

Kilkenny People June 10th 1916
The Censorship of the "Kilkenny People.

A Protest.

We feel obliged to protest publicly and vehemently against the system of censorship imposed on the KILKENNY PEOPLE by Mr. P. C. Power, County Inspector, acting for the Military Dictator, it is flagrant violation of the undertaking given by the latter that he "has no wish, or intention to interfere unduly with the liberty of the Press." We refer particularly to the deletion by the Censor of two passages from the letter of our respected and learned correspondent, the Very Rev. Nicholas Canon Murphy, P.P., Kilmanagh. It appears to us that the censorship is being worked in Kilkenny in the interest of a bigoted Unionist minority. Belfast papers have unlimited freedom to criticise the Pope and the clergy of the Catholic Church, but in Kilkenny it is a crime, involving the suppression of the KILKENNY PEOPLE to utter a word of comment in reply to an attack publicly made on the people of this city. If we are to have a censorship, let us have an intelligent one and not an idiotic one. We hope our Members of Parliament will GIVE some attention to this.

Late Lord Kitchener and Mr. M. Keating, M.P.

MEMBER FOR SOUTH KILKENNY SENDS WAR SECRETARY COPY OF
"KILKENNY PEOPLE" .BEFORE FATAL VOYAGE.

Mr. M. Keating, M.P., sends us the following letter addressed to Lord Kitchener before he embarked on his fatal voyage:

June 5, 1916.

The Right Hon. Earl Kitchener, K.P., Secretary of War,
War Office.

MY LORD,

MR. KEATING'S LETTER. WAS SUBMITTED TO THE. CENSOR MR. P. C.
POWER, C.I.. WHO PROHIBITED ITS PUBLICATION.

Yours faithfully.
M. KEATING.

P.S.—I enclose copy of the current issue of the KILKENNY PEOPLE.

COUNTY INSPECTOR POWER'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Keating, M.P., writing to Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., says: — "In his evidence before the Commission of Enquiry into the recent Rebellion, County Inspector Power, of Kilkenny, stated, that the treasurer of the Kilkenny Volunteers, P. de Loughry, forwarded about £90 to Mr. John MacNeill in Dublin apparently without authority from anybody. I am credibly informed that the Volunteer Committee passed a resolution, which was recorded on the minutes, instructing him to forward the money to Mr. MacNeill. I shall be glad if you will draw the attention of the Committee to this and oblige."

‘THE FELON’S CAP.’

Publication of the above and other patriotic poems was prohibited by the Censor.