

Mayors.	Sheriffs.
1772. Denis Daly.	Thomas Bodkin.
1773. Charles French.	John Thomas.
1774. Rev. Edmond French.	John Morgan.
1775. Elias Tankerville. <sup>†</sup>	Robert Squibb.
1776. James Shee.	George Thomas.
1777. Denis Daly.	Samuel Grace.
1778. Peter Daly.	Robert O'Hara.
	James Shee.
	Samuel Grace.
	James Burke.
	Robert Squibb.
	William Burnett.
	John Morgan.
	Michael Kelly.

## By-laws.

1779.

Ordered, that the freedom of this corporation be presented, in a gold box, to the right honorable Walter Burgh, accompanied with the following address:—"We, the mayor, &c. fully sensible of the great ability and diligence manifested by you in a judicial character amongst us, and of the virtue and firmness exerted in your legislative capacity, beg leave, as a small mark of our gratitude, to offer you the freedom of this ancient and once flourishing town—a distinction which your spirited endeavours have so eminently contributed to recover. We must, at the same time, in common with the rest of Ireland, lament the prevalence of those councils which extorted a resignation from that servant of the crown, in whom the people implicitly confided, and whose wisdom adopted the only remaining mode of averting the ruin of this country."

elected for some years after, but not approved of by the privy council; and though the town had thus to boast of so many magistrates, it was, in fact, never less peaceable than during that period. John Staunton, the recorder, died on the 2d December, 1772. James O'Hara, counsellor, was elected and sworn in his place by the approved party, and Martin Kirwan, counsellor, by the other; and, although judgment of ouster was obtained against the former for usurpation, he still retained the office. No other charge took place until the death of Clutterbuck, one of the adverse sheriffs, in 1774, when his place was supplied by Henry Covey, burgess.—*Orig. MS.*

<sup>†</sup> This year a petition was presented to the lord lieutenant and council, stating, that on the 1st of August, Patrick Blake, mayor, Martin Kirwan, recorder, Henry Covey, esq. one of the sheriffs, and about sixty of the common council, assembled, between eleven and one o'clock, at a convenient place within the town, and proceeded to the election of corporate officers; that petitioners, Samuel Simcocks, Martin Kirwan, Charles Revett, Charles Truelock, and John Hamlin, were elected and chosen mayor, recorder, sheriff, and town-clerk, and that their names had been, thereupon, presented to the

privy council: but that afterwards, on the same day, the reverend Edmond French, who took upon himself to act as mayor, and Samuel Grace and George Thomas, as sheriffs, presided at a pretended assembly of the common council, for the same purpose. That, petitioners and many members of the common council there present, protested against, and objected to, the legality of that assembly; but, notwithstanding, James O'Hara, Thomas Bodkin, John Thomas, and Denis Daly, with several other persons who usurped the offices of common councilmen, insisted that said election should proceed, and, accordingly, took upon themselves to elect the officers above named, and present them to the privy council for approbation, though not in the name or under the common seal of the corporation.—Petitioners, therefore, prayed to be heard by council, and that they should be approved of, and the others disallowed.—*Orig. MS.*—This petition, however, fell to the ground; and the entire opposition being attributed to the circumstance of originally admitting Patrick Blake to be sworn mayor, none but members of the name and family of Daly have been mayors of Galway since the year after this period.