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26 RAEDH NA NIARTHARACH,  
(26 Westland Row),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(Dublin).

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Statement by

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On Raid on Sinn Féin Hall  
and Shooting of  
Sgt. Ahern, R. I. C.,  
Tullamore, 20th March,  
1916.

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The Incident in Tullamore 22/3/16.  
before the Rebellion 1916

Simply for the sake of historical accuracy, I would like it to be recorded that the Redmondite demonstrators on that night in the town of Tullamore were encouraged to attack the Sinn Féin Rooms by a local R.I.C. Sgt.

Being a member of the local Fianna and standing close to the "head" of the procession which carried torch lights and banners, I heard a local R.I.C. Sgt giving the following words of encouragement to those in the front row "Go down to the Sinn Féin place and give the Sinn Féiners a gee up - they're only a lot of cowards". I deemed it my duty to give this information to a Volunteer who was standing at the door of the Sinn Féin Rooms in Wilkin Street.

The shooting which followed might never have occurred but for the encouragement of this R.I.C. Officer... Sgt Johning Humphreys died some years ago.

District Inspector Crane and Sgt Ahearn were wounded in the police raid which followed.

There are a few Volunteers still living who should be better able to give an accurate account of

actual affair.

Charles Crocker resides  
at the Tail Linn Dullamore and  
holds the position of District  
Court Clerk in Dullamore.

Seamus Brennan, a Dullamore  
man, whom I believe resides  
some where in Dublin. These two  
Volunteer Officers (at least) had  
to go on the run after the  
affair and I also believe they  
both part in the 1916 Rebellion.

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19/5/47

