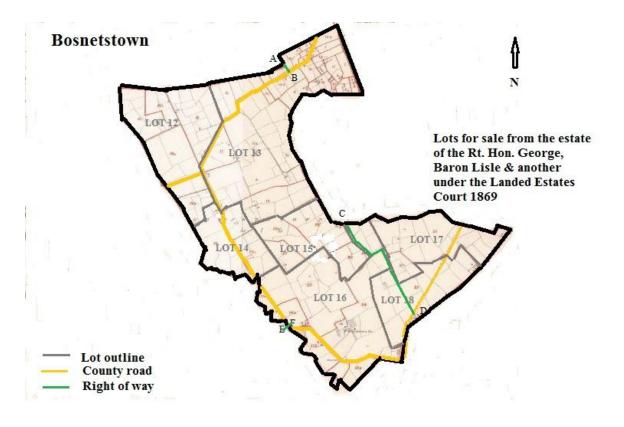
## The Landed Estates Court

## **Background**

Towards the mid-nineteenth century many Irish landed estates were in serious financial difficulty. The devastation caused by the Famine compounded these problems. Prices for sale or rental of land plummeted and many estates became insolvent. Landed estates were usually entailed which meant that owners were legally prevented from selling the property. In 1848 and 1849 two Encumbered Estate Acts were passed to facilitate the sale of these bankrupt estates. Under the 1849 Act an **Encumbered Estates Court** was established with authority to sell estates on the application of the owner or encumbrancer. Under this legislation the state took ownership of the properties and then sold them on with a parliamentary title and distributed the money among the creditors. The new owners were granted a clear title, free from threat of contested ownership. It has been calculated that 3,000 estates totalling 5,000,000 acres, were disposed of under the acts between 1849 and 1857. The functions of the court were assumed by the **Landed Estates Court** in 1853.

The townland of **Bosnetstown**, as part of the bankrupt estate of Lord Baron Lisle and Honourable John Arthur Lysaght, was advertised for sale under this Court on **13 October 1869**. The sale took place on **30 November 1869**. Bosnetstown was sold in seven separate lots and all lots were sold on the day. The neighbouring townland of Moorestown was sold in two lots on the same day. In order to facilitate the sale of a bankrupt estate documents known as Landed Estates Court "Rentals" were printed. Information about tenants, the lots they rented, the terms of their tenancy, the rights of way attached to the lots as well as a map specifying the boundaries were included in the "rentals".





Lots	Acres Roods Perches	Net yearly rent	Tenants who hold portions of the lot and instrument by which held	Rights of way pertaining to this lot.	Purchaser at Landed Estate Court Auction	Purchase price of lot
Lot No. 12	120-1-37	£156-0-10 (Tenement valuation £122-0-0)	John Meade (lease for 21 years from 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1855)     John Wallace (lease as above)     Johanna Sheedy (lease as above)     John Burke (lease as above)	The right of the public to use the county road from Kilfinane to Knocklong intersecting this lot will be preserved for the public.	Mr G. Bennett	£3,750
Lot No.13	220-0-35	£233-14-0 (tenement valuation £173-5-0)	5. Patrick Wallace (lease as above) 5a Patrick Wallace (yearly tenant) 6. Jeremiah Wallace (lease as above) 7. Timothy Griffin (yearly tenant) 8. John Flynn (yearly tenant) 9. James Lynch (yearly tenant) 10. Cornelius Flanagan (yearly tenant) 11. Michael Lane (yearly tenant) 12. William Fitzgerald (lease for 21 years from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1863) 4, 4a John Quinn (lease for 21 years from 25 <sup>th</sup> September 1855)	The tenants on the adjoining lands of Teermore and Martinstown have a right of way on foot along the footpath A to B which leads to the county road.	Mr Carroll	£5,100
Lot No. 14	59-1-16	£83-4-9 (tenement valuation £63-15-0)	14 Martin Stattery (lease for 21 years from 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 1855) 15 Matthew Brazill and Darby Brazill (lease as above) 3c Reps of John Bennett (lease as above)	The River Loobagh which partly bounds this lot is the water source of mills above and below the townland of Bosnetstown. The county road leading from Kilfinane to Knocklong intersecting this lot will be reserved for the public.	Mr J.S. O'Grady	£1,840
Lot No 15	68-0-22	£100-15-10 (tenement valuation £72-0-0)	16 Mary Sheedy (lease as above) 17 David Condon (lease as above) 18Reps of Walter Burke (lease a above)		Sold to Mr J. Collins in trust	£2,150
Lot No 16	173-0-25	£266-2-0 (Tenement valuation £192-15-0)	above) 3b Johanna Sheedy (lease as above) 23 Mary Sheedy (yearly tenant) 15,a b, c Matthew Brazili and Darby Brazili	The public have a right of way along the lane commencing at this lot and intersecting and partially bounding this lot.  The tenants of the adjoining lands of Kilfinane have a right of way in or through and along the car road E,F on map to county road at F. The River loobagh which partly bounds this lot ai the water source of mills above and below the townland of Bosnetstown. The county road leading from Kilfinane to Knocklong intersecting this lot will be reserved for the public.	Mr T. Carroll	£5,900
Lot No. 17	75-3-18	£121-0-2 (tenement valuation £75-5-0)	20 <b>Reps of Michael Sweeny</b> (lease as above)  21 <b>John Hayes</b> (lease as above)	The public have a right of way along the lane forming portion of the western boundary of this lot. The county road leading from Kilfinane to Knocklong intersecting this lot will be reserved for the public	Mr T. Carroll	£2,920
Lot No 18	67-0-0	£112-5-5 (tenement valuation £74-0-0)	22 Maurice Hayes (lease as above)	The public have a right of way commencing at the point D and intersecting this lot. The county road leading from Kilfinane to Knocklong intersecting this lot will be reserved for the public.	Mr Maurice Hayes	£2,280