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Dear Sir or Madam,

My association and love of County Kilkenny, began in the early 1940's. I am very happy, to be living, in County Kilkenny, also very proud of every part of this; ancient - historic - unique - picturesque - beautiful county. Every square inch of this county, is precious, to each and every man, woman, child that inhabit, their native Kilkenny.

The formation of Ireland, into thirty two counties, means that each county adjoins, neighbouring counties, by a boundary, in land or by river. All the boundaries are clearly defined and historically established, which give each county, its own individual, unique, proud place of self, which has been the situation, down through the decades and through the centuries.

Each county, respects, the boundary of its neighbouring county, or in some cases, several neighbouring counties. This friendly co-existence, in most situations, allow for people of each county to have a cordial, normal relationship with each other. Each individual county, are extremely proud of their own county, their exclusive boundary, is sacrosanct. The same relevance, applies to the boundaries, of the four Provinces of Ireland. Kilkenny adjoins counties; Laois - Carlow - Wexford - Tipperary - Waterford. Kilkenny - Laois - Carlow - Wexford, are in the Province of Leinster, Tipperary and Waterford, are in the province of Munster.

For a sustained, considerable, long number of years past, the Province of Munster, represented by; T.D. - Senators - other public representatives - have countermously, attempted to "grab" (over) a part of County Kilkenny, under various, misleading "guises", against the democratic wishes of all the people of all of County Kilkenny. This long standing threat -

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By "Waterford", aided by other "Munster" Public representatives, to unlawfully grab, a portion of County Kilkenny and "Limster", is causing; great unease, upset, anxiety, fear, unhappiness, amongst all the people, of all of County Kilkenny. This very real threat by "Waterford", to "grab" part of County Kilkenny; will not be; tolerated, accepted, under any circumstances, by all the people of Kilkenny, who are outraged by this, unprecedented, provocative, aggression by Waterford. Kilkenny have never made any threat to grab, part, of Waterford.

Over twenty two thousand submissions, have already been forwarded by the people of Kilkenny, who are totally opposed, and reject this, attempted land grab by Waterford.

A referendum by the people of Kilkenny, should be arranged, in order to clarify, publically, their total, absolute, rejection of this unlawfull, attempt, to grab part of County Kilkenny. This referendum would be exclusive to all the people of County Kilkenny, only.

Kilkenny has a land boundary, with Counties Laois - Carlow - Tipperary. The boundary that separate Kilkenny and Waterford, is the 'centre' of the River Suir, from where it passes, Tipperary at Carrick-on-Suir, on its entire route, to where it joins, the river Barrow, at Great Island, the centre of the River Barrow, is the boundary, between Kilkenny and Wexford, on its entire route, between the two counties.

The land registry map clearly defines, the centre of the River Suir, on its entire route, between Kilkenny and Waterford, including Waterford City. There is one point on the map, adjacent to the railway station at the start of "Rice Bridge", where the boundary line, has been, altered, unlawfully or otherwise, to intrude at this specific point, into a small part of Kilkenny. The 'centre' of the River Suir, is "clearly" defined, in its entire journey, as the boundary line. In actual fact the Railway Station (Blunket Station) is in County Kilkenny. This "error" should be rectified, to show the centre line, of the river as the boundary line.

In the past long number of years, Waterford City has been, on a continuous basis, extending outwards, into its own county. There has been vast, industrial, shopping centres, dwellings, hotels, every conceivable, reformation, amenities, motorways, airport, etc, the expansion of Waterford City outwards, into its own county, has been and is ongoing. There is no apparent reason, why Waterford-

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would not continue, to utilise its own county, to expand outwards; where Waterford extends, to its boundary, with its neighbouring Munster county, Lork. Waterford has an expansive coastline, for the duration of its county. Waterford is a much larger county than Kilkenny. With such a vast, unimpeded, county of its own, with vast resources of its own, it is beyond belief, why "Waterford" at every opportunity, should try to take possession, of part of Limerick and Kilkenny.

In essence, under a false guise, at least two Waterford politicians, also a Tipperary brother in law of one of the Waterford politicians, giving his support for the "Land Grab", also another Munster politician, is biding his time for his opportunity, to ignore the wishes of all the people of county Kilkenny, who democratically, do not under any circumstances, wish, nor will they allow this blatant land grab of Kilkenny county to take <sup>place</sup> now, or at any stage, in the future.

It is extraordinary, why the Government, seem to be turning a "blind" eye, to this outrageous, "land grab." If this unbelievable, act of aggression, was allowed to take place, then, the whole fabric of Irish way of life, would become dismantled, as a precedent was established, that would enable, any county, to grab part of a neighbouring county. This could in effect trigger off another "civil war."

Under the "proclamation" of the 1916 Rising, Waterford or any other body, cannot "land grab" (annex) any part of county Kilkenny. In fact those, honourable, heroic, brave Volunteers, sacrificed their lives, in that greatest event in Ireland's history, which all Irish people, at home and abroad, last year 2016, "celebrated" the centenary, so that Ireland, would be set free of all illegal occupation by a foreign power, also illegal occupations within this Republic of Ireland Independent State. Those heroic, honourable, seven, signatories, of the Proclamation, which was read, aloud by, Padraig Pearse, the leader of the 1916 Rising, on the steps of the G.P.O in Dublin, gave every, man, woman and child, in Ireland, freedom from any, oppressor, aggressive domineering neighbour, at home or from abroad.

In the 1916 Proclamation, county Kilkenny, in its entirety, cannot be subjected, to any form of land grab, from any source, including, the present attempt to land grab, some of Kilkenny's, precious county, by Waterford and Munster. Also the Proclamation, do not, allow the Government, to sanction the intended land grab.

your sincerely,  
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