

YEOMANRY + CONSTABULARY

- KOS 1680s ✓ It was felt that a company of Troops quartered in Castletown would benefit the town and keep control over the local rebels or Tories.
- Owens 1686 A court every 3 weeks
- C. Smith 1756 A foot barrack, a session + a market house
- T.M.D 1750s 41 The yeomen's barracks for keeping the English foot on the neck of the Gaeltacht were only a hundred yards away from it (market house). It is now transformed into a garda station.
- J.C. Pleydell 1774 a good barracks for 2 companies
- 98 T.F.S 1782 No volunteers in Castletown
- George 1797 Holmes ✓ The barracks are large and in tolerable repair but uninhabited.
- Quare 1798 ✓ The Charter School in Castletown which was occupied as a precautionary measure by the local yeomanry was attacked and 3 of the garrison were killed. This incident would appear to have been the only quasi-military encounter in Kerry in that eventful year.
- 19 KOS 1798 One account says that the barracks was attacked while another places the action at the Charter School. A number were arrested + tried + executed among them Tadg Leathan Ó Néill. Headley impaled on iron gates of the market house.
- The Kerry Magazine of 1798 Characters + facts in 1798 at Castletown Barrack, By the son of a tinker on Tadg Leathan Ó Néill + Buck Grady, Chute, Herbert, Meredith, Saunders, Knight of Kerry, Twiss, Crosbie, Blennerhasset etc. (No Headley) or Mulline Captain Nugent, Major Masser, Capt. Beresford, Adjutant Brabazon, Leeson + Boyle. Military sightseers (51) Now forms part of Browne's Supermarket Teige Lahan was deposited in the filthy hole, called a Bridewell, behind the market house.

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EB 1812-18 Sir Robert Peel Chief Secretary for Ireland.

EB 1814 To deal with the problem of crime + disorder, Peel carried through the Peace Preservation Act of 1814, which made possible the formation of a body of national police later known as the Royal Irish Constabulary, popularly called Peels or Bobbies.

Griffith 1822 8-94 The Insurrection Act was in force owing to the recently disturbed state of the country. There were large garrisons in Newmarket, Kilkenny, Millstreet, Castleisland, Listowel, Abbeyfeale, Glin, Newcastle, Drancollister + Liscarroll.

TAD 1877-8 One night, while the officers were away, a number of whiteboys raided the barracks and disarmed the guard... disguises pulled off... killed the yeomen in foolish posturing... all arrested... Buck Greedy brought back from England... all hanged... heads impaled on the iron gates of the old market house. A man named Hogan flogged... refused to give evidence.

1828-9 In the year of 1828-9, during the reign of George 4¹⁸²⁰, 30 bridewells were built in Kerry, all of the same design. Barrack Lane was the chosen site for the Castleisland Bridewell directly opposite the old R.I.C. barracks.

This building contained a magistrates courtroom where petty sessions were heard, 2 prison cells for females and 3 for males, a day room living quarter for the keeper and his family and 2 exercise yards.

It was used as a temporary holding facility until prisoners could be transferred to the County Jail in Tralee.

TFOS

8 Bridewells - Catherciveen Castleisland Dingle 1834
Kenmare, Killarney, Listowel, Milltown + Tarbert 1831

Griffith 1829 The garrisons which had to be placed in the various villages + towns bordering the hill districts in 1822 had now been withdrawn from all places except Newcastlewest.

KO'S 1830 Bridewell + courthouse repaired

TFOS 1830 No yeomanry corps in Dingle or Castleisland
1834

Radio Kerry 1831 Bridewell in Tarbert

TFOS 1834 Bridewell in Dingle
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No mention of yeomen
A constabulary police force has been stationed here.

Lewis 1837 There is a small but neat bridewell near the old barracks
Rooms for the keeper & cells, 2 day rooms and 2 airing yards.
- one of the 8 in the county.

En Br 1839 The County Police Act of 1839 and 1840 allowed justices
of quarter sessions to establish a paid police force.

TMD 193 Judge of the assizes, accompanied by a guard of yeomen,
.... from Cork down Barrack Lane to Bailey's hotel for
refreshments and a change of horses

TMD 187-8 The yeomen of these fat-off days were recruited from the
local people of Cromwellian descent. Their job was to keep
down the Papist Irish.

TMD 188-9 Soldiers from Tralee escorted excise men to Foyle Slip on a
Sunday morning... captured a poeteen still ... halted opposite
The Crown Hotel ... surrounded by people coming out of
12 o'clock mass ... ordered to shoot ... stranger, coming out
of eating house near market, shot dead.

183-4 TROS 1843 No yeomanry corps in Castletown.

Slater 1846 Courthouse above the market hall.
Petty sessions every other Thursday,
Constabulary station Main St. Head constable Daniel White