

THE COUNCIL BOOK OF YOUGHAL.

DR. Richard Caulfield, of Cork, has recently published "The Council Book of the Corporation of Youghal." The first entry is 14th September, 1610. Towards the close of the next year the following rules and ordinances were agreed upon, to be observed in said town and its liberties:—

Imp. That every penny loaf shall weigh at the least 20 oz.

It. That the raunged bread weigh every penny loaf at least 2li.

It. That the household bread weigh every penny loaf at least 2½li.

It. That a pottle of the best English beer be not sold for above 3d.

It. That a pottle of the best beer here brewed in the country be not sold for above 2d.

It. That the pottle of table beer be not sold for above 1d.

It. That the best quarter of beef be not sold for above 4s.

And the rest rateable of all flesh or victuals, according to the discretion of the appraisers.

It. That no chandler or other sell his candles for above 3d. per lb.

• It. That no broguemaker do sell his brogues at any dearer rate than—Men's brogues at 10d.; Women's do., 6d.; Children's do., 4d.

It. That no shop carpenter do receive for his wages per diem, with meat and drink, above 6d; without ditto 12d.

It. That no house carpenter have ut supra with meat and drink above 6d., without ditto 12d.

It. That no masons have and take the same wages of (ditto) 6d. and 12d.

It. That every common labourer have per diem, ut supra, 4d. and 2d.

It. That the owners of boats receive not for the hire of their boats, for every voyage up the river to Tallow bridge, said boat being of burden equal to Morris fitz John's boat, and so rateably, 2s.

It. That no waterman take for any such voyage, with meat and drink, above 9d.

For the defence of the town the following ordinance was made on the 9th of April, 1619:

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Ordered by the maior, &c., that every house keeper of the town and liberties shall be provided of a halbert or a blackbill, to have in readiness, &c., to come to the watch at night, and not to come with sword or pike, for it is not sufficient weapon in peaceable tymes, &c.; each of them to pay 5s. to the mayor before May day next or their halbert and black bill by Midsummer next, under pain of 6s. 8d. It. That every freeman that is clear of his master, and not 'prentice or partner with any man, shall watch when his turn comes, on pain of a noble. It. That every housekeeper before Midsummer shall provide sufficient weapon or munition for the setting forth of one man for the strength of the town, to have a good sword by his side, a colliver or musquet upon his shoulder, powder and bullets accordingly; and every man that hath not a piece shall have a good sword by his side, a lance or pike upon his shoulder, on pain of 40s.

It. That every resident within the town and liberties shall train and muster thrice a year for the good of the town, viz., May Day and Easter Tuesday, from the age of 16 to 50, Aldermen and those of the Council excepted, to be ready to accompany the Mayor, every man to have a sword by his side, and a pike or a sword; and a piece with powder, and if he fail, to pay 10s.; and it shall be lawful for a constable, with the captain or officer authorised by him, to take their distress.

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