



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin
Oisín Quinn

Mr. William McGuire
Lee House
Cappagh
Askeaton
Co. Limerick.

31st March 2014

Dear Mr McGuire

Thank you for your letter received 5th March.

The Mansion House is the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Throughout the term of office a large volume of requests to use rooms within the Mansion House is received and it is the decision of the Lord Mayor of the day as to whether these requests are granted or not.

As previously advised following receipt of your request to use the Mansion House for a ceremony to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Turning of the Sovereign Seal, I sought advice from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding the historical background to this ceremony and received no conclusive feedback that the ceremony was genuine.

I was also advised that in previous years you and the Irish Republican Brotherhood did not adhere conditions of use of the room including that of numbers attending. In addition the Lord Mayors of the day were not treated with the respect they are entitled to by attendees at the ceremony. I was also informed that you attended an event in the Wood Quay Venue in Dublin on 26th April 2013 which was part organised by Dublin City Council which you had not registered for. You and your colleagues insisted on being allowed entry 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 decided to refuse permission for the use of the Mansion House for the ceremony, as is my prerogative as Lord Mayor of Dublin. I have no further comments to make on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Oisín Quinn
Lord Mayor of Dublin