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O' D O N N E L L, Thomas.

O'DONNELL. Thomas. Kilcreevin, Co. Sligo.
Mahanagh, Boyle, Co. Sligo. (P.A.102/13/1).

Description:- Height 6'1". Mole on right cheek. Brown eyes. Fresh complexion. Regular nose. Brown hair. Clean shaven. Sligo accent. (IX/0105 4-10-21).

Age, 45. (1921).

Occupation, Teacher and Farmer.

ELECTED SINN FEIN M.P. FOR SLIGO AND MAYO EAST? MAY 1921.

Black List Noss 1769, 629.

Adjutant, 6th Battalion, Sligo Brigade.

Lieut, Sligo Brogade. (Ref. E. 5th Div. letter B.1196/67 G. 14-5-21).

Late Professor, St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen.

President of Sligo County Council.

President of South Sligo Sinn Fein Executive.

Is an Organiser, and takes a leading part in the Sinn Fein Movement.

Was convicted of unlawful assembly, and of collecting for the Dail Eireann Loan on 12th October 1919. Sentenced at Sligo on 7-11-19 to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Went "on the run" in 1921.

Since the Truce he addressed a large public Sinn Fein Meeting at Grange, Co. Sligo on 16-10-21. He advised Sinn Feiners to keep together in order to show the London Conference that they had the support of the Country.

At a Meeting of the Sligo County Council, was elected Representative of the Minister for Home Affairs. (IX/0359 and ?IX/0354).

Voted in favour of ratification of the Treaty on 7th January 1922.

*Re-nominated as Pro-Treaty candidate to contest for his present constituency, in elections June 1922.
Elected member of 3rd Dail.*

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EXTRACT FROM INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM LOCAL
CENTRE, ATHLONE, FOR PERIOD ENDING 22.10.21.

Co. SLIGO.

Some stormy and exciting scenes were witnessed at the meeting of the Sligo County Council on the 15th. October, 1921. Heated discussions arose about the election of Rate Collectors. The Chairman of the Council was accused by Mr. BRENNAN, (Vice-Comdt. 6th. Tubbercurry Batt. Sligo Bde. I.R.A.) of interfering with the administrative rights of the Republican Army. He, in turn, was accused by the Chairman of interfering with the affairs of the Civil Government, the Chairman, in the course of his speech, stated that he had worked as hard as any man of the Republican Movement. He had met Crown Forces and he did not stoop down to evade them, but, on the contrary, he had faced them like a man. James DEVINS (Comdt. Grange Batt.) insinuated in the course of a speech that the I.R.A. were the only body who had carried out their duty during the past hostilities. This led to a considerable uproar among the members of the County Council, several of whom, speaking at the same time in excited tones, argued that they had each carried out their duties. The proceedings of this meeting indicate the feeling between the I.R.A. and the County Council. There appears to be no definite liaison between the two bodies in the matter of administration.

On the evening of the 12th. October, 1921, a large indoor meeting of the I.R.A. was held at CLIFFONEY for the purpose of enlisting in the rebel army all men between the age of 18 and 45 within a radius of 2 miles of CLIFFONEY. About 100 young men were enlisted. It is stated that all these were voluntary enlistments.

On the 16th. October, 1921, a Sinn Fein Public Meeting was held at GRANGE, about 500 people being present, the meeting was addressed by the following:-

Father CREAN. C.C. of GRANGE.

James DEVINS. M.P. of GRANGE.

Thomas O'DONNELL. M.P. of GURTESSEN.

and

R.G. BRADSHAW. of SLIGO.

DEVINS used violent language and advised all volunteers to be ready for action at any moment. All speakers exhorted the audience to support Sinn Fein Delegates in London. £50 was collected for the I.R.P. Dependents' Fund on the previous Sunday.

