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# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

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BARONY OF Clanmorris

TOWN OR VILLAGE Crossbarney PARISH Crossbarney and Tagheen COUNTY Mayo

### TOPOGRAPHY

*Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.*

The parish lies just to the south-west and west of Clanmorris. Its greatest length is roughly north to south (Dunmaddy to Seefin) approx. 7 miles: its greatest width is about 5 miles (W. to E. - Tagheen to Castle Mac Gassett bridge on the Clanmorris/Ballindine road).

Locally, the main feature of the area is the demesne surrounding Castle Mac Gassett. The estate covers some 2000 acres and is finely timbered with a full profusion of trees and plant growth. That  
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### GEOLOGY

*Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.*

The area is totally of limestone formation. Except for those parts which are peat capped, the soil is very suitable for cultivation. The district is purely agricultural.

### MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

*Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?*

Castle Mac Gassett. Situate in a demesne of some 2000 acres. Three entrances - ~~two~~<sup>two</sup> on main Clanmorris/Ballindine road, the one some 2 1/4 miles from Clanmorris, the other about a mile from Ballindine. The third entrance is at Crossbarney village.

The castle itself is a cogate rectangular mansion (plate) which is plainly featured - it was originally stables which were at first converted and then added to.

Castle Mac Gassett is the seat of Rt. Hon. Lord Dromore and Boyle - (also Lord Newmarket).

Family tradition gave the name as being given to Ireland with Stranglow and to have then obtained property near Athlone which passed from the family in 1855 and that it...

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