

Kilkenny People June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916

*The editor of the Kilkenny People, E.T. Keane used blank spaces to draw attention to the parts of the paper that were censored.*

### The Voice of the People.

(PASSED BY CENSOR).

THE KILKENNY PEOPLE is unable to publish to-day the usual weekly article in which it addresses its readers.

If the "Voice of the People" cannot speak free and untrammelled, it will not speak in the accents of slavery. The Military Dictator who rules Ireland has addressed to us the letter given below. We have replied to that letter, but militarism, acting through its representative in Kilkenny, Mr. P. C. Power, County Inspector R.I.C., not only refuses to us the right of stating our defence, but also refuses us an opportunity of making it plain why our reply does not appear.

Headquarters, Irish Command,  
Parkgate, Dublin,  
28th May, 1916.

SIR,

My attention has been called to an article appearing in the issue of the KILKENNY PEOPLE, dated 20th May, 1916, entitled "The Voice of the People." Portions of that article seem to have been written with the intention of inciting the people against the military authorities.

I have no wish or intention to interfere unduly with the liberty of the Press, but inflammatory articles or reports of inflammatory speeches cannot be permitted, and offenders render themselves liable to prosecution, under the Defence of the Realm Act, and possibly to the seizure and destruction of their Press.

You will, therefore, until further orders,

submit proofs of the KILKENNY PEOPLE to the County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary at Kilkenny, before publication.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. MAXWELL, General  
Commanding in Chief  
H.M. Forces in Ireland,

E. T. Keane, Esq.,  
Editor and Managing Director,  
KILKENNY PEOPLE,  
Kilkenny.

### Reply to General Maxwell.

SIR,

OUR REPLY TO GENERAL MAXWELL'S LETTER HAS BEEN CENSORED BY MR. P. C. POWER, COUNTY INSPECTOR R.I.C., ACTING FOR THE MILITARY DICTATOR.

THE CORRESPONDENCE ARISING OUT OF THE PROHIBITION BY MR POWER HAS ALSO BEEN CENSORED.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. T. KEANE,

Managing Director,  
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