

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
HEADQUARTERS FENIAN BROTHERHOOD, }

NEW YORK, January 8, 1865.

BROTHERS—In accordance with a resolution, passed by the Representatives of the Fenian Brotherhood of America, in Convention assembled, appointing a Finance Committee to examine the books and papers of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Fenian Brotherhood, B. Doran Killian, and of the late Treasurer, P. O'Rourke, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the statements made by certain members of the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood against Mr. Killian, Secretary of the Treasury of the Fenian Brotherhood, and Col. O'Mahony, President of the Fenian Brotherhood, for malfeasance in office, and unnecessary and wasteful expenditures of the funds of the Fenian Brotherhood, upon which they, certain members of the Senate, grounded their late action of deposing Col. O'Mahony and Killian be correct, and with a view of presenting to the Brotherhood of America a correct statement of facts, the said Finance Committee entered upon their duties at 12 P. M., of the 6th instant, and have the honor of submitting, as the result of their investigation, the following

## REPORT:

### EXAMINATION OF MR. KILLIAN'S BOOKS.

B. Doran Killian entered upon his duties as Secretary of the Treasury of the Fenian Brotherhood, October 30, 1865.



Amount of ascertained balance in the hands of Mr. P. O'Rourke, late Treasurer of the Fenian Brotherhood, October 30, 1865.....\$75,389 26

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 30, 1865, TO JANUARY 6, 1866.

Dues and final call in currency.....	\$58,439 31
Dues and final call in gold.....	14,138 64
Premium on sale of gold.....	2,761 18
Gain on purchase and sale of gold.....	163 98
Sale of bonds in currency.....	40 00
Sale of bonds in gold.....	20 00
Amount returned to Acting Treasurer by W. R. Roberts, November 16, 1865, on account of transaction in purchase of draft on Paris, September 10, 1865.....	2,256 40
Received from P. O'Rourke, late Treasurer..	70,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$147,819 51</u>

EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 30, 1865, TO JANUARY 6, 1866.

I. R. B. and envoys. <i>Mitchell principally</i>	\$62,567 42
Suspense (rent of Headquarters and deposit),	22,136 25
Furniture .....	2,608 32
Gas fixtures, plumbing, flag-staff, &c.....	1,203 66
Old claims.....	6,178 74
Organizing .....	1,899 69
Printing and stationery.....	1,882 44
Secret service.....	470 00
Special appropriation.....	2,222 00
Special appropriation (gold).....	625 00
Postage.....	765 00
Salaries of officers, clerks, and other employes,	2,496 39
Carried forward.....	<u>\$105,054 91</u>



Brought forward.....	\$105,054 91
Secretary-of-War (to General Sweeney).....	5,600 00
Preparing bonds.....	511 30
Paid I. R. B. refugees.....	870 70
Expenses of Military Board.....	312 30
Senate expenses.....	215 00
Incidental expenses.....	2,008 93

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\$114,573 14

Expenses from January 1 to January 6, as per vouchers.....	2,146 64
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Total..... \$116,719 78

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Total receipts.....\$147,819 51

Total expenditures..... 116,719 78

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Amount due from Acting Treasurer,

January 6, 1866.....\$31,099 73

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This balance (\$31,099.73) by inspection of the Committee, is accounted for as follows :

Gold deposits,* as shown by bank-book.....	\$7,743 39
Currency deposits ".....	10,563 24
Cash and drafts on hand.....	3,036 69

Drafts abstracted by P. O'Rourke, and which the  
following letter will explain..... 9,756 41

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\$31,099 73

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\* All the gold received was from the Department of California.



## HEADQUARTERS FENIAN BROTHERHOOD,

NEW YORK, January 6, 1866.

*The Editor of the Daily News :*

SIR—Permit me to lay a few facts before the public in reference to Mr. P. O'Rourke's statement which appears in this day's Daily News. They are as follows: Some three weeks previous to the illegal sitting of the Senate I called on the above-named O'Rourke, with about thirteen hundred dollars of drafts belonging to the Fenian Brotherhood, which had been forwarded to our Post-office box, and made payable to him, according to instructions from Headquarters when he was Treasurer. I handed him the drafts with the understanding that he should cash them for me the following morning, but he declined doing so, and held them for nearly two weeks, notwithstanding that I called on him several times for the amount. He then learned from me that over eight thousand dollars of the Fenian Brotherhood money in similar drafts had in the interim accumulated in my possession as Acting Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, at Headquarters, whereupon he thought he would try a "sprat," so he cheerfully paid me over the first-mentioned amount, and stated at the same time that he would cash all the drafts in my possession, if I brought them to him at one o'clock that day. I brought them down accordingly, and told him that I had positive orders not to leave the drafts with him if he did not cash them instantly. He then said to me that he could not cash them while they were in my possession. I then said I would take his word, which he gave me, to pay me the amount of the drafts without delay. He then took them up stairs to the Tribune safe and returned in a few minutes, and said to me that it would be impossible for him to get them cashed that day, and assured me that he would give me the amount of the drafts the following morning, at



ten o'clock, but he did not keep his word, and he still holds the money and the drafts.

Respectfully yours,

W. F. MEEHAN,

*Assistant Treasurer, Fenian Brotherhood.*

The following letters were furnished the Committee by Mr. Killian, in vindication of his conduct in not submitting for inspection the books of his department to Messrs. Meehan, Gibbons, and O'Rourke, of the Senate:

FENIAN BROTHERHOOD, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }  
No. 32 EAST SEVENTEENTH STREET, UNION SQUARE, }

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., December 6, 1865.

MR. PRESIDENT—Having no copy certified or uncertified of the proceedings of the late session of the Senate in my possession, I am not acquainted with the names of that body's Standing Committees. Oblige me by stating whether or not Messrs. Meehan, Gibbons, and O'Rourke be such Committee, and worthy of respect and confidence as such.

Respectfully yours,

B. DORAN KILLIAN,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

JOHN O'MAHONY,

*President of the Fenian Brotherhood.*

I certify that Mr. Killian presented the within letter opened, to Mr. P. J. Meehan, in my presence, and in the presence of Messrs. Gibbons, Roberts, and Bannon.

THOS. MULCAHY,

*Member of Military Board.*

December 8, 1865.

HEADQUARTERS FENIAN BROTHERHOOD, }  
December 7, 1865. }

B. DORAN KILLIAN, Esq.,

*Secretary of the Treasury, Fenian Brotherhood.*

SIR—In reply to your communication of this date, I have to inform you that I do not consider the gentlemen named



therein to be proper parties to inspect the private affairs and financial resources of the Fenian Brotherhood, for the following reasons :

1st. Mr. Meehan stands accused, by *three of the highest officials* of the Irish Republic, with being the *primary*, if not the *sole*, cause of the recent arrests in Ireland.

2d. Mr. O'Rourke's financial accounts, as late Treasurer of the Fenian Brotherhood, are not yet cleared up satisfactorily, while he refuses to submit his bank-books to inspection.

3d. I have seen the names of all three in connection with an illegal and unconstitutional session of the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood, said to be now held in this city. For the latter reason, as for the former, you will pay no attention to the demands of these gentlemen, who, with their associates in illegality, are obviously conspiring the disruption, if not the destruction, of the Fenian Brotherhood.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN O'MAHONY,

*President of the Fenian Brotherhood.*

I certify that Mr. Killian presented the within letter, opened, to Mr. P. J. Meehan, in my presence, and in the presence of Messrs. Gibbons, Roberts, and Bannon.

THOS. MULCAHY,

*Member of Military Board.*

December 8, 1865.

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HEADQUARTERS F. B., TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }  
NEW YORK, Dec. 6, 1865. }

P. J. MEEHAN, JAMES GIBBONS, P. O'ROURKE: NT, }

GENTLEMEN—I have asked the President to furnish me a list of the Standing Committees of the Senate, as shown by



the record in his possession, and shall inform you of the result of my inquiry at the earliest occasion. As stated in conversation, I shall be most happy, when officially informed of the Senate's Standing Committees, to furnish all information in my possession or control to all or any of them ; which information, by the way, is peculiarly interesting, not merely as relating to the past eight weeks of my stewardship, but in the unsettled business of my financial predecessors. Honest men, sincerely desirous of full information, and unbiased, will be instructed thereby.

Respectfully,

B. DORAN KILLIAN,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

I certify that Mr. Killian presented the within letter opened, to Mr. P. J. Meehan, in my presence, and in the presence of Messrs. Gibbons, Roberts, and Bannon,

THOS. MULCAHY,

*Member of Military Board.*

December 8, 1865.

HEADQUARTERS F. B., New York, }  
December 7, 1865. }

B. DORAN KILLIAN, Esq., *Secretary of the Treasury F. B. :*

SIR—Pending the illegal and unconstitutional session of the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood, now said to be held in this city, you will respect no orders emanating therefrom, nor allow your subordinates to respect them, on pain of suspension. I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN O'MAHONY,

*President of the F. B.*

In relation to the bill of exchange for £3,163 5s. 4d., (\$60,000), bought for Mr. Mitchell, your Committee examined



Mr. Baker, through whom the transaction was made, and in behalf of Mr. Spillessy who stated, under oath, that the current rate on the day the exchange was purchased was \$7.41 per pound sterling while he, Baker, was compelled to furnish the amount at \$7.35 per pound sterling, by reason of a prior understanding with Mr. Killian for that rate. Your Committee are satisfied from the evidence given that a gain of \$485.89 was made by the arrangement over what the same amount could have been purchased for at current rates of that day.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to say that, after a careful and thorough examination of the books and vouchers of the Secretary of the Treasury, they have found them in every respect strictly correct, and systematically and admirably kept. The charge of extravagance made against the President and Secretary of the Treasury is so silly and unfounded, in the estimation of your Committee, that it scarcely deserves to be mentioned in this report. The only amounts not satisfactorily explained and accounted for are \$5,600 paid to Gen. Sweeney, and some few special appropriations of small amounts made by the Senate.

(Signed)

Henry E. Hand,  
 Denis O'Gorman,  
 Thomas Ward,  
 M. Lynch,  
 William J. Kearns,  
 J. Austen Stewart,  
 J. Kavanagh,  
 John McGrath,  
 John N. Hayes,  
 Martin Fitzgerald,

M. E. O'Brien,  
 John McKenna,  
 Daniel C. O'Sullivan,  
 William Fitzgerald,  
 Dennis Nolan,  
 Thomas Kerns,  
 Michael D. Hickey,  
 Edward Riley,  
 H. M. Dougherty,  
 Thomas F. Leonard,

*Finance Committee.*

EDWARD CARROLL,

*Chairman of Committee.*

D. F. KELLEHER,

*Secretary.*



NEW YORK, 16TH DECEMBER, 1865.

## BROTHERS, BEWARE!

### General Order, No. 1.—(NEW SERIES.)

Orders on Military affairs of the Brotherhood will be disregarded, if not approved by the undersigned.

JOHN O'MAHONY, *President Fenian Brotherhood.*

### Head-Quarters, Fenian Brotherhood,

NEW YORK, December 18, 1865.

#### GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

Brigadier General F. F. Millen, having arrived at these Head Quarters—*directly from the Central Executive in Ireland*, under orders to report here, and to organize, equip, and command the first *expedition* for Ireland; the said officer, having further made his report and assumed the duties to which he is assigned, it is hereby ordered that General Millen be recognized by all the Circles and Fenian Authorities in America, as the Chief of the Irish *expedition* now about to be fitted out and despatched, and that all orders from the Head Quarters of the above named General Officer be implicitly and punctually obeyed by the Fenian Authorities to whom they may be directed when approved by the undersigned.

JOHN O'MAHONY, *President Fenian Brotherhood.*

### Head-Quarters, Expeditionary Bureau,

#### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I.—Under orders from the Irish Executive and the President of the Fenian Brotherhood in America; I have this day assumed command of the *expedition* now about to be fitted out as quickly as possible for *England*.

Well knowing the grave responsibilities of such an important command at such a critical period of our history, I take it upon myself, under the belief and conviction, that my efforts to discharge my duties to my country, will be well and loyally seconded by each and every patriotic Irishman in the ranks of the Fenian Brotherhood. With your assistance the great end for which we all are united shall be speedily accomplished, and the banners of the Irish Republic will soon wave from every hill-top of our dear native land.

I look for your earnest co-operation and support in the discharge of my duties, and know that I shall not be disappointed.

Remember the eyes of the world are upon you, and that "Now, or NEVER" is the word.

II.—The various Circles composing the Fenian Brotherhood, will send to these Head-Quarters, without delay, a correct and detailed list of all such officers and men in the several Circles, who are willing to volunteer for service when called upon.

Understanding that the lists now called for, have been formally made out and forwarded to the Head-Quarters, Fenian Brotherhood, which lists are not available for present use, I trust, that the circumstances under which I issue this order will warrant the extra trouble to which the Circles are now put in again making them out.

F. F. MILLEN, *Brig-Gen'l, I. R. A.*

*Approved,*

JOHN O'MAHONY, *Pres't Fenian Brotherhood.*