

1822

The town of Castlesland bore the most unequivocal signs of poverty in its inhabitants.

The houses were universally dilapidated and the windows + roofs broken.

There was no inn at least none deserving of the name

and no shop which could supply anything beyond a tanning candle and a pennyworth of tobacco.

and the street presented a mass of uneven rock resembling a quarry rather than a road which was nearly impossible for wheeled carriages.

1829

Within the last 4 years

a great number of new houses have been built all of which are 2 stories in height are slated and otherwise well finished

among which is an excellent inn ~~unnamed~~

Several shops have been established at which clothing of all kinds and groceries can be purchased at ~~reasonable~~ moderate rates.

The street has been levelled, formed, and an excellent road made with footpaths on each side neatly curbed with cut limestone.

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