

**LIBELLING THE GAELIC LEAGUE
MAJOR PRICE'S EVIDENCE AT REBELLION INQUIRY.
"INCORRECT AND MISLEADING"**

Mr. S.J. Barrett, Treasurer Gaelic League has addressed the following letter to the Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry:

“ Major Price's evidence before your Commission., as reported in last Friday's 'Irish Independent, has led some people to believe that he wished to convey the impression that the Gaelic League received money from German sources the United States. I refer to the following:-

‘Witness had seen letters from Denis A. Spellissy, who was secretary to an organisation in the United States arming the Irish Volunteers. He had sent money to the Gaelic League, and he was known to be in touch with German authorities in the United States.’

This information is, I regret to have to say is both incorrect and misleading. As Treasurer of the Gaelic League I am in a position to state positively that Mr. Spellissy has not supplied us with any funds whatever. The only fact relating to Mr. Spellissy of which I am cognisant is in his capacity as Treasurer of the Irish Industries Depot at 624 Madison avenue, New York, he has sent various remittances amounting altogether to about £200 to one of our officials, to pay for goods of Irish manufacture including lace, tweed, books, pictures, Belleek china, Connemara marble and bog-oak ornaments, spoons, knives and forks jewellery and pipes, purchased in Dublin and exported to New York. This can be verified at the Munster and Leinster Bank Dame street, Dublin, where our various accounts are kept. '

Whether Mr. Spelliasy did or did not send money to the Gaelic League does not, perhaps, appear relevant to the matters your Commission is investigating, but what Major Price evidently wished your honourable Commission to infer from his evidence -viz., that the Gaelic League was in some way or other an intermediary between German authorities and The Irish Volunteers is one which I cannot too strongly repudiate.”