



27th November, 2025.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the November Meeting of Limerick City and County Council the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support.

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan and the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan calling on them and the Irish Government to hold a formal national commemoration on 17th April 2026 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Catalpa expedition organised by John Devoy and John Boyle O'Reilly, which resulted in the famous rescue of six Fenian prisoners from a British penal colony in Fremantle, Western Australia and asking the Irish government to recommend that the six Fenian prisoners concerned, namely James Wilson, Thomas Hasset, Michael Harrington, Thomas Darragh, Martin Hogan and Robert Cranston be granted a posthumous presidential pardon.

Is mise le meas,

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.