

11 Margaret Buildings
Larne.

Co. Antrim

2^o May 1914

Sir,

In connection with the
gun-running at Larne on the
night of Friday the 24th ulto it
is freely rumoured here:-

(a) That Head Constable M^c Hugh
R. I. C., Larne & some men of
that force were turned at
the Harbour;

(b) That one of them named
Gordon endeavoured to reach
the quay by way of the railway
but was stopped.

(c) That the Constabulary
can identify some of the
men who prevented them;

(d) That Major McAlmont
M. P. was in charge of the
Ulster Volunteer Force
at Larne on the occasion.

(e) That M^r Charrie J. P.
D. L. was in his office all
Friday night sending off
despatches. He is "Colonel
Commanding the Larne
Battalion of the U. V. Force."

(f) That refreshments were
supplied to the men from his
hotel the "Olderfleet" which

situate quite near the quays it belongs to the Oldfleet Hotel Company Limited which is really Mr. Chaine

(e) That a ham was boiled in Colonel McKillo's house the "Corran" which is quite close to the quays & sandwiches supplied to the men who unloaded the "Moungoy". Colonel McKillo is a magistrate and a pensioner of the Crown. The sandwiches were an agreeable complement to Mr. Chaine's porter & whiskey

(f) That the "Roma" is owned by Mr. Charles L. McKean J. P. of Larne who was busily engaged in the "outrage"

(g) That Mr. MacKean's motor car & his servants were amongst those engaged in removing the arms

(h) That a quantity of arms and ammunition is concealed at "Drumalis" Larne, the residence of Dame Elizabeth Smiley, widow of Sir Hugh St Smiley, Bart. (deceased)

(i) That amongst those engaged
at "Drumalis" on the night
in question were Samuel
McMullan of "Shamrock
Lodge" Larne, and Walter
McConnell of Thornedale
Avenue, Larne

I am

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Your Obedient Servant
Charles Casey
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The Under-Secretary
to the Lord Lieutenant
The Castle
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