

THE "TENDER" SUBJECT IN CORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH BUILDER.

SIR,—Under the above heading you have attributed "dishonourable and disgraceful conduct" to certain members of the Cork Corporation in your paper of the 15th inst. I beg to observe that I am the person who proposed that the council should advertise again, and I did that in a conscientious discharge of my duty. I, therefore, beg you will be good enough to give me the name of the writer of the article in question. I may observe that my attention was this day called to the second paragraph of it, for the first time, by Alderman Jones reading of it at a public meeting of the Cork Town Council.—Yours, &c.,

MICHAEL MURPHY.

63 South Mall, Cork, 27th January, 1882.

[The above letter contains a cool request, but, notwithstanding, we give it publicity. Our remarks in last issue was a fair and not uncalled-for commentary on doings in the Cork Corporation. We are glad to perceive that the wrong done on the occasion has been undone," and all honest and well-meaning folk ought to feel satisfied. As regards our correspondent's request, all we have to say is—that as we have not taken the Municipal Council of Cork, or any single member thereof into partnership with us in our business, we cannot satisfy the longings of outsiders as to whom or who may not write the articles in this journal. It may be a satisfaction to our correspondent if we say that the brief notice in question was not written by anyone in Cork, or belonging to Cork; but even if it had, we could not recognise the request put forward. The proceedings of the Cork Corporation or its decisions respecting building tenders and works must be held amenable to public criticism as those of other public bodies, whether individual members are displeased with the outcome or not.—Ed. I. B.]

[Taken from *Irish Builder*, Vol. XXIV, 1882, p.44]