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“TO COME FORTH, & DO HIS DUTY AT THE ILL-VERRY”  
THE OEI’L VOIRREY AT BALLAUGH (1758)

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The Humble Address & Representation of Us the Principall Inhabitants  
& Masters of Families in the Parish of Ballaugh

That we do hereby declare our utter Abhorrence & Resentment of the Unworthy & Unbecoming Behaviour of some of our Young People & others unknown, towards the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moore our Rector, on the eve of last Christmas Day & the morning of the same, in riotously surrounding his House & throwing up stones on the Roof to the great Terror & Annoyance of his Family with outrageous Noise & Tumult, calling on Him, at an Unusual & Unseasonable Time, to come forth, & do his Duty at the Ill-Verry—though & repeatedly told that He was so very Ill in his Bed that He could not possibly come—Continuing their Rude & Turbulent Behaviour from before Midnight till the Daylight dispersed them, the next morning—Which had such an Effect on him, as to disable Him from doing the whole of his Duty on Christmas Day when with great Pain & Difficulty, as we cold easily discern, He administered the Sacrament to an Hundred & Fifty Communicants. [...]

**Source:** “The Humble Address & Representation of Us the Principall Inhabitants & Masters of Families in the Parish of Ballaugh,” 14 January 1759, MNHL, General Manuscript Collection, *Book of Presentments*, Ballaugh, 1759.

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The Wardens, upon the Complaint of Tho<sup>s</sup> Stephen, present the Rector for not performing Divine Service before Daylight on Christmas Day, commonly called the Oie-Il-Wurrey—Referr’d to Tryal

**Source:** Ballaugh Presentments, 25 February 1759, MNHL, General Manuscript Collection, *Book of Presentments*, Ballaugh, 1759.



An addition to Stephen Miller, *“There is dances used on sonday afternoone”*: *Historical References to Manx Folk Song and Dance before 1896*, Preprint ed. (Onchan: Chiollagh Books, 2005).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Available online at <http://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/~stephen>