verdure & cultivation relieves the eye amid this truly wild locality. I should think that this Hotel would be found an excellent retreat for "man" when wearied with the dusty round of duties & cares & keen, or for those anxious to recreat themselves with the health-restoring amusements of Shooting & Fishing.

Gweedore Hotel July 4th/52

J. R. Spon

Once up in Wind and Shaky in Knee
We prove to Wale, and scarcely prove to see
Sfan would Quaff a Stanza to Gweedore
But Emigrants ascent my muse does flow
When next I Come I'll write a better Now

J. Wale

July 7 1852 ditto Do.

Influenced by many pleasing recollections we have returned to visit Gweedore a second time, we have received the same attentions enjoyed the same comforts and been delighted amidst the same scenes of loveliness and grandeur, we gladly record our

we unite in gratitude to the noble proprietor of this hotel to whose benevolent intentions we are indebted for the pleasure we have enjoyed —

John Allen — Brighton
Robert Allen
[illegible]

July 8th 1852

On this my first visit to Glencoe I accompanied Christie with a party of friends and was entirely gratified with the excursion. The evening was fine and the atmosphere clear and from the summit of the mountain we saw the extent of the rolling sea spread out over the sea and the mountains of Donegal. The view from the top of Cruachan is both extensive and varied and is well worth the labour of the ascent. As for the hotel itself its arrangements are excellent — notwithstanding the many and obvious disadvantages arising out of its remote and almost isolated situation — for substantial accommodation and genuine comfort — and none than all for cleanliness, it bears no comparison with any establishment of the kind in the north of Ireland — Its proprietor Gordon is not more generally known and esteemed by tourists

Henry Sharp — M.D.

Last evening I ascended Cruachan in company with Mr Gabbe Thorp, Smith, & Allen. The ascent occupied 55 minutes, the descent from the summit full repaying the labour of ascending. I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent manner in which this hotel is conducted, the greatest attention is paid to the wants of the travellers

Henry Sharp

July 8th

In future years, when we compare our name
Posterity will still
The generous patron of Glencoe
The Philanthropic Hill —

W.J. — M.D.

We are happy to bear testimony to the excellence of the arrangements of this establishment, which some than provides all that the traveller can reasonably expect for his comfort & accommodation. Although the noble Proprietor's efforts on behalf of this country are too well known to require further testimony, we cannot refrain from expressing the pleasure we have experienced from witnessing the important results which have already been produced in this remote district by his great personal exertions. Specimens unlike of cutlery

Thomas Andrews.

C. McNeill

Dined at the Hotel and find it is still conducted in the same admirable manner as it was some years ago

Thos Olphert
R. L. Vary
Connally Gage
John Gage

I with pleasure add my mite of praise to the hotel and its arrangements.

Saml. U. S. Kyle
Baltimore
U States
America

Gunnedow Hotel
Astor House "Connelly chance up - ch Jonathan

1852 July 19. Kim Carden Scone visit,
I willingly bear testimony to the comfort & attention I have experienced at the Gunnedow Hotel

Arthur Carden

July 21
I have been here since the 5th of May & could have only to say that I have the Gunnedow Hotel with infinite regard, clean & comfortable it is regret very they of the hence I over sees, friendly & polite in all things

J Markell
Capt

We have experienced the utmost comfort & civility at this Hotel and have witnessed with admiration the progress of Lord George Scott's efforts for the improvement of this wild & picturesque district

Wm Robinson
Hugh Campbell
Samuel Campbell
David Campbell

I have lived at this Hotel for a few days & find it a quiet & comfortable home in Gaol to any travelling gentleman in this country.

Saml. Walker

After spending two days at the Gweedore Hotel, we have much pleasure in paying in the universal & just tribute to its merits, as every attention has been paid to our comfort and convenience in every respect.

1852 July 29th
Alexander Macy M.D.
Henrietta Macy

We the undersigned - by leave to add our testimony to the truth of the encomiums of the Gweedore Hotel. We have been here three days, and have found the accommodation comfortable. The charges moderate, and have met with every attention and civility.

Capt. Thomas Pearson
1852 July 30th
Joe L. Stone

The Alexander Inn, Hythe
Rev. Cecil Smyth, Rainham, County of Kent
Henry Brown, Blackheath, Kent

Aug. 3rd & 4th 1852

We find from our bill which other inns on the subject should be mentioned. We travelled by Rail, they have great reasons in stating that they have been treated with civility & attention, & found the accommodation most comfortable.

In kind and pleasant manner we beg to draw attention. Visitors and your accommodation is [illegible] at Grenadier Hotel. Prince R. Allan & Prince A. Allan were honoured by Captain Chevallier & Sir Henry accompanied Arrogal on the 1st Aug. & found themselves amply repaid for the fatigue of the ascent by the ~~magnificent~~ extensive & glorious prospect, the magnificence of nature more than compensating for the disorder of the inns.

* Any recommendation you have to offer appear to be strange at first sight to persons who are not aware of the progress of this are poor from instinct and are not disposed to order in strong terms.

Aug. 1st 1852.

E. H. Allen
Prince Allen
Prince R. Allen
Prince Allen
R. Ch. Gom
Captain Chevallier R.N.

The Irish Provincial is deeply indebted to the noble proprietor of the Grenadier Hotel, not only for such an establishment in a locality where accommodation could not otherwise have been procured, but for the excellent manner in which it is conducted in every department under his lordship's superintendence.

Troop
Henry Allen Rector of Rickham, Brighton, & Chaplain to the
William Dunancy

August 5th 1852

Nothing can exceed the comfort and clean linen of the Grenadier Hotel, and we have had much pleasure in seeing the improvements which are taking place in this surrounding country.

P. Cuffe Wheeler
Fitzwilliam Wheeler

To the preceding well merited praises of the Proprietor of this Hotel and the several attendants connected with the Establishment it would be almost unnecessary to add anything – The same highly satisfactory arrangements which proved in 1842 so conducive to the comfort of the Guests seem in 1852 to be most assiduously continued & if possible increased –

George T. Spitler +

Grenadier Aug.st 9th 52 — W.m Green p. Bingle

+ Vide p. 114

We arrived here to day exceedingly hungry, but our appetites were speedily satisfied with as much excellent food as we could ~~the~~ greatest attention in power to our wants & we only regret on that our professional absence when we to see this charming locality by moonlight. Can be manage

August 13th 1857

John Fraser C.E.
of Ouseyatick

Aug 14th Left at the Gardner Hotel last night much pleased with the neat comfort & good order of the place Lorenzo Gardiner Proprietor

Witness H Kimmen

his
Wm X Galbraith
mark
Londonderry

Yes a Means for People to express their ideas in this Book who are not able to write I hope they will see the impropriety of doing so in future. The book should with least thank but the work. The Brown

Aug 18th

1857

I arrive at Gardiner
I stop an and no more
Have comfortable
With my lady attire
Some say it alone
Which they're loosing
As I'd nought to explore
I've once been before
And all's as of yore
So I place a the door

Mr & Mrs Cunningham's most kind and assiduous attentions should make these remarks.

Joseph Jones

Date of this 26 day of September
Anno Domini 1857
God bless the Queen

Send the bill on

What shall I say more
For there's nought to explore
Upon Simplicity & the one
With my Deary Dearie
When funny face prove
The dream smile as before
When she hope is display
The Pillow & prove
So much consoling
For my Deary Dearie
Will a bright & the door

This poem is perfect

We arrived here to day exceedingly hungry, but our appetites were thoroughly satisfied with a meal established thus as usual the quality of the victuals is hard to mention & we only regret — that our professional abecedarian ship — to have the charming locality by mail Can to morrow

Aug 13th 1852 R. Short
John Crosby E.B.

Sandwiches

Yes a Means for People to express their ideas in Poetry Poetry who are not adepts with it hope they will see the impropriety of doing so in future. Men who Blunder with their thick but this work. Jno Brown
Aug 18th

Aug 17th

Lonnie at Spinden
It happen and no more
Has anybody taken
With my daily actions
~~[illegible]~~ Some say it alone
Without they're looking
As I'd nought to explain.
Someone has been
And all's as of yore —
So to place a the door
Shows the carpetted floor.
If you're talking to poor
Up steps half a score
Make you may snore
As of yore, as of yore
And looking down lower
Cloudy twists till the Nine
From Dantonys eye
Sing to the shore
Still silent — no fear.
What shall I say more
For there's nought to pass o'er
Yes — simplicity & the core
With my heavy actions
When funny face rose
The same smile as before
When she hope outstripped
The Pillow & pour
Ere stuck on Bunny
For my heavy actions
With a bowl & an oar

Send the bulls in your necktie

This fellow is a perfect boy

And a man for a rower
While yet I remain fix'd alone
In the Cutter of Glenarm,
(signed) C Sulley

(Hide) Oh Lord, what a Love

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

28. Sept. 1852
As usual, I found every thing
Satisfactory. R O Woodhouse

I perfectly concur in the above, James, Walker, D Doherty

Mary Churchill

so do I. John Olins Woodhouse

Our party have dined
here & found matters
very fair —

Wm H Black
J H Lucas
J Dobbin
J Kirkpatrick
A Humphreys

29 Sept 1852

We arrived here unexpectedly on a late hour & found ourselves made comfortable in a few minutes, ~~& found~~ the accommodation excellent, house clean, servants civil & attentive & we were very much pleased with our entire establishment.

R Harvey
Eliz Harvey
Eliz Hamilton Ellis
J Harvey
Robt Harvey Junr

I will faithfully advertise with the accommodation in & encouragement of Gwedore Hotel.

Both MR & Mrs Cunningham contribute much credit upon their noble proprietor

J Cunningham

5/10/52

We were greatly pleased with the accommodation of the Gweedore Hotel and the beautiful scenery surrounding it.

Ellen Wills Rogerson
Charlotte Hoyted
Charlotte Hoyted Junr
Rd Isaac Norton Hoyted
W Courtenay Rn D. Dr

September 2/52

At this Hotel I may safely say
we spent a very pleasant day
as to comfort & attendance nothing could equal
and especially the instant you ring the bell.

Isaac Hoyted
Kings College
London

2nd Sept 52

Mr Charles Grant est bien content plaint de l'Hotel de Gweedore.
"4 Sept 1852. when next you write Dear Grant again
oh! let it be in Gaelic Irish

We have spent upwards of a fortnight at the Gweedore Hotel & found the accommodation excellent & all connected with the management of the establishment most attentive & obliging

John Jameson
R K Plumbe

4th Sept 1852

Clement Cottrell Dormer
Tho: Jeans
Sept. 6 1852

we have found the hotel most comfortable & have received every attention & civility

We have found the accommodation here everything that we could desire and we shall the most civil attention

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Thos Steele
M. Nicholson Seaver
12th Sept. 1852 — T. Heath Hall
Co. Armagh

We the undersigned feel most pleasure in adding our testimony to the many who have gone before us to the admirable style in which the Hotel is conducted although we arrived here after the usual dinner hour we were treated in a manner which must please the most fastidious and we found the comfort we experienced and the attention we received here not better nor even as many too have seen in Saxony —

J. Barnes
A. Northcote India St London
W. Rawes Jun London
C. Pearson London
J. Hill London

Norton Shaw Secy to Royal Geograph. Society London
Shall great pleasure in expressing my satisfaction with the manner in which this Hotel is conducted

Geo Wm Armerod . Manchester
14 Sept 1852

Everdys Hotel. September 17th 1852.
We have stopped for a night at the Hotel and found it most comfortable and convenient. It reflects proprietor deserved the utmost credit for the enterprise he had shown, and for the truly noble effort he has made to promote the moral and social welfare of the District. The civility and attention of the Host and Hostess and of all persons connected with the establishment must have been most unexceptionable.

William McIlwaine Aughnacloy
James Dawson Ramelton
R.C.

Having passed a day at the Everdon Hotel we have to express our satisfaction of the comfort afforded to us and thank the hostess proprietor and also of all that the establishment has been say forth

Jas Crawford . Clerk
J. Campbell
J. J. Moody Rev. & Hon. O'Neagh
Robt Stewart M.D. Portgais
W. Isidore
F. H. Gratton
Jasper Barry Coniport

I have been at gweedore
just three times before
and offered some one
through the vicinities to
see

but it seemed to be
believe you the better for
your visit Lonsa Quiet & gone
but it still seemed fresh & gone

Allons donc — Mr. A. Robertson

Very nice indeed Mary Anne —

Spelling very good indeed Mary Anne —

Your education does your governess
very credit Mary Anne! —

Allons donc!

Edward Hon. and Lord Lieutenant

Gweedore 17th September 1853

Who would think in this wandering country with Donegal
So cut with inflexible mountains to all
Or the neat little Gweedore Inn
Above it the Owegal sees its head
Where rabbit and hare in abundance are bred
Among the red heather and thin

All gloomy and dark every hill may appear
But still you'll find something good to cheer
While his scenery charms you survey
Each object around! it is sweet to the eye
Where flower and carbur! in solitude cry
Unseen at the close of the day

The stream that sings near it enlivens the vale
Its bosom off bearing a love breathing tale
O tale ever tender and true
How sweet on its banks when the spring brings the
And with thyme and lung* all their beauties bestow
And pearly & pure is the dew

* Sing! is it? or remind! —

Despite of the hills that spread rugged & bare
Yet friendship and warm hospitality there
So each weary wanderer has
No matter what time you come down to Gweedore
You'll find a true welcome at Cunningham's door
And every thing ready to cheer

Warm rooms and clean beds all are ready & free
With plenty of all that is good on to dine
You'll find at Gweedore every day

And if its your wish ponies — always to ride
With plenty to feed them, and act as your guides
Dor fear that you wander astray

As blithe as the bird that awakens the morn
When dew bearing flowers the woodlands adorn
I'll live in this lovely hotel
Nor sorrow nor sadness shall come to my view
Save when I am bidden of the landlord adieu!
Who governs the hotel so well

H. C. d
Dublin 17th Sept. 1852

We have spent from Saturday 18th to
Monday 20th Sept. here and have
enjoyed it much. everything is comfortable

Geo. F. Porter
W. Porter

Sept. 19/52

Sept. 20th 1852

Judge Jones has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the comfortable accommodation that he enjoyed at this hotel during the last two days. Neither the Landlord nor the establishment fail in due by the noble disposition he considerably on the Courtesy of the Manager for the Concern he takes to be a country the Gentleman might

to be under obligation with the attention paid to his Comfort & at the moderation of the Charges —

Robert Jones

Brevity is the soul of panegyric so lest thus spirit so I content myself with saying ditto, with all my heart, to the sentiment of Denis O'Donnell, as recorded at page 147 —

Sep 23. 1852

A Macnevell
Landlord - Killorgan Co. of Dublin

Where Heather grew in Adams days
And gambolled Hares in amorous plays
Now Stands as Travellers can tell
The much renowned Gweedore Hotel.
Erected at the Sovereign Will
Of munificent Lord George Hill.
Whose highly cultivated mind
Whatever is by him designed
He carries out with Skill profound
Displaying taste and judgment sound.

Deserving too of much respect
Is Continuator the Architect
He o'er this Mountain Inn presides
And with his Wife directs and guides

The whole arrangements here so well
that nothing can their care excel.

Their Larder still is richly stored
Attendance good — and bed and board
The most fastidious might be pleased
While strangers feel so much at ease
And such abundant comfort find
They leave it with regret behind

Robert Young
Traveller for the Londonderry Standard
September 27th 1852 Well done Dr. Pelace.

We have passed the last two days here, we have met with attention and civility and found the accommodation comfortable

Sept 27th 1852

R. Montgomery
J. Wood
Robt. John Montgomery

Greenore Hotel 2nd Oct 1852

I slept on Lighthouse Point comfortably; —
Samuel Lyle Belfast.
a Christian in the Saints at Gate?

From 27th to 29th Sept. 52.
at Greenore
The accommodation excellent with
Everything tidy & comfortable
Charles Wilson D.
Capt. 78th Highlanders
Lady Wilson

We have passed the greater part of three days at this Hotel and have found the accommodation excellent, the beds the comfortable, and the servants attentive and obliging. from Belfast.

Catherine Young Milford
John Stanger
Mary Larens
Mary Larens

Greenore 1st October 1852

Having read, some time ago, an account of the improvements at Greenore I have much gratification in saying that the reality has far exceeded my expectations, save that trees are alas few in number. The school is stated a nursery for time & eternity. The accommodation & attention at the hotel have been, for these two past days, all that could desire. The plan of having a supply of Bibles & useful tracts & books in the rooms is truly benevolent. The improvement around reminded me of those which Pastor Oberlin is said to have brought about in Alsace. And in my walk to the new Parish Church at Donlowry the outline of the mountains surrounding the lake on East North & South recalled strongly to my recollection those of the Mountains of Borrowdale. My journey was for health's sake for which it seems to have been delighted by the [illegible] & obliging conduct of Mr Stanger

N.B. I am glad to see the people imitating the improvements of the Noble Owner —

C. M. B. Serie 33 Reg
Oct 21st 1852 —

Left Lough Erne at half past four o'clock on monday morning and arrived at Greenore Hotel at 6 o'clock on the same day. Never did a weary traveller that the place of his destination with more satisfaction than I did the first sight of the hotel after so tedious a journey, and although I have been in most of the best hotels in Ireland I never was more comfortable than for the time my stay I have spent here having come here for the first time unknowing I hope to have to revisit it again for pleasure and from what I have already been — done it would be a gratification to every lover of fine scenery

try to behold the evidences which this country affords of what our land might become under wise and benevolent management. Let the landlords of Ireland imitate the example of Lord Geo Hill. Let the resources of her soil be developed, let the industry of her sons be stimulated and encouraged, let lawless agitation be put down and trampled upon. Let the people be taught that nothing can benefit them but industry and economy (particularly of time), that perseverance must and will succeed and then Ireland will become what Repeal agitators could never make her, "Great Glorious and free
First flower of the earth & first gem of the sea"

& I should so like to see you W M Rutledge
Esq Oct 26th 1852

Got a good Breakfast at Londonderry this morning and I am vice pleased with the attendance

Hugh Miller
of Londonderry

October 29th 1852

Had a Bed & Breakfast at London Hotel & I am well satisfied Servants very attentive

Robert Thomson
Londonderry

5th Nov 1852

Once again enjoyed the Comforts of London Hotel

L J Stedman
Dublin

9th November 1852

I have spent two nights at the "London" and feel great pleasure in making my humble attestation to the comfortable accommodation of this House in the West

John Steven,
[redacted]

November the 25th 1852 Glasgow

Londonderry November 9th 1852

After a lapse of at least 3 years I have been fortunate in being obliged, & enabled to pay a visit again to this Hotel, the property of Lord George Hill the attendance & other I am well satisfied with & finish with cordially stating

The Comfort & Cheer we have found at London
Will pleased are we to both them and call back no more
And should "Fate" again bear us to the "Wing" where
I shall pass a good night at the Hotel of London

Wm Currie, Glasgow

& John McAuley

"Well" when finish my adventure part of
My labours I shall for London find no rest.
No + J McA

* What an aristocratic Autograph! Very!

19th Feby 1853.

Mr. P. Doherty
Comfk Cottage
Londonderry

Well satisfied with the Comforts of this Hotel,

Having remained at this Hotel from the 9th to the 22nd Feby. in the occasion of a distressed Ship on the Islands of Tory – named the Lisbon which vessel was waterlogged & abandoned in the early part of November 1852. do now add my testimony to the many numerous encomiums preceding – Having found it, clean & wholesome, with attentive servants & moderate charges, & with deserving the high encomiums already passed upon it

Thos Lowther
Halewood House
Near Liverpool

21 Feby 1853

I feel it a pleasure and a duty to add my testimony to the opinions so often expressed, that this Hotel is all that can be desired for comfort & hospitality, for which I am told we are entirely indebted to Lord Castlestewart, & he has set a laudable example to landed proprietors in Ireland "to go and do likewise"

25th Feby 1853

Clarence Terrace
Regents Park
London

Wm Carew Cox

I wonder reason it is that imposition never the proprietor of this establishment been so long without stating the fact that I have ever bestowed any other than what I ought have –

Jas. Mc Cullough

C. B. Flanagan
Ballycastle

Good Inn is, but words are wanted, but to say what, what a good Inn should be and is that.

12th March 1853

Forrightly

I would be certainly by Commission an act of injustice by omitting to state the fact and frequently in that this house is left I have been here one night and below embellishment I have never met with

Joseph Kennedy Dry

Not at all exaggerated as the accommodation

Dundrum 14th March 1853

Most pleased once participated with the Comforts of this Hotel

Wm Spence R.N. 14th March 1853

I feel it to be a pleasurable duty in being able to record my testimony of the very superior accommodation to be found at this Hotel.

14th March 1853

Visited the London Hotel in company with Mr. Mr Newman Mr. Newman & Miss Beale and Mr Lewis and Conducted Speech two Nights of the entertainment to the London Hotel offered

J. M. C. Colhoun

Mayo Milly April 4th 1853

It is scarcely fair to call this an hotel. I could not write bring myself to think it such – there one feels just at home, and nothing more tends to promote that feeling than the quiet unobtrusive manner of the servants, always at hand and contrasting so with the noisy "Coming" "Coming Sir" of your bustling waiter

Dublin April 1853

D. Ray L.L.B.

Permit, you sons of Celtic race, you children of the English stands,
Who wrote ~~respect~~ sharing of this place your praises down with skilful hands.
Permit a stranger of your tongue, to set with rather pittered pen
Some plain remarks on thoughts among the higher strains of witty men.
What though you ~~cultivation~~ blooming meadows sweet and growing cultivation deem,
While you in rocky mountains meet in barren plains and wilderness;
Yet is far greater the delight, an elevated noble mind,
Still manifest in actions bright, among indifference to find;
To soul of real worth aware, of dignity by godly birth,
Possessing fortune's splendid share and more distinction upon earth.
Such souls, indeed, as scripture says, are golden fruits in silver platter
If shining they with worldly rays, if noble rank them elevate.

April 16th 53.

H. Schmirch.

Mrs Fleming and myself have been highly gratified by our visit to the Furbire and much pleased with the comfort and accomodation the hotel afforded.

His
John X Fleming
Mark

Resident Magistrate

Furbire April 26. 1853.

May 3d.

C. W. Rothery. Grafton Hall. Cumberland
W. H. Simpson. London 21 Gloucester Place Portman Sq.
J. Law. Shelford. Cambridge Place.

Much pleased with the accommodation which this hotel affords. – The location is inclement – but the country is dreary.

W. H. Simpson 21 Gloucester Place Portman Square London.

Edwd Rice Cour Royal Kerry – June 16 1853 –

Very much pleased with the arrangements comfort & cleanliness of the Servants &c

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We have been much pleased with the comfort & attention at the hotel but have been disappointed, at finding that we cannot fish – for which we came

June 16

Elgeald

Maria

I am much pleased with the improved appearance of the country since my last visit so changed is the aspect of the neighbourhood surrounding the Hotel that we drove past it

June 16. 1853 J. Martin

I have remained at the Guidore Hotel for a week, & have found the accommodation excellent, & the attention of Mr Cunningham & his establishment unremitting. In this sentiment I am warmly joined by his friends from London, who arrived last night, & who, with myself, exceedingly regret being obliged to leave this part of the country to day.

C. Hartley

Edinburgh 17 June 1853.

From the 23rd to 25th June
Everything portable in keeping respectable as usual.

C. McCausland
Capt R.E.

S. A. Gillizon

Have omitted little thing my time limit to fourteen, to say, how much pleasure have been with the accommodation afforded at this hotel.

W. H. Wheatstone
C.S.S

Guidore
30th June 53.

Having passed a delightful day, among the wild, and exquisite scenery of the valley of the Clouny Burn beg to re and two nights at the Guidore Hotel where comfort, clean sheets, attention and every luxury (unexpected, and unlook'd for) in a district so remote are to be found; we desire to record our grateful sense of the same; and to say, that our regret at parting from Guidore, is greatly lessened by the hope that we may be permitted to enjoy the same pleasures again at no very distant period.

Mary Mansfield
Georgina Mansfield
Eliza Mansfield
Ralph Mansfield
Fred. S. Mansfield
Robt. R. Dobson
James Mansfield

Saturday July 9th 1853

Gentlemen

[redacted] the Lindley Murray

Return from a Guidore
Stroll not the garden of the mo
Gem in the desert what is that
My readers are beautiful, the trees
Wade rich them other climes feed

Would not this be a favourable country for Bees, & would they not increase the thrift of the cottages at a small outlay

1853
July 7

George S Gibson Saffron Walden
James S Tuke York

July 10. 53.

It is a sin & a shame to find so good an Inn in Ireland & not even trout fishing to be had

W. C

July 23rd.

Major Forrest
4th Dragoon Guards
Wm Forrest & Wm R. Penfold
stayed two days at this Hotel & found it extremely comfortable & the charges very moderate.

Martha La Vere Sproule
Mary A Sproule July 28th 1853

29 July. Spent three nights here and was quite pleased with the accommodation.

Edward Butler

4th July

I am delighted to see what has been done in this wilderness and I hope all landed proprietors, who shall visit this place will profit by the example of its noble proprietor

Francis McCleur
Presbyterian Minister

[illegible] may fairly set to guardian [illegible] say that the place much exceeds my expectation and produces exciting emotions it quite delights me to see an appearance so well for excellent [illegible] Dutton and Prodrick charges of the Hotel

Walter Wilson
Solicitor Dublin

August 3rd 1853

[illegible]

[illegible] country hotel [illegible] for the [illegible] Butler, Brandy & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

9th Augt 1853

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of nearly 8 years, [illegible] Lapsing. [illegible] [illegible] the interest that, what a revolution in most hearts of Ireland during that short period, alas, one finds [illegible] all things, a wonderful progress of improvement the transmission of lands seems to be the only thing that [illegible] appears, but the operation of time wholesome in rendering [illegible] proved, the Belfast Track promises to be one of the most [illegible] results of this interesting country and it is [illegible] to be hoped that the conversion of that [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] become [illegible] I hope it will be among least to establishments [illegible] the Belfast Promptness of Rathmullan. It is meant to be [illegible] that recent legislation changes have contributed [illegible] the bonamagement of a property which should [illegible] be [illegible] any [illegible] and it is hoped [illegible] the influence of these improvements will be [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible], will be therefore [illegible] the proposers of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of legitimate [illegible] of property [illegible] [illegible]

JMB

Lost.
A Sixpence on the 1st of August 1853 Any person finding the same may keep it

D M Gowan

Peoples heads are turned when they come into such a comfortable Inn as this in a Wilderness and they write nonsence on the spum of the moment Wm Smith Rumelton

Oh Billy from this boundless heart may light upon a quaver notes
Oh Billy - Billy
Sure for Joe Billy
J M Pitt

T. W. Jas Blake. Univ. Coll. Oxford.
Vernon Lushington Trin Coll. Cambridge
Godfrey Lushington. Ball. Coll. Oxford
stayed here nearly a month, & were extremely pleased with the attention & comfort which they met with in the Hotel. August 17th 1853.

I have great pleasure in recording my appreciation of the accomodation & attention of this Hotel

Greenore 17 August 1853 — Jas Taggart of Belfast S.M.

The Revd Dr Denham of Derry — the Revd Dr Hanna of Edinburgh and Mr Thomas Chalmers Hanna have very much to be satisfied with the accomodation & service of the Hotel at Greenore
23rd August 1853 —

* Nonsensical productions when properly spelt are decidedly more palatable than [illegible] diguant ignorant criticisms like Billy Smith's.
Does not Rumelton afford a pocket edition of Sullivan's Dictionary?

Here on the spot where this fair Mansion stands
Replete with comforts, raised by kindly hands,
Where all is clean and everything is good,
Where hunger's satisfied with wholesome food,
Where weary travellers at moderate price
Can get delicious beds, so clean and nice,
Where Host and Hostess and the serving Maid,
Anticipate each wish before 'tis made.
A few years since, where now this plenty reigns
Was one unvaried scene of rocks and plains.
As far as eye could reach, above, below,
In summer it was heath, in winter snow.
Shut in by mountains rugged bold and bare
No human steps were heard to echo there —
What magic wand this mighty change has wrought
And to a smiling plain this desert brought?
That wand was waved by one whose noble name
This honoured long has now gained lasting fame.
His talent time and wealth he freely spent,
And gained a blessing wherever he went.
In future years the name of Lord George Hill
Will cause each heart in Donegal to thrill,
From Aragil's proud height to Gumbey's Stone
Will bless the noble founder of Gweedore!!

Marianne Knight. Aug.st 24th 1853.

Aug.st 24. 1853.

Mr & Mrs Sloyd — Warwickshire
Major Hufland. Fahan House
Rev. Finlay Cliff. Fahan

Arrived at Gweedore yesterday Lord & We delighted, tho' sorely to prove to themselves very inconvenient to find the Hotel so crowded as to be unable to afford them accomodation in their ordinary rooms — they have to be proper their gratification at the attention they met with & the trouble taken to fit up a room for their comfort

May the efforts of the noble proprietor to benefit the people "go on and prosper". Amen.

August 14th 1853.

Comfort & cleanliness à l'ordinaire

Samuel S.

Aug.st 26. 1853

My daughters & I visit this Hotel & much pleased with the comfort & attention that we hope to return

Mrs. Blake
27 Eaton Bend

We regret much that our time has not permitted us to remain longer than one night at the Greenlaw Hotel where we have been most comfortably entertained.

We would most respectfully beg to call Lord George Hill's attention to the very defective manner in which the Mail Car from this to Castlewellan is at present horsed, a circumstance of which we feel persuaded his Lordship is not aware. The Horses are of the most miserable kind & when loaded as they were yesterday, it was really painful to sit in the Car. We once found disappointed at being unable to procure a Horse at the Hotel & take us on to Castlewellan by Dundrum, the only one except those for the Mail having been pre-engaged.

We have much still remaining satisfaction in leaving Greenlaw published by his Lordship - a copy of which we should have gladly treated & take with us, but regret to find it cannot be procured - We trust his Lordship will have another edition speedily brought out & we consider it a most interesting publication which should be more extensively known, as well as the magnificent situation, and commodious & comfortable nature of the Hotel - the only one we have met with in this County deserving the name.

28th August 1852 William Marshall M.R.I.A.E.
Belfast

To Mr. Mc Cullough Stringfellow Quay
Belfast.

Mr Wakefield from Warwickshire arrived here on Friday evening last and was much pleased with the cleanliness and accommodation of the House and the attention shewn to promote my comfort August 29 - 53

Being detained at Greenlaw during several days by continued rain we can testify to the extreme comfort of the Hotel and the excellence of the attendance. Lord George Hill has his best reward in the sight of the improvements to which he has given rise, and of the increased comfort and happiness providing among the inhabitants of these valleys.

Aug 30. 1853 Francis S. Powell Inner Temple.
Thos Wade Powell M.A. Trin. Coll. Cambridge

Mr. J. Daniell & Dr. Baird have had the pleasure of sleeping at the Greenlaw Hotel and cannot speak in terms of commendation sufficient to express their sense of the good treatment received by all connected with this excellent establishment.

Shewn round most of the grounds for my own part but have not the pleasure of attempting to pay a compliment to anything. The scenery is splendid. I am at a loss for words to express what I feel. My expectations having been far surpassed. The thanks attention of Lord George Hill is on this occasion shewn forgot.

J. O'Connor, Esq

Sept 6th 53 -

Guredore Hotel 31st August 1853

I arrived at this Hotel on the evening of the 29th inst and was not fortunate enough to procure a bed as every available spot had been previously occupied. Having partaken of supper, which was served in the usual comfortable style I was obliged to proceed to Maghracloghan a distance of three miles from bed and there slept at the house of Mr Hugh O'Donnell one of Lord George Hill's Tenants and am happy to be able here to testify to the cleanliness & comfort of the house and the civility and attention of the people, second only to this Hotel itself – this in my opinion is a telling fact which speaks volumes for the success of the exertions of Lord George Hill to improve the condition of his Tenantry –

Edward Murray

Grammarian and Lexicographer

Rev William Stewart of Ballyeglish, Stranorlar, Mr Henry William Stewart of Greenfield, Cavan West, and Mr John George Cunningham of Brunswick Place, Edinburgh arrived at the Guedore Hotel on the 31st of August 1853 the day of the consecration of the Burial ground of Ardmaghbrand the day of Bishop Singer's visit to Burnbeg; the night previous to the Consecration of Donlavey Church. Notwithstanding the crowded state of the house they were most comfortably accommodated

Sept 1st 1853

Sept 1st 1853

We have visited the Oasis of this romantic neighbourhood and feel extremely pleased with the accommodation of Gweedore Hotel – This delightful locality through the exertions of its noble Benefactor appears a real Eden here that a people once so neglected can be raised to a position of happiness and independence

W M Wrapler
Wm Cooke
J Martin
J. C. D
A. Johnston

Some writings have been seen on good
But some of them seemingly misunderstood
What with the fornication, theft & lying
good 2000 poor people from land hither flying

If they want to show their faith why not come to the Church
like Christians & not like Pagans in stone & mortar

The Bishop of Meath, Rev T Atkins of Kinnitta, and the Rev. Ralph B Parker, on a tour of information in the diocese of Raphoe passed a night & part of two days at the Gweedore Hotel, and on entering beg to express their perfect agreement with the testimony of former travellers, as to the neatness, cleanliness and accommodation of this establishment, enhanced by the natural loveliness of the spot and the wildness of its situation – But that astonishment & pleasure so vividly excited by the mind they found accompanied by Lord George Hill & the little boy Peter of Donegal, and the wonders thus accomplished by patient perseverance of past years – We view with feelings of satisfaction that they relate the records of country public history is that no infection of stockings prevailed with at the last visit to the cause Merchant who attended to purchase, and they contented on their return home, the indolent peasantry of Donegal relinquishment has prevailed in this district with the comfort afforded by the appearance of a ready cash for the produce of labour and the stimulus thereby given to industry – The general appearance of the people as well as of

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country, where the prospect of improvement, through the benevolent projects with the character of a benevolent community, encourages the application of similar measures, where with a confidence of similar results. This also shows that such individuals, with the other operations properly executed, other works? = The prosperity of ~~[illegible]~~ people. This is built upon a picture of prosperity, peace, those religious with commercial energy, it has spoken the country of State. We cannot omit an opportunity of expressing the beautiful climate of Dunkirk, built for the operation of Mr. Ruffalo of Dunkirk, behind the Buffalo back the Satisfaction of commerting. We cannot but have such idea concerning the flowing of the commercial population, the only point for instruction is this will be beautiful spot.

J. H. Marsh
William Atkins
Rev. Chas. Baker

This long may with visit to the Gueedone Hotel. I leave it with great regret James Hawes

Hotel Poultry Sept. 6th 1853

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

Having been here two nights, we have much pleasure in testifying to the cordiality and attention we received and to the excellent accomodation of this Hotel

Alex. Mylton M.D. L. Derry
Robt. Maxwell
Templemore

Sept. 12. 1853

With pleasure

Gueedone Hotel
Sept. 14th

We have much pleasure in adding our testimony to that of Mr. Hawes & others. Page 6, 52 must say it fully comes up to all he had heard of it

H. Hawes, D.D.S.L.
W. E. Hewett, L.R.C.S.I.

14th Sept. 53. Once more I have to add my testimony of the comfort and attention received at Gueedone Hotel

J. Harmon
Dublin

We shall now be able to do our friends at home a good turn by putting them up to visiting Gueedone

Sept. 14th 1853

Augt. Denham
Alfred S. Fletcher

On this my eighth visit to the Gweedore I found the Hotel had maintained its high character and I was much gratified to see the improvements which are carrying on by the Noble Proprietor, who has fitted up an excellent Barrack for the Party of Revenue Police with every regard for their comfort - Health and amusement.

C. MacPadhraic Capt.
R. C.
Gweedore 22nd Septr 1853

We have great pleasure in adding our Testimony to the very good attention & and comfort - received by us in the Gweedore Hotel it being the best we have met with in this county -

Gweedore Hotel Sept 24th 1853

Jas Dales West Gate
South Lincolnshire
England -

R. L. Dales
John Shuttleworth

Sept. 25th 1853
R. LaTourette London
J. LaTourette Letterkenny
Enjoyed everything very much
Thing are wonderful

Miss Annie Dixon, Horncastle.
Lincolnshire, England.
1st October 1853.

Spent Sunday the 2nd of October 1853 at the Gweedore Hotel with a very Enjoyable Party Consisting of Misses Matilda Miller Mrs Jas. Alexander and Misses Barbara & Miss Susan Stevenson We Came here late on Saturday Evening and found Every thing Comfortable and the people civil & attentive - In Short Every thing was good of its kind Except my

Wm Jetherwey Malin Head
Co Donegal

28th Oct 1853
Slept at the Gweedore Hotel. Much pleased with the comfort & attendance.

Wm Johnston
Belfast

Co Donegal
Slept a night at this Hotel and found everything very comfortable.

Our travellers are expected in December — now at Hotels more immediately "on the road" than this — Yet arriving with a friend, unexpectedly, yesterday to a plain, but remarkably well cooked dinner, was furnished in a creditably short time after, which a journey from Dunfermline enabled me to appreciate very highly and do justice to — The Bed rooms are comfortable, and the attendance excellent —

"Esto perpetua"

20th Decr 1853

John Clark
Charlwood Pl — Belgrave Road
London —

I have spent one night at the Gweedore Hotel and have found every comfort. I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the kindness experienced from the conductor of the Hotel.

4 January 1854

James A Johnston
Lowtherstown

This being my third visit to the far famed Gweedore, I consider it only justice to Lord Geo Hill to add my humble testimony to the comfort and excellent arrangements to be found here.

Jan 11th 1854

R Bowen East
London

I have spent one night at the Hotel and found perfect pleasure.

Jan 1st 1854 — Wm Cosmo Wood
[illegible]

I arrived at this Hotel about 5 O'Clock the evening after a long drive and in very disagreeable wet day when a large fire was got into the Room and in very short time, and also into my Bed Room every thing being made as comfortable as in my own Home. I have much pleasure in stating that I would not wish to stop in a more comfortable Hotel which can only be known to be appreciated at this season of the Year

Gweedore Hotel 22 Jany 1854

Thomas Wells
J Wheeler
Vera Good Thomas

Nothing can equal the excellent arrangements of this Hotel & reflects the greatest credit upon the Manager

[illegible]
[illegible] Lord Derby's Constituency
Glenties

Having often heard of the comfort & attention that travellers are entitled to, in this Case of the Least, and now having remained an evening & a night here, my great expectations are fully realised and can only agree with the unanimous opinion so often expressed in the preceding pages that for comfort & attention the Gweedore Hotel cannot be surpassed

8th March 1854

R A Ward
Hamilton

Sherriff [illegible] and T. Perrin visited Gweedore Hotel on the 20th March and found everything and everybody quite "stunning."

March 31 - This is the 2nd time that I have enjoyed the very great pleasure of a visit to Gweedore where the improvements are most striking, encouraging & deserved. G. J. H.

I have Visited Gweedoar Hotel I am most happy to say I find every comfort and they kindest attention that I have met with since in Ireland and there is great creadet due to the Hotel Lord for the good accomodation provided April 13.. 1854

George Pierce

George must have gone to School to the Society for the Confusion of Useful Knowledge

14th April 1854

We spent one night at this Hotel & for attention cleanliness & comfort it is unequalled. Few could the northern tourist have anticipated to offer such a comfortable Hotel situated in the midst of such a mountainous country [illegible] by far the most romantic plainly exhibiting to the tourist that there is no other County in the Emerald Isle that possesses such lots of romantic scenery. It might still have remained in a state ~~although at present~~ [illegible] which presented inducements to the traveller but no accomodation had not the enterprising spirit of the noble and generous hearted proprietor induced him to found such a comfortable abode for the weary traveller

Robt Hayes
J. Hayes
E. W. [illegible]
C. [illegible]

Professional duties having called me into the vicinity of Gweedore I am proud to join issue with the numerous testimonies already given in praise of the comfort, clean [illegible]

Past - Present - and Future (290a)

There was a wild & pathless waste
Untilled by man, untrod by baste
Where nothing was seen
Of corn or of green
And nothing was heard
But the wild sea-bird
Such was Gweedore, in days of yore.

There is a neat & nice hotel
Pleasant to view & furnished well
Where people may lunch
On mutton & Punch
And themselves amuse
With the daily news
Such is Gweedore in 54 -

A steamer from Glasgow, hot baths at Bunbeg
The dance & the dinner, the flowing keg
Officers very
Enchanting from Derry
The Ramelton bus
Transporting us
Such is in store for fair Gweedore.

[illegible] the visitor's garden

* neither cigars or intemperance liquors are kept

W. H. Gray
Engineer
W. Austell
Cornwall

[illegible] Mr and Mrs Perris arrived at Ennedone Hotel on the 20th March and found everything and everybody quite astonishing

March 31 - This is the 2nd time that I have enjoyed the very great pe[illegible] [illegible] where we are informed [illegible] & de[illegible]

I have [illegible] happy [illegible] and the [illegible] I have [illegible] and I have [illegible] Hotel [illegible] provid[illegible]

[illegible]

If for attention [illegible] comfort [illegible] country [illegible] to the tourist [illegible] persons [illegible] hotel [illegible] [illegible] not the enlivening spirit of the noble and generous hearted proprietor intend he to found such a comfortable stand for the [illegible] traveller

Robt Hayes
J. Hayes
C. W. [illegible]
C. [illegible]

Professional duties having called me into the vicinity of Greenore I am proud to join issue with the numerous testimonies already given in praise of the comfortable lines, and domestic character of Lord George Hills Hotel — His Lordship by the most laudable efforts of mind and great liberality has certainly rendered this neighbourhood a perfect paradise as compared with any other part of the county of Donegal, and this added to natural scenery of the most interesting kind cannot fail to afford a large store of pleasurable and scientific information to the students in Geology more especially.

My inspections in this respect have convinced me that much mineral wealth will shortly be laid open by the uncovering of Kieldrum and other veins at the foot of mighty Errigal, where the existence of lead in abundance and even gold are distinctly traceable — As I hope for a second order to his Lordships larder shortly I trust the keeper of the deals will not continue to denie the additional pleasure afforded by a good kaumak and a glass of nectar to beguile while enjoying the beauties of the setting sun in the visitors garden

* neither cigars or temperance liquors are kept

W. H. Gray
Engineer
Westerly
Cornwall

After a few days stay at Gweedore we have much pleasure in acknowledging the comfort and orderly arrangements of the Hotel. We have witnessed with much gratification the improvements effected by Lord Leitrim in this previously inaccessible district.

10th May 1854

S. Chevalier
late Hungary

Archibald M. Goddard
15 Middle Gardiner St Dublin

All who visit Gweedore should endeavour to guard the Hotel Proprietor that they may be able to form an idea of the inconvenience he has undergone while he seems only the anxious to increase the comfort of others.

J. Davis

An experience of nine years Mountain travelling in the West of Ireland, causes a high appreciation of the Comforts to be obtained at the Gweedore Hotel, such as it has never been my lot to meet with before, though the little Inn at Dugannon is an humble approach towards it.

The public spirited kindness of Lord Leitrim in providing such an oasis in the desert — "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" is well deserving of imitation by other proprietors of such favoured districts, & will repay them if only in immediate cash, in what is far more valuable, the gratitude & hearty good wishes of all respectable travellers. — A few "turbaned tourists" will

always be found to depreciate what they find away from home, in lieu to leave an impression of greater comfort which they do not enjoy there — and such people can enjoy nothing. —

May 10th 1854 Thos. W. Horsey Lieut RN.
Admiralty Yacht

The Hotel is deserving of all praise. I do not hesitate a single fault to find with it. — It is to be hoped that there are many such in the country & that Englishmen will not have to complain of want of comfort in travelling in Ireland. — Which, unknown the absence of stopping here in the extension the improvements in progress and Gweedore a guide, that the published accounts of them are not exaggerated. —

John Davy
of "Davy's Locker" Hotel

May 15th 1854 —

Fully concurring in Dr Davy's commentary upon the weighter matters of the line of progress at Gweedore I may add that I have taken some care in mind since, during the last two days of

that these days shall be marked in my calendar with a very white stone —

A Brannon

May 18. 1854

Having resided here since December/52 and now being in the eve of removal, I can't allow that departure to take place without expressing my very great thanks to Mr & Mrs Cummings for their constant attendance and kindness, but particularly last summer when I was very ill for some time, which I shall long remember.

The Gweedore Hotel in my opinion stands alone for that comfort and attention that can be wished, — grateful so perfectly at home under its roof, owing to the beauty of the system & perfect quietness of its management, so nicely carried on by Mr & Mrs C — which is much added to, by Mary, who is always at her post, no matter at what hour to give that attendance, which is not even day to be met with, and last, not least, old Aeley performs her part in a manner that would please the most delicate of appetites, — as I have said so much I dont think I can conclude without making a few remarks. if I may be so permitted by the Noble Originator of such an Establishment — If any person has a right to praise such. If one decidedly might to, as I have not only experienced the Comforts arising therefrom for 1 year and

a half, but have also received much kindness from his Lordship, which I trust he will allow me through this book to return him very great thanks for. —

I cant let this opportunity pass without referring to the very Excellent manner in which Lord George Hill has fitted up the Barrack for the Rev Police Party stationed here, over which I have had the Command for so many Months, no expence was spared by his Lordship to bring it to its present state, — however this is only in accordance with all the other undertakings on his Estate; would that every Property and tenant had in Ireland had such a Landlord, we should then soon see this Country in that flourishing Condition its so capable of.

Persons who are desirous of Causing such improvements might certainly visit Gweedore, so that they could see what has, and can be done, then if they are able anxious to take a leaf out of his Lordship's Book, should purchase a Copy of the "Facts from Gweedore" which will fully prove the results of Perseverance, in which Lord George Hill has been so ably carried out in by Mr Stewart who is not only a host in himself, but the life and soul of every place he is from whom I have also received the greatest attention and kindness which they will accept my sincere thanks for and I shall only repeat that written in Page 85.

"Long may he live to Crack a joke"

Alex

Hoping his Lordship will allow me to wish him every success and trusting that he may live long to enjoy his improvements and set such noble examples to his brother landlords I must now say farewell to Groeedore where I hope often to come to, and shall always look back on my residence in this neighbourhood as a most fortunate & very great pleasure indeed, having met with many kind friends. and passed such happy days.

H. Wood

Groeedore.
20th May 1854

May 25 1854. Dr M Cole Queens College Belfast
much pleased with the accommodation and service, and greatly delighted to notice the improvement wrought by Lord Clonbrie, which he was enabled to estimate by comparing or rather contrasting this portrait with other pieces through

James M Cole LLD

Having been staying here a few days I feel that I cannot depart without expressing the satisfaction I have experienced at the great attention, civility and comfort received during my stay and I hope to come again

Groeedore Hotel
3rd June 1854.

Thos Tallenor
Bath

Henry M Clapperton
Capt 2nd Dragoon Guards June 19th 54
to Inode from Monaghan

We have been at Groeedore for four days and found every thing very comfortable & attendance very good

E M Bristow

Groeedore Hotel 15 June 1854 John Stevenson Bro

Sylvan Briers
June 20th 1854. Capt 2nd Dragoon Guards
from Monaghan

The Groeedore Hotel maintains its high character for cleanliness, comfort and civility and I have again had the advantage of resting under its roof. Every my transit visit to there expense requires

A. Woodcock Col.

Groeedore
21st June 1854

Having arrived here today from Ballycastle with Mr & Mrs Alperts I cannot leave without expressing how deeply as a traveller I feel the comforts & attentive appointments of this hostelrie which I feel indebted to the hotel proprietor of whom & of the establishment as well as the internal decorations I have heard with much satisfaction from Lady Hamel & Mrs Alperts & have seen for ...

Sylvan Briers
Capt 2nd Dragoon Guards

N.B. Comfort Day. I figure the Protestant

[illegible] 22d 1854 [illegible]
Eight [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] attendance [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

June 26th 1854 Being on a visit to Ireland from the United States and hearing of the romantic beauty and grandeur of Glendalore and surrounding County, we availed ourselves of a favorable opportunity of visiting this part of Ireland and we are much pleased to see the improvements that have been made in reclaiming the wild land, and bettering the condition of the people of this wild region, we cheerfully acknowledge the gentlemanly conduct of Mr Cunningham the proprietor of the Glendalore Hotel, and approve of the general arrangements of said Hotel

Thos Mc Knight
New York
Martin McBride
New York

July 12th 1854

Remained at Glendalore Hotel one night with Gentlemen's party found everything comfortable as we could wish for

[illegible]

Mr & Mrs M. G. Lane & Miss Brooks have spent a night at the Glendalore and are much pleased with the Scenery & the comforts of the Hotel —
July 1854

Mr & Mrs George Calhoun & party visited this hotel on 18th July 1854 remained till 19th & found everything very comfortable —

We feel much pleasure in being able to add our testimony to the excellence of this Establishment —

July 21 – 1854

R Townsend — Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.
John R Dougherty — Tenny Hope — Carlin
Forbes — Corry

Having passed the first part of two days at the Glendalore Hotel we feel much pleasure in stating that we have found the accommodation good and we are satisfied with the attentive civility we have met with

Brutt R Porter F.T.C.D
& Lady

William Atthies Sparty

I have travelled various parts of Europe and comparing the order cleanliness & comforts of this Hotel with others which I visited on my travels I have no hesitation in giving a Plumper for the Glendalore Hotel. The wild and romantic scenery surrounding it contrasted so much with the improvements effected by the worthy Proprietor render it not only charming but salubrious. I shall fulfil my duty to my friends by inducing them to spend their participating in its enjoyments when I shall want to recover health or for a Honeymoon —

July 24th 1854 —

James O'Boyle M.D
Donegal

Gothenburg 27th July 1854

We have remained for some days at this Hotel and are highly pleased with the accomodation but time will not permit of our saying much as the Mail cannot be detained on any act.

James Boyle
Connolly S. Gage

Hotel, Gothenburg 28th July 1854

Before I take leave of this charming wild scene I cannot pass on without bearing my humble testimony to the admirable arrangements and excellent accommodation provided for all who may visit the Hotel for business or for pleasure, or for health. With the attention of the party, under whose immediate eye the whole is carried on, calls for the very entire approbation.

R. F. Pitcairn

29 July 1854

We remained here one night and were much pleased with our accommodation and the civility of the Host & Hostess

Mr Given
John Given
William Given

July 31st July - 1854 -
Mrs Aubrey — Mr & Mrs Mansfield Jun.
Capt. Dobson — The Misses Mansfield.

July 31 1854

It is now nine years since I visited this Hotel and am pleased to find that it not only retains but increases its former character for beauty of situation and comfort of its interior not changing but however I would prefer not visiting this locality during the reign of the Mosquitoes

The Right Honourable
Lord Bute

Mrs W. H. McCausland
a friend of the above

C. E. Gage 1854

August 2. my second visit to Swedone. I came yesterday with Lord & Hill Miss Hill, & Master Augustus — Every thing prospering & looking smiling & pleasant nice weather, no rain, plenty of midges, but back to them. Good bye to Swedone — W. Kingston

"Done what we could" never had a finer illustration than in the case of Lord George Hill towards his tenantry at Gweedore — The Hotel is always comfortable — the Host & Hostess invariably attentive & obliging

3rd August 1854

A. Gallaher
Dumfanaghy

Stroll Brighton Spring - 1856
Killyegnish & Kilmacrennan to visit
Mathew Stewart
the Plumbster lunch door & dead walls.

We & Mrs Lennon have much pleasure in adding their testimony to that of many others as to the comfort & cleanliness of the Hotel & the attention they received & deep sympathy for her sweet daughter Good Morning
Joseph Dickinson Liverpool & Rev. A.H. Same C. Worsfold
visited this day & were much gratified with what they saw
Gweedore Sept 1854

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the many who have visited this Hotel and surrounding country — and do think that only thing has been done by the Hotel Proprietors to make visitors happy — the Hotel is clean & the attendance excellent
+ Rob Fisher
+ a right decent fellow I travel the world
5-10-15 02-04 1857
I have found the accommodation as good as when I was last here & roughing it is to be had
N.C.

Oh! the happy fishers life,
It is the best of any;
It's full of pleasure void of strife,
And 'tis ~~the~~ beloved by many.

Skelton Bruce
Major 2nd Gn Guards
from Monaghan

The accommodation very good and most civilly treated by all parties
W. le Carte
Dublin
August 15th 1854

What a choice spirit of Scotty has crossed
There is mountain on mountain till mountains abound
Then Angle pass do formally bow
Disdaining to wear in the heart or his brow
That crown the fellow which crowned him his
Like wonderful bending to prove man high
But now as a storm is about to break
He dons a cap of Hearty Drake
— Tis a blind, and crushed his brow colour
Tis the only headdress he loves to wear
And here I can watch him with an Eolian
Crowned "dans l'état" of famed Gweedore
Where any comfort or rest, we find
And learning of each, of all, most kind.

Gweedore Hotel
1st August 1857

Robt A Taylor
Coleraine

From the effect of receiving visitors on an entire day the Sunday profanation in visiting Gweedore – in disturbing the peace of God's holy Sanctuary and fashionable sanctuary, and in supplying the necessary wants provided for the comfort of visitors – in all respects our anticipations were more than realized

Abraham Dawson, Curate of Christ Church, Belfast
John Thomas Smith Minister Letterkenny
W. Lenny Minister Letterkenny
John Pomeroy Clergyman

August 16. 1854 Archibald Thomas Kenny

The person, to whom this Estate has been confided by the Illustrious Dead, seems an honourable instrument for causing in due time the natural & spiritual "wilderness to blossom like the rose" it must be the wish & the prayer of every true Patriot, every real patriot that the dew of divine blessing may descend upon his exertions.

aug. 5th — Giraldus (Dunomain) Enggandromagh

August 10th 1854 –

Revisited the Gweedore Hotel & not find it, if possible better than it was this time last year

Sewell

Aug 20

Visited the Gweedore Hotel & found the accommodation very good, bottles very palatable

By Thomas Collins jun
Knockstrough

August 1854

George Lyon Springvale
Fine Scenery & Good
Hotel

Gweedore August 23rd 1854

In Company with some Members of my family who are amongst the best judges & greatest admirers of Nature's beauties, I have visited this interesting spot, for the purpose of viewing the Romantic Scenery of Donegal, and taking a glance at the far-famed improvements in progress at Gweedore Estate, under the auspices of its Noble Proprietor Lord George Hill. – We are requested by the Authorities of the Inn to express an opinion of its accompliments; we think they merit the reputation they have acquired: the sleeping accommodation is after first rate; the wines and brandy including of course the cookery, are excellent; the attendance is what it should be, respectful and active, quiet & unobtrusive: – as to the Scenery, it must speak for itself: in the sunshine it is beautiful, in the storm sublime. – Here I might, perhaps, to terminate my remarks; but, having read the Visitors book last evening for half an hour, I am stimulated by examples to do homage to the patriotism and enterprize of Lord George Hill, the distinguished owner of the Estate; an example which has decided me sanctioning from the remarks made in the first page by the Chief of the illustrious house to which the Noble Lord belongs. I have hastily observed the Kirk & Stores; the Cottages & Crofts, & the Schools the Chapels & the Church recently built upon the Estate contrasting its present state, with its primitive condition as detailed in the "facts from Gweedore", or even comparing it with many of the Mountain Properties in the Kingdom, the exertions of Lord George Hill are entitled to unqualified admiration. In the last Edition of the "Facts from Gweedore" it appears that Lord George Hill has been asked "Does it pay?" the question, though raised, is not answered in the book There are in the United Kingdom some Hundreds of thousands

thousands of Acres which by the application of Capital and enterprise in stimulating agriculture, manufacturing and commerce now yield a greater annual rent, than fifty years ago could have purchased the Fee simple of the Property. When an enlightened man, like Lord George Hill, prospering by hereditary right both rank and fortune, voluntarily became the purchaser of this vast Estate, presenting a field for the exercise rather of the duties, than the rights, of landlordism, he must have been influenced by a higher object than an immediate pecuniary return equal to his outlay. – Lord George must be honored as a Pioneer of Territorial & social improvement. By abolishing the rundale system, & improving the Cottages on his Estate he has taken the first step in Agricultural improvement; by the construction of a Port, & by the erection of Mills & Stores, & by giving encouragement to the Cultivation of Flax, he has planted the germ of Commerce and Manufactory; and, if his plans be carried into execution with the perseverance which his energy of character promises, they must be crowned with a successful result. Like many other benefactors of their race who have "cast their bread upon the waters" his Lordship's value of the life may not be postponed to the return; but this vast Territory like many others in this kingdom, now so rich & improving, may hereafter give to his Lordship's descendant a Title and a Territory worthy of the illustrious house from which he derives his rank. – I refrain from expressing here at length remarks that I have made upon the subjects of education and "Tenant right" in connexion with this Property; I shall prefer this to Lord George Hill on my return to London; I cannot however even allude to education as I have done in these remarks without deliberately an opinion I have so

often expressed that no system is calculated to fit the Children of Tenants to do their duty in that state of life to which it may please God to call them" unless it combines with mental instruction and religious teaching a certain amount of industrial training under competent supervision & control.

Lord & Lady Hamilton

Charles Pearson, of Guildhall, London

He found the accommodation & the bill quite satisfactory

Mr & Mrs Thos Pearson

Mr & Mrs Gabriel

Gos & Mags 5

Visited the Grosvenor Hotel for one week and found every thing very comfortable

Jas Edwards. Lt. H.E. 24/7/54

I have found everything & in the hotel & the attendance fortable, & the liberties to make an Ulsterman feel at home & at his ease, & they deserve a place & just a model.

Hon. Mrs J. C. Bredwick. Sydney

18th Augt. 1854.

I have found this to be a most comfortable and well-conducted Hotel. –

James Tilley

Belfast

I can say Lt Colonel

Robert Montgomery

Lisnaw

I have been some weeks here, & have been much pleased with the Hotel; & especially to find the waiting well done by a maid, instead of the usual boors of boys one meets

Aug. 27, 1854

George Hill

Gweedore Augt. 30 – 1854

Revisited the Hotel, and found the establishment conducted in the same orderly manner as on a late occasion when I was called on to express my opinion as to its merits. I leave it with regret, hoping without the hope of again being permitted to enjoy the many beauties, & unsurpassed comforts, of which it may justly boast.

R. F. Metcalfe

31st August & 1st & 2nd Sept. 1854

Having been at this Hotel on these days, I am happy to bear testimony to its continuing to support the high character which it has so deservedly acquired.

Fiant Spiers

1st Septr. 1854

After, but a very short stay at this very comfortable hotel, we have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the cleanliness, attention, comfort & civility we have experienced & we regret that we cannot make a longer stay.

Henry Wilde. Liverpool
J. Wilde
Peter Payson Tasson
Wm Thompson London.

4 Sept. 1854

We spent two nights in Gweedore & find much pleasure in recording our entire satisfaction with all the appointments of the Hotel.

Robert Knox – Belfast
Mr Arthur Kerr, Drum Mor
Wm Gilbert. Belfast
R. M. Smith Belfast

8th Sep 1854

We have been present at his Lordship's annual Show & were highly pleased with the exhibition at Bimbs. We would also express our admiration at the comfort, cleanliness & attention of the now justly celebrated Gweedore Hotel.

Charles Hunter
for self & friends
Newtownards

Saturday Sep. 9. 1854

This being my third visit to the Hotel I consider it just to state that in Ireland or England, have I felt so much at home as here. & I leave it with great regret.

Chas. Thos. London G. A. Gipson

15th Sept. 1854

We desire to express our gratitude for the kindness we received during our sojourn to the comforts of Glendore

Robert Fox, Wm. Wm. Belfast
A. Wm. Wm. Belfast Rom. London &c.

arrived last night from Killarney & found every thing at Glendore as before excellent – the host & hostess most obliging & forgetful of many civility & attention – Semper idem

Sept. 15th 1854. Henry Lefroy

Sept. 15th 1854

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the attention & comfort of the Glendore Hotel – J. Lisabe C.E.
B. Cornhill London & Belfast Rom.
Dragoll

I was very much pleased with the comfort & accommodation furnished at Glendore Hotel during my stay. Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham appear to me to have every quality requisite for managing such an establishment

Sept. 15th 1854. James Brown
Belfast

I have again as on former occasions met with much to please me at the Glendore & the accommodation at the Hotel continues fully in old & uniform character for civility, cleanliness, attention, & quiet order –
Sept. 15th 1854. R. Pearson –

We have just brought to a close the enjoyment of a most delightful excursion to Glendore, no small part of the pleasure of which we owe to the comforts of this Hotel. Some tourists no doubt praise because others have done so, but we give evidence of our sincerity by expressing our resolution of returning on the earliest opportunity for a another and longer visit.
N.B. They were returned.

Glendore 16 Sept. 1854

Robert Fox
Sperry
John Little
Ant. Black
George Wilde
Wm. Bluthwood

Very fine prospects & the roads made by Government
Cigars and tobacco

Sam Houghton – Dublin – 18th Sep 54
Exceedingly Comfortable
Sa. Cruickshanks Fraserburgh 2nd Sept 54

Am now, as on former visits, much pleased with this Hotel

Thomas Kirkpatrick, M.D.
Glenavin – Dublin

30th Sept. 54

Reginald Brattlebull Ayerson Oct. 6th 1854

Very much pleased with all I have seen here and particularly with the arrangements and comforts of the Gracedale Hotel –

We beg to state that we mutually delighted with our entertainment at this Hotel

Murrill Liverpool
L W Atkinson Northumberland
G W Dixon — do

19th October 1854

We have been much pleased with the great comfort and quiet we have enjoyed in this Hotel; the rooms are warm and comfortable, the grounds excellent and well dressed, and the attendance every thing that can be desired.

Thos R Merrill
Capt. R. G. & Major Londonderry
Wm Bell
Cambrinite do
W. Hastings
do

Well pleased with entertainment

Gracedale

I'm poor rhyme I
But wishful to try,
And gild up my note,
And thus humbly indite
A few words, not of Lore,
To the Host of Gracedale,

The benevolent mind,
Whose nature to kind,
For our wants in the Wilds
The way faring traveller,
That's tempted to roam
Will here find a home
With the Host of Gracedale

20th October 1854 L.W.

[redacted]

Scorge of the Sun Liverpool building at London 24, 54 from the Monument but it is very small 35,000 tons

William Cooper, Londonderry

[redacted]

Sept 20 - 56

Guidore li 11 di Gennaro
1855.

Noi ottimamente per strada da Cresloch donde partemmo stamane ed eravamo minacciati e nello stesso tempo pericolati colla smontata e passaggio del passo, quando ci si avvicinò al Monte di Argyl e la bella vallata di Donlangi ci congratulammo della nostra buona fortuna nell'essere alloggiati in questo bell'albergo, ove tutti i nostri bisogni erano soddisfatti. Perciò è nostro obbligato a poi registrare la nostra gratitudine al nobile proprietario di questo albergo e questo suolo, il quale non ha dimenticato il maggiore delle stesse fatiche nelle sue spese per ammigliorare la condizione de' suoi poveri dipendenti.

Il grande Iddio lo tenga salvo da ogni male e gli dia le più scelte sue grazie.

Andrea Ettorato Mac Glinn di Roma.
Bijn Sara Mac Glinn, di Nuova York.

"Cipri go brath"

Jacobus an Mha na nJaynap
— 1855 —

Tamord po japta leis an oiscaéra go.

Pharpre mac Lynnij } Cathleen Ó Lynnij
agus Sirjanna mac Lynnij } Gleannfinne —

P. S. — January 12th 1851 —

Last night we were the, alone, to express ourselves fortunate in meeting with such a comfortable hotel in this wild part of Donegal. This morning refreshed by a sound sleep on most comfortable beds we cannot leave without bearing testimony to the merits of the Hotel of Guidore. Through we have travelled several thousands of miles we have never slept on more comfortable beds, and we have been astonished at the kind and civil treatment we met with and prompt attendance of the Mary and the moderation of the Charges. May the hotel and its managers receive the patronage they so well deserve.

A. E. Mac Glynn
Patrick O' Lynch &c
et Infra.

We have enjoyed the Comforts of this Hotel for two days and as our duty obliged us to leave it the

Boundaries

mountains and the Flood for
many Leagues every day we
have felt mixed pleasure
for our return from the attention
we have received from the attentive
and we must add another word
for many she is really an
~~attentive~~ Civil 26 Feb 1855
two noisy swells { J. Barry
Edmond Dermot

We have heard a great deal about the comfort
of the Queenstown Hotel I can say nothing
more than what others have said before
the country is really grand and the
Hotel really comfortable
Rutland Hamilton

R P B D

I think it only fair that I should say to any
returning to Queenstown or Thurles (having
remained in the Queenstown Hotel for nearly
a week) by saying that the opinion I entertain
of comfort of this Hotel cannot be equalled
by that of any other in the Country. Indeed
the great civility, kindness & attention of Mrs
Wood & Miss Cox (not forgetting Mary "the
Maid of the Inn") make it a most desirable
residence for any person or persons. After
passing through this extensive world part
of the "Green Isle" I feel to pass a portion of
personal experience of their forbearance
& kindness will produce a most happy
change in the "Hotel Book" regarding
many to be being so unreasonable &
incapable of civilization April 1855
City of Dublin

Left Hotel quietness Hotel Much pleasure
and pleasure only stay very comfortable
Francis Cy Cory Dublin

Visitors Queenstown Hotel the comfort here is highly satisfactory
with the many comforts the Hotel seems so commended to
Edward Ryan of
Limerick
4 May 1855

After a period of nearly ten years. I have every reason to reiterate my Report of this Concern, when I visited it with a large Party in July 1846. Now from Mr Chambre 8th May 1855 –

I beg to say that the Hotel & its arrangements fully justify the saying what every one so often says – Liars to depict the truth is no sin

Quidor Hotel
9th May 1855

James Anderson Inch

I have found this to be a most comfortable & well conducted Hotel

Wm Thos Keppenne

9th May 1855

After a request both through the mountains was delightful & I find it a comfortable & pleasant Retreat

Edwd Ritter Colonel H.M. Ist Lord on Foot – Rifles

We were enchanted with the scenery among these Mountains, and ~~pleasingly~~ disappointed with the accommodations at the Quidor Hotel

William Harvey
Belfast

Quidor
28th May 1855

Sarah Hayes

Impudence and affectation,
Have disgraced this Blotted Book,
Blunders mixed with adulation,
All may see who outlook,
Still may view, still all slay
George Hill, brother of the same
If it were not too uncivil
I would wish them to the Devil

W O'Hanson
Belgrave

Mr Chambre has spent nearly a Week at Quidor, and has seemed to be satisfied with the Hotel in all respects. —

June 6th 1855. —

Not the least of many varied pleasures received with friends on this Excursion, was the refreshing and sweet repose I enjoyed in Quidor Hotel: may it long flourish and have many friends to experience its comforts: I leave with regret and look forward in hope to see it at a future period

Fred Holmes M.D. Dublin
8 June 1855

I can authorise to say the same for the comfort

Robert Andrew King
Holmes Gough
Jno Holmes Gough
Jas Bagnall Rathmelton
Wm Harvey Bagnall Rathmelton

Red R Holmes Co Antrim
David Brown Belfast
P Bagnall Rathmelton
Samuel G Bagnall Rathmelton

Stay of two nights at this Hotel, and received great civility, and I was exceedingly comfortable

A. Mould
N. Bedford Sept 20

Strangers from another land — two of them from the south of the Mississippi, who had stopped a few days in this delightful Country, visited this place after leaving the Hotel — They have found it a home away from home, quiet, comfortable & comfort

And we give utterance to our gratification at finding every where the evidence of improvement & growth, & comparing with the dreary time of 1844 & 45 that the life of the worthy landlord may long be spared — & that his work & labors of love may be abundantly rewarded —

James T. Marks
Annie A. Marks Lima Illinois U.S.
Richd P. White Philadelphia
Caroline E. White "

Having slept at Emerson Hotel one night We have found everything very comfortable and received every attention
Shirley 15th 1855

Richd H. Bowers
Wm Crosbie
[illegible]

Everything comfortable
Charles D. Rich 9th L^d
Captn John Boughton
C. J. Lloyd Brumwelly

[illegible] from going to the [illegible] in the [illegible] to [illegible]
July 17th 1855.

R. O. S. R.

On my way to Rogers last September in company with a travelling friend we stopped at this Hotel to have some refreshments, and was very agreeably disappointed to find it such a quiet and comfortable place. I have since then stopped frequently at the Gardner Hotel at least once a month, and always found every thing neat, orderly and comfortable.

Mr & Mrs Cunningham are always kind and courteous towards their guests. And so is many a very fine and obliging waiter

Charges are exceedingly moderate, compared with the comfortable accommodations —

Gardner Hotel
Sept 10th 1855

Chas M. Boyce
C. E.

Syracuse

On reading "Major Briscoe's lines page 315

Nay — the word of strife Dambris
Is the fishers life
It is not full of pleasure
For a shower of rain
He will sigh in vain
And murmur without measure

Oft speeds he his way
On a summers day
From one fair cast to another
The waters are bright
The breezes are light
And he votes it all a bother

Tho in vain he tries
His varieties flies
The fish they only frighten
While the midges bite
With the direst spite
And worst his cares to lighten

He quits in despair
A country so fair
Graced by the mountain range
And swears that the life
The his word of strife
Is not one formed to please

N. Corbin

This is my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel, and it gives me pleasure to state, that, the accommodation, and attention received ~~exceed~~ have exceeded my most sanguine expectations.

George Hodie L.L.D.
Augt 14th 1855 Ramelton.

— " —

I can certify that myself, and Rose, are much improved. I feel elevated in spirits by the entertainment received at this Establishment.

Henry Evans R.
14th August 1855. Inspector of Baths English Lake

— " — " —

20th August 1855 I have been stopping at this Hotel for the last two days. and I can say that every thing has been most desirable and comfortable & the attendance excellent

John Lindsay
of Londonderry

21st August This is my first visit to the Gweedore Hotel and I can say that I have met with every Comfort, and I find every thing Comfortable

Miss Dobbs Sent^d Glen House

Mr & Mrs Murray & Miss Alexander Visited the Gweedore Hotel on the 23rd Aug^t & were much pleased with the service & the accommodation was in every respect comfortable —

Hotel 23 Augt 1855 —

This is my 5th 6th & 7th visit to Gweedore. that is fact

Henry Jenkins Esq
26 August 1855

Every comfort & every attention that can reasonably be expected by any sportsman is to be found in this Hotel.

Wm Hale Bingham Suffolk
Geo. Ed. Jenor Shirley Park Surrey
John L. Owen Belmont Surrey

Aug 26.55

Having, accompanied by three sporting friends, for the first time visited this part of Ireland, we have stayed for the last six days at the Gweedore Hotel where we have found every Comfort and Attention that we could have expected at home — in consequence of the Hotel Superintendent has visited with his improvements at Kilmacrennan and at Letterkenny, and next to from a motive of his the enterprise & efforts was an recreation to see such efforts, so far, crowned with the success they so well merit. It looks as if the Country is at last nearly brought to a close, & regret to see a fine Harbor connected with Ireland Rendered useless — but the residents of the district, at least, aware of the benefits by a Railway, the Comforts of the Hotel, & the facility of communication either by Railway or Steamer, they would surely become more frequent visitors this picturesque region & when they indulge upon it

Grey Stone
Cum Ale Combe Devon
29 August 1855.

having visited Gweedore in 1847, I do very glad that I have an opportunity of doing so again at this time – I found the Hotel as before most comfortable, affording the pleasure of being well acquainted with the Proprietor, I was much gratified to find that his estate was greatly improved since my first visit – I hope that success may still attend his exertions, directed as they are to the general improvement, & amelioration of his poor fellow-men

Augt 31 – 1855 – – Frederick Lanton –

This is my fourth visit to the Gweedore and I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the comfort, cleanliness and civility experienced at this excellent Hotel, where I was also fortunate enough to meet the benevolent hospitable Proprietor.

A. Macdonald Mc Gee
7th September 1855

I have visited Gweedore for the first time and passed two such agreeable days I hope soon to visit it again, the attendance was everything which could be wished

A J Wallace
8 September 1855

I say ditto. Marsh
J Donnelly
10th Septr 1855

C. I have been frequently at this Hotel and at all times found it every thing I could wish. I now leave it with regret.

S Markall
(of course he is a) Miser –

I have visited various Countries, & never found a more quiet & comfortable resting place
10 Sept. 1855 Peter L Hoffey

Andrew Carey of Dublin, & Wm Mongahan of Belfast, having come to Gweedore "by chance", being "happy as themselves", have found, first "Lemons in the Stores", at least good – every thing. 10th Sept 1855.
Wm H Sproull –
Witness present A. Carey

George Eyre of King Edward St. London leaves the Gweedore Hotel with great regret after a sojourn of five days and his fourth visit –
Sep. 12. 1855

Gweedore Hotel ~~July~~ Sep 1855
After 8 days stay here I could have wished to have been here many more. I have made nine visits to these regions
James Hamer
10 Gt Poultry London

Mr. & I Hervey & I have found this Hotel very comfortable in every respect
September 12th 1855 –
Felton & F W Hervey

1855 Geo. & Beauchamp & S. Pell &
& C. Pell Wife — Sept. 12 1855
Very much pleased with the Scenery & Hotel at Guidore
14 Sept. No scene in Ireland seems to be more gratifying to a well wisher of that fine country than the present aspect of Guweedore, moral, social, & agricultural, owing to the, as judicious, as good & conciliatory arrangements of Lord George Hill —
The Hotel much comfortable
Thos Howard

21st Sept. — I have found the Hotel very Comfortable
Frank Wilkinson

22nd Sept. — Great civility, attention & comfort
D. Walker

22 Sept. R. E. & J. B. passed part of three days in this Hotel & are well pleased with its arrangements & the attention they received

23 Sept. We being the second Visit to this Great and Comfortable Hotel I have to repeat the Accommodations for Travellers it cannot be excelled and its Comfort as much contributed to by the prompt Attention of its Host
D. G.

My child first has become quite young. Some I have been of and praise to the times to come back once more to this Hotel. where I enjoyed so many fine dinners for hungry Ladies & Gentlemen and on sight of this place Mr & Mrs Cunning been with children, looking so well and the fine little Baby God bless her. Many times we have cast glances

1855 This is our first visit to the Guweedore Hotel the transport which we have received from the attention & accommodation we have received
25/9/55.
Wm. H. Stewart

27 Sept. I have been very agreeably surprised by a visit to this part of the Country, & during a sojourn here of ten days, have felt quite at home, deriving a lasting pleasure from all I have seen & experienced — the facility which exists of reaching & returning from the Hotel is not I think sufficiently known —
John Stewart
12 Fleet St Dublin

Have spent the past 8 days at Guweedore Hotel and in that time have seen a great deal of the country and the people and with much pleasure observe the steady progress of improvement in both of which I have from time to time had opportunities of judging since the time Lord G. Hill first undertook the Herculean labour of raising the country from a state of misery poverty and degradation which for travellers who now see the place for the first time can form an idea at the Hotel "Thus treated me, lodged me, breakfasted, dined me, supped me, pampered me & paralyzed me" in a superior manner.
Thos. H. Murray
Kanawha

to try which [illegible] shall [illegible]

Sept. 27th. We have spent a day in this beautiful spot & found it very pleasant & comfortable. — Wm. A. Pickett. Wishes to be remembered to Robert.

Once again I have had the pleasure of returning to Gweedore, where I passed many a happy day, and am delighted to see that the Hotel still maintains that high character which it so richly deserves. — I have experienced much kindness from Mr & Mrs Cunningham during my first day's stay. Everything as usual the same active, and quiet way of attendance in getting through an immensity of work. — It was an unexpected pleasure meeting my old friend Neley, who like myself, now subscribes her name amongst the testifyers. —

30 Sept. 1855. — Atlewood

Clean but uncomfortable

Being on the eve of leaving I can't allow that departure to take place without expressing my thanks to Mr & Mrs Cunningham for their constant attention and kindness during my residence here, which was so well carried out by Mary who deserves credit for her exertions to make every person feel being more in their own home.

30th September 1855. Wm. Lawson Tyrell

He who has travelled life's dull round
Whose days have been
Marked with all that's dear to be found
The very best we can in an Inn

Now this proves true as we perused this
Little hilly country around Gweedore
Both cold and wet we made a week
A. 55. October 4

Wm. Mary and Jane

I have often heard of the Comfort of Gweedore Hotel but the reality of it has far surpassed my most quite sanguine expectation

Agnes B. Moy
Mary Johnston
A. Jeffs Glass
Effie H. Jeffs
Fritz Ella Glass
Mrs & Mary
[illegible]

A very pleasing place.
Thomas Milton Underwood

Nov 30th 1855 (330)

Farewell to thee far-famed Gweedore
I never again thy face before,
Yet hopefully I of happy mem-
If ever I see thy face again

S. D. M. D.

Et bij ma toute belle!
Par quel heureux hasard
Dans ces lieux, quand il pelle
Te voyons nous si tard?

Je venis to Lunière,
Rentrer ici l'hotel.
Et to jour fortune
Plus jamais que le mal

Le 13 Decembre '55

Et bij ma toute belle!
Par quel heureux hasard
Dans ces lieux, quand il pelle,
"Te voyons nous si tard".
Je venis to Lumière,
Rentrer ici l'hotel.
Et to jour fortune
Plus jamais que le mal

V. A. L. J. R.

Three weeks business and consequence has induced my staying at this Hotel, and I have much pleasure in expressing my thanks to its managers Mr & Mrs Cummins, who have mainly contributed to all its homely comforts, and the respectful and thoughtful attentions of little Mary to every visitor can never be forgot by those who experience it.

Nov. 14. 1855. S. O.

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9th January 1856

Being my first visit here I am much pleased with the Hotel and the surrounding scenery

George Cocks Junior
Hamilton

On the lofty dark Mountains rugged brow
Where the brown Heath waves and grey Rocks rise
Where the soil never yields to plough share bright
Nor waving Corn ever gladdens the sight
But dreary desolation, met the Tourists eyes
A once lonely lake where the mountain stream flows
Surrounded by bleak brown Hill and dell
Now presents a Home where the weary can repose
Where the summer seat of Comfort in depth of winter glows
The deservedly "far famed" Gweedore Hotel (the mention!)
All attention that the homeless stranger can wish
Is paid in the treatment he here receives
The cheerful fire and the soft warm bed
And the generous table so kindly spread
That he is in an Inn he scarcely believes
Large indeed was the mind that drew the plan
And strength of moral courage executed it well
A Benefit great is conferr'd on Man
Arise ye Lordlings and eclipse if you can
The bright rays reflected by Gweedore Hotel

Archibald Livingstone
of Dunfermoyle

Janry 10th 1856

Chief of Indian forth

An excellent Hotel, every Comfort that a traveller can desire – obliging proprietors attentive servants the Comforts of "home" and springing up in the midst of a Ocean

The Hotel is Architectural, was Congratulate in every way and its attendance by strangers unrivalled

S J Jennings 1867

Finis is a wonderful author for his name is at the bottom of most books. He is nearly as good as Anon

Appendix & Addenda

This is a superlatively good Hotel and situated as it is amongst the wildest & most romantic scenery of the Donegal Coast, it "astonishes & astounds" the visitor & with its complete arrangements its comfort & its architectural beauty makes one almost believe in a supernatural agency & looks as if its monarch of the mountains had descended from his regal seat to divide amongst men Hamet for freedom.

An Englishman & a Dane.

Did your Scotch ancestors come over in the Celtic?

Sir an ex from Gweedore, should be off here before Mayo & then see it again

[illegible] & Lady Hill & home bought with the [illegible] to repair

of poetry & prose & all that sort of thing
There lots in this book, perhaps not all true
But faith, I'm inclined thus morning to think
the book in the face on the folly of people
If people are pleased with the things that they find
In the General on Hotel let them come back again
And when he said George that they'd come expecting
At the length of their purse, the high charge for board
If they've been sadded in Clare, with the taste of a Count
To come in a place like this and with this book
The tale of their expense was sad reminds of boat
So sick of the water, mamma was a Coffin

Sophie Hill

I have been particularly charmed with the many specimens of the fertile & powerful Irish genius so plentifully afforded in this book by it's ingenuous sons and daughters. Before leaving this admirable Hotel I wish to offer up an earnest prayer – it is that the people who visit it hereafter may exceed in wisdom their predecessors. Amen.

The above is really good but he should not write English should write Gaelic and write Irish or French

Sophie

We have been and each visit we pass
fresh pleasure, leaving pleasing memories
which can only leave when forgotten
and like the backgroundfabric of a vision
not a week behind.

W. Talbot.
Pittsfield

Mrs. P. H. Johnson found this house comfortable
[illegible]
Rev. E. W. Root
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

L. Chamberlin
Ward 18, 1858.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the very superior accomodations to be met with in this hotel, and as I have been in the habit of visiting here occasionally during the past seven years I can from experience assure any person who has a taste for a comfortable bed a good dinner and a pretty girl to wait upon them that Lenox is the spot. It may be years before I can visit the place again and that that is [illegible]