



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin
Oisín Quinn

Mr. Billy Maguire
Lee House
Cappagh
Askeaton
Co. Limerick.

15th January 2014

Dear Mr. Maguire,

Thank you for your letter dated 15th December 2013 requesting use of the Dining Room of the Mansion House for your Sovereign Seal ceremony.

I have been in contact with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding the historical background to this ceremony. I have also noted your previous comments in relation to Uachtaráin na hÉireann, the Houses of the Oireachtas and the Courts System.

I have also been advised that this seal was one of 32 seals issued for use in the County Courts established by the First Dáil and that you agreed with Dr. Mary Clark, Dublin City Archivist and Dr. Patrick Wallace, then Director of the National Museum of Ireland, that this was the case. Accordingly, it is not actually the 'Sovereign Seal' of Dáil Éireann.

The Mansion House has a long history of welcoming guests. I have been advised that in recent years you were granted permission to use the Dining Room of the Mansion House, subject to certain conditions, as is the case with anyone requesting to use one of the rooms of the Mansion House. Previous to that you were facilitated in the Entrance Hall or the Lady Mayoress's Parlour of the Mansion House. However these conditions were not adhered to. Also the Mansion House, and the Lord Mayor of the day, were not treated with the respect they are entitled to.



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In addition I have been informed that you attended an event in Wood Quay Venue on 26th April, 2013 which was part organised by Dublin City Council. You insisted on being allowed entry, despite not having registered for the conference, and were abusive and threatening to Dublin City Council staff and conference organisers who tried to assist you.

Having considered all of the above, I have decided to refuse permission for the use of the Mansion House for your ceremony.

Thank you for the invitation to attend your St. Patrick's Parade. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend as I have other commitments on St. Patrick's Day. I understand you have already been advised of this verbally.

Yours sincerely,

Oisín Quinn
Lord Mayor of Dublin