Note on Editorial Conventions

The italicisation of words in primary sources has been retained in quotations. Where emphasis results from editorial intervention, this is acknowledged. Interventions in editorial matter are illustrated by the use of square brackets. The spelling in primary sources has not been modernised. The use of \textit{sic} has been kept to a minimum. Certain contractions, such as \textit{w\textsuperscript{exh}}, have been silently expanded.

Place names have been presented in their nineteenth-century form, with modern versions presented in round brackets in the first instance of use: for example, King’s County (County Offaly). This book refers to the city of Derry and the county of Londonderry but retains the name for the city’s mendicity charity as the Londonderry Mendicity Society.

Sums of money are retained in the pre-decimal format (pounds (\pounds), shillings (\textdollar) and pence (\pence)), whereby:

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240\textdollar &= \pounds 1 \\
12\textdollar &= 1\textdollar \\
20\textdollar &= \pounds 1
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