

Michael Collins did not give any orders in the War of Independence. He was employed by my family to carry out the orders of the Military Council who sat in Vaughan's Hotel 29 Parnell Square Dublin and were the SUPREME AUTHORITY and implemented the Policies of the I.R.B. (Irish Republican Brotherhood) in Dáil Éireann. That is what Dáil Éireann was set up for by my family.

8-11-1946  
 COLLINS'S HQ  
 Sir, — May I, through your esteemed columns, urge that any putative refurbishment or development of Vaughan's Hotel, 29 Parnell Square have regard to the ongoing historical significance of that hallowed building. It was the font of our security for the (Óglagh na hÉireann) and the Garda Síochána. Orders issued from that headquarters by the General Staff during the War of Independence had mandatory overriding force. Michael Collins operated from Vaughan's Hotel the brave Christy Harte, later Head Waiter in the Officers' Mess, McKee Barracks, worked there: he took great personal risks tipping off Collins about British raids). Vaughan's Hotel is conveniently contiguous to the Garden of Remembrance with which it could be incorporated as a shrine. Happier more harmonious hopes for the future need not obliterate what was valiant in the darker past now, please God, behind us all in the British Isles, Europe, The World. — Yours, etc., J. P. DUGGAN Lt.-Col. (retd.), -  
 Cedar Mount Road, army historian  
 Mount Merrion.

“Michael Collins was an outstanding man”  
 M.G.  
 All the men and women who took part in the War of Independence were great people  
 M.G.

It was all done for the welfare of the Irish People. The welfare of the Sovereign Irish People has now been achieved.  
 M.G.

The “Sovereignty” of the Irish Government is Dáil Éireann.  
 The “Sovereignty” of the Irish People is Vaughan's Hotel  
 All Irish People North and South are “Sovereign”  
 M.G.

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