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**THE MARRIAGE OF SIR DAVID ROCHE WITH THE
HON. MISS MASSY.**

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Limerick, Thursday Morning.

Perhaps no event has created such interest here for a long time as that of the expected marriage of Sir David Roche with the amiable and distinguished daughter of Lord and Lady Massy. The most esteemed family in the county are the illustrious residents at Elm Park, within about five miles of this city. While entertained in the highest respect by the gentry, they are beloved by their tenantry. The marriage of Lord Clarina's beautiful daughter, the Hon. Isabella S. A. Massy, with Sir David Vandeleur Roche, Bart., D.L., of Carrass, near Croom, has been taken advantage of by the tenantry on the Clarina estates to give practical proof of the love and veneration which they entertain towards their truly noble hearted landlord. On yesterday six of the tenantry—Messrs. Francis Parker and Joseph Smith, Briska; John Harr, Patrick Costelloe, and James Walsh, Ballybun; and Mrs Catherine Dundon, Carrigogunnel—proceeded to Elm Park, to present a congratulatory address to the bride elect, and were received by Lord and Lady Clarina, Hon Mrs Barton, Miss Barton, Hon Colonel Massy, Hon Hugh Massy, Hon and Rev Adolphus Massy, Miss Mary Massy (Kircasdale), and Hon W Massy, by whom the deputation were received in the most gracious manner, and, having been ushered into the reception room,

Mr. Francis Parker, as spokesman for the deputation, said that as not only one of the oldest tenants on the estate, but as belonging to a family who lived under Lord Clarina and his ancestors for many generations, he felt the deepest pride in being the medium of conveying to the Hon Miss Massy on that occasion the congratulations of the tenantry on the auspicious event of her marriage. It was to him a deep source of pleasure, as it was to the tenants generally, to be able to exhibit the love and affection they bore towards Lord Clarina and his estimable family, and, praying that every blessing might attend Miss Massy in her future home, he concluded by reading an address, of which the following is the substance:—

"To the Hon Isabella Massy, Elm Park, on the occasion of her marriage with Sir David Vandeleur Roche, Bart."—We the tenantry on your father's estate, amongst whom you have resided, beg most respectfully to offer you our sincerest congratulations on your approaching marriage, and to wish you every blessing this world can give. We have known you from your birth, and have had the fullest opportunity of witnessing your increasing kindness and sympathy towards all classes. Words cannot sufficiently express the feelings of love and gratitude

entertained for you by every one connected with this estate, and by the poor of the neighbourhood, for you have endeared yourself to all by the kind solicitude you have ever taken in their welfare. The bright example exemplified by your excellent parents, our noble landlord and landlady, has been well and zealously followed by you, and we feel assured that in the new sphere on which you are about to enter, the same anxiety for the comfort and welfare of those by whom you are to be surrounded will be evinced, thus securing for you there, as it has already done here, the love and esteem of all. We rejoice to know that you have selected a gentleman, whose character and position as a resident landlord, and whose popularity amongst all classes, encourages us to look forward with confidence to the happy prospects before you, and our delight is increased by the thought that your future residence will be in our immediate neighbourhood, and that we shall frequently have the gratification of seeing you amongst us. We respectfully request that you will be pleased to accept from us the accompanying bracelet, as a trifling mark of the feeling of gratitude and affection which we entertain towards you.

Mr. Parker then presented, in the name of the subscribers, a magnificent gold and jeweled bracelet to the Hon. Miss Massy, by whom it was courteously received and replied in the following terms:—

"My Friends—I feel very grateful to you for giving me such a kind token of your regard upon the occasion of my approaching marriage, and rest assured it will ever be highly prized by me as the gift of so many old friends. I am rejoiced to think that my new home, being such a short distance from all of you, we shall have many opportunities of meeting again."

Lord Clarina, expressed his thanks in his own name, and that of his family for the generous demonstration which the tenantry had made in honour of his daughter, and regretted that the extreme illness of his brother-in-law (Mr. Barton, of Straffan,) prevented him from entertaining the tenantry in the manner most congenial to his wishes, as the marriage of his daughter was to be rather a private one; but he expressed the hope that on the return of the nuptial party at a future occasion to be able to entertain his tenantry, to whom he felt so deeply attached, and to whom he would feel ever grateful for that exhibition of kindness they had shown towards him. His lordship and Lady Clarina then entertained the deputation at luncheon, and the labourers and their families on the estate were provided with refreshments.

Thursday Evening.

On this day was married at Kilkeedy Parish Church, by the Lord Bishop of Limerick, assisted by the Hon and Rev. Adolphus Massy (brother of the bride), and the Rev J. Maguire, Rector of Kilkeedy, the Hon. Isabella S. A. Massy, daughter of Lord and Lady Clarina, to Sir David Vandeleur Roche, Bart., D.L., of Carass, and son of the late Sir David Roche, Bart., formerly member of Parliament for Limerick. The bride was given away by her noble father, Mr Standish Roche, the bridegroom's brother acting as best man. The marriage was private, owing to the severe illness of the bride's uncle, Mr. Barton, of Straffan, the assembly being confined to the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom.